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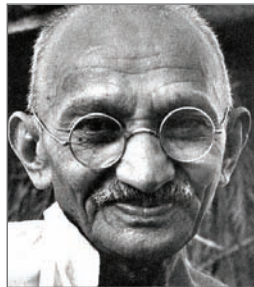
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HYDERABAD, INDIA

Senior Clerk: **James Donovan**

(Names in **bold** indicate that they will be in Hyderabad for the conference)

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“Justice does not help those who slumber but helps only those who are vigilant”

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi



We are very pleased to be associated with the 17th Commonwealth Law Conference. Many members of Chambers from 3 Hare Court are here in Hyderabad.

3 Hare Court has a long history representing parties to litigation and arbitrations throughout the Commonwealth. Members of Chambers are members of the Bars of many countries, and have recently been involved in cases from Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, The British Virgin Islands, Brunei, The Cayman Islands, Dominica, Gibraltar, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Mauritius, St Christopher and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad & Tobago. We have also been involved in many cases from countries outside the Commonwealth.

Members of Chambers have acted in international arbitrations, for and against Governments, companies, institutions and individuals throughout the world and have an international reputation for effective advocacy.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our friends in the next few days and we hope to make many more.

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About 3 Hare Court

3 Hare Court is a leading Barristers' Chambers in London. We work as advisers and as advocates across a range of civil and commercial areas of law. Members of Chambers are recognised for the depth and breadth of their expertise, and for their persuasive advocacy and sound advice.

Our expertise is mainly focused in these areas:

- **International Arbitration**
- **Constitutional law and judicial review of Governmental action**
- **Commercial and business law**
- **Personal injury litigation including international travel**
- **Construction and technology disputes**
- **Property disputes**
- **Professional Negligence**
- **The law of elections**

Members have been instructed in some of the leading cases in all of these fields. We are very lucky to have long-standing links with many Common Law jurisdictions where many of our clients are based.

As English barristers we are able to receive direct instructions from lawyers, businesses or individuals based outside the United Kingdom in the following areas:

- **Advice on the law of England & Wales, EU and international law**
- **Advice and assistance on the drafting, interpretation and enforceability of contracts governed by English law or the laws of other Commonwealth jurisdictions**
- **Advocacy and advice in arbitrations in England & Wales and in most other jurisdictions**



- **Mediation and other alternative dispute resolution services (as mediators, advocates or advisers)**
- **Expert witness services**
- **Advocacy before European and international courts and tribunals**
- **Specialist advice and assistance in the preparation of litigation or in a non-litigious context**

As regards litigation in the courts of England & Wales, we are able to give you an initial assessment of your case at very competitive rates and advise on the most suitable firm of solicitors to use - we have close relationships with many excellent solicitors.

Some recent examples of our activities involving international parties include:

Constitutional law and judicial review

- **Regina (Barclay) v Lord Chancellor** [2010] 1 A.C. 464 - the legality of proposed electoral reforms
- **Quinn-Leandro & Others v Joseph** [2010] not as yet reported - challenges to the General Election in Antigua
- **National Insurance Corp v Winmark Ltd** [2009] UKPC 9 - whether the state's claim to priority over a bank's charge constituted an unconstitutional interference with property rights
- **Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha v Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago** [2009] UKPC 17, 26 BHRC 607 - whether the existence of the 'Order of Trinity' was discriminatory against Hindus and other non-Christians
- **Save Guana Cay v The Bahamas** [2009] UKPC 44 - the adequacy of environmental consultation in areas of outstanding beauty
- **Takitota v Attorney General of The Bahamas** [2009] UKPC 11, 26 BHRC 578 - one of many cases in which members of Chambers have been instructed in recent years concerning the measure of damages for unconstitutional state action



- **Surratt v Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago** [2008] 1 A.C. 655 - the legality under the Constitution of an Equal Opportunities Tribunal
- **Toussaint v Attorney General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** [2007] 1 W.L.R. 2825 - the relationship between parliamentary privilege and the right of access to the courts

Commercial and business law and insolvency

- **FW Oil Interests v Republic of Trinidad and Tobago** (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, case No. ARB/01/14) - an arbitral claim under the United States - Trinidad and Tobago bilateral investment treaty. (Members of Chambers have recently written a book on investment arbitration (**Settlement of Investment Disputes under the Energy Charter Treaty**, by Thomas Roe and Prof Matthew Happold (James Dingemans QC, consultant editor) Cambridge University Press, April 2011)).
- **Rottmann v Brittain** [2010] 1 W.L.R. 67 - the relationship between examination of a bankrupt in England and foreign criminal proceedings.
- **Orascom Telecom v Chad** [2008] 2 Lloyd's Rep 396 Comm - immunity of bank account set up in London for transparency purposes
- Other international investment arbitrations, and numerous international and domestic commercial arbitrations, the details of which remain confidential
- Numerous other commercial disputes involving overseas parties

Other

- **Homawoo v GMF Assurance SA** [2010] EWHC 1941 (QB) and **Bacon v Nacional Suiza Seguros** [2010] EWHC 2017 (QB) - the applicable law in the case of an accident abroad
- **O'Connor v Piccott & Piccott** [2010] UKPC 4 (Jam) - property dispute from Jamaica involving claims for specific performance for the sale of land and the jurisdiction to set aside default judgments



Using us

The core of our work is advocacy and advising on actual or potential disputes.

Our international practice rules mean that not only can any lawyer instruct us but clients are able to approach us directly for non advocacy services. This gives any international client immediate access to the skills we have in chambers.

All members of Chambers are in an independent practice (sole practitioners). In contrast with large firms of lawyers, our overheads are generally low which means that our rates are competitive.

Working directly with us means we can make good personal contact with our clients, insuring a good working relationship.



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