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**David Casement QC – Kings Chambers, Manchester and Serle Court, London -
Former Chairman (UK) of BICBA**

David Casement is a Queen's Counsel specialising in chancery and commercial arbitration and litigation. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Deputy High Court Judge (Chancery Division and Queen's Bench Division) and a Recorder of the Crown Court. He is a member of the Bars of England and Wales, Ireland and Northern Ireland and is also a registered advocate with the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts. David was a founding Co-Chairman of the British Irish Commercial Bar Association (2013-2016) and is a former Chairman of the Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association (2013-2015). He served on the executive board of Anglo-Irish Encounter (2000 to 2006).

He is regularly instructed in large-scale disputes involving companies, LLPs, LPs and partnerships. He covers the full range of commercial litigation and arbitration such as banking, finance and securities, professional negligence, and sport, entertainment and media as well as commercial judicial review. He also specialises in all aspects of insolvency litigation and has acted for office-holders and third parties in corporate and personal insolvency disputes. David has acted for claimants and defendants in commercial fraud litigation and asset tracing across multiple jurisdictions. He has also represented trustees and beneficiaries in trust disputes including the liability of trustees and obtaining information regarding assets and the terms of settlements.

Hon Mr Justice Norris

Sir Alastair Norris was called to the bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1973 (becoming a Bencher in 2004). He was appointed a QC in 1997. He was a Recorder of the Crown Court before a Senior Circuit Judge (Chancery) at Birmingham where he sat from 2001 until

2007.

In October 2007 he was appointed to the High Court (Chancery Division) and is the current Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine.

Mary Hanafin

A politician in Ireland and member of Fianna Fáil who was a Teachta Dála (TD) for Dún Laoghaire from 1997 to 2011. She served as Government Chief Whip (2002–04), Minister for Education and Science (2004–08), Minister for Social and Family Affairs (2008–10), Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport (2010–11) and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation (2011). She was briefly Deputy Leader of Fianna Fáil in 2011. Since May 2014 she has sat as a Councillor on Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, representing the Blackrock ward.

Andrew Grantham – Kings Chambers - Chairman of the Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

Andrew's practices almost exclusively in Commercial and Chancery Dispute Resolution including Arbitration and International Disputes. He also undertakes some non-contentious work.

He was called to the Bar following a short career as a full time law lecturer at Wadham College, Oxford and part time lecturer at King's College, London. He is currently the Chair of the Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association.

Andrew specializes in cases of high value and considerable complexity. He has particular expertise in contractual and corporate disputes and regularly appears against QCs and other senior junior Counsel. His clients include banks and major public companies as well as a number of smaller manufacturing and other companies and professional firms.

Conor Lambe – Danske Bank

Conor Lambe is the Economist at Danske Bank in Northern Ireland. In this role, Conor is responsible for Danske Bank's Quarterly Sectoral Forecasts and Consumer Confidence Index.

Conor has notable experience in areas that include macroeconomic scenario development, economic forecasting, data analysis and economic research.

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Prior to joining Danske Bank in January 2017, Conor spent four years working as an Economist for PwC in London. While there, Conor specialised in macroeconomic analysis and regularly contributed to PwC's series of economic publications. Conor holds a first-class honours degree in Economics from the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

Dr Michael Gordon – University of Liverpool

Dr Michael Gordon is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the Liverpool Law School, School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool. His research is in the field of constitutional law and theory, with a focus on the UK and its relationship with the EU.

Mike is the author of *Parliamentary Sovereignty in the UK Constitution: Process, Politics and Democracy* (Hart Publishing, 2015), co-author of *Cases and Materials on Constitutional and Administrative Law* (Oxford University Press, 11th ed, 2014, and 12th ed, forthcoming 2017), and has also published on EU referendums (in particular, issues presented by the European Union Act 2011) and European fiscal governance (in particular, issues presented by the Fiscal Compact), as well as the challenges posed by Brexit (in particular, the constitutional process, sovereignty, the Great Repeal Bill, and the impact on the relationship between the UK Parliament and Government). He was invited to give oral evidence on the constitutional issues presented by the Great Repeal Bill to the House of Commons Procedure Committee on 1 March 2017.

Lyndon MacCann SC

Lyndon Mac Cann was called to the Irish Bar in 1988 and was called to the Inner Bar in 2003. He has lectured in company law and equity in Trinity College Dublin and has also lectured in company law and contract law in Dublin City University. He lectured for several years on bankruptcy and receiverships in the United Kingdom preparing candidates for the statutory examinations which they must pass to qualify as licensed insolvency practitioners.

For several years Lyndon was the nominee of the Bar Council of Ireland on the Irish Superior Courts Rules Committee and was also the external examiner in company law and insolvency law for the Kings Inns. He has written numerous legal articles for both professional and academic publications and was formerly the external examiner in company law and in insolvency law for the King's Inns. Lyndon is one of two general editors (along with Dr Thomas Courtenay) of *Companies Acts 1963 - 2012* (Bloomsbury Professional, Dublin, 2012). This is the fifth edition of the text; the sixth edition is in the course of being prepared, following the coming into force of the Companies Act 2014. He has also produced a *Casebook on Irish Company Law* and was one of the contributors to *Bloomsbury Professional's Guide to the Companies Act 2014*.

Lyndon practices in the field of commercial law, with a particular specialisation in company law, banking and insolvency. Apart from appearing before the Irish Courts and the Court of Justice of the European Union, Lyndon has also given expert

evidence on Irish company law in proceedings before the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the District Court of Jerusalem and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

Richard Chapman - 18 St John Street Chambers, Manchester - Treasurer of BICBA and Secretary of NCCBA

Richard Chapman was called to the Bar in 1998 and specialises in a wide variety of aspects of commercial and chancery law, including professional negligence, contractual disputes, property disputes, company law, insolvency law and VAT litigation. Recent case highlights include appearing in the Court of Justice of the European Union on behalf of the United Kingdom in an issue relating to VAT flat-rate schemes (without a leader), as well as appearing in the Supreme Court in a case dealing with the scope of professional indemnity insurance coverage (led by Timothy Dutton QC). Richard also sits part time as a Judge of the First-tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber).

Dr Janeen Carruthers

Professor Carruthers joined the School of Law, University of Glasgow in 1999 as a Lecturer in Private Law, having previously worked as a Solicitor in private practice with Maclay, Murray & Spens, Solicitors. She graduated from the University of Glasgow LL.B. (Hons) (1994), Dip.L.P. (1995), and following a period of part-time study, Ph.D. (2002). Professor Carruthers was appointed to a Chair in Private Law in 2010.

Colm Ó hOisín SC

Colm Ó hOisín SC has been in practice at the Irish Bar since 1988 and became a Senior Counsel in 2005. He is also a member of the Bar of England and Wales. His practice involves commercial and public law. He has particular experience in the areas of company and shareholder disputes, maritime law, banking and financial services law, construction, competition law, insurance law, environmental law, general contract and judicial review. He has a particular interest in international commercial arbitration and has been appointed arbitrator in both domestic and international disputes and is a Chartered Arbitrator.

Colm is the immediate past President of Arbitration Ireland – the Irish Arbitration Association. He is the Alternate Irish member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. In July 2012 he was designated by the Irish Government to the Panel of Conciliators and Arbitrators of ICSID (the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes). He has been an accredited mediator since 2004. Colm was President of the Irish Maritime Law Association from 2007 to 2010 and is a titular member of the Comité Maritime International (CMI).

Sir David Edward QC

Professor Sir David Edward is Professor Emeritus at the School of Law, University of Edinburgh. Awarded KCMG, 2004; CMG, 1981. Admitted Advocate, 1962; QC (Scotland), 1974; Judge of the Court of First Instance, 1989-92; Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, 1992-2004.

Edward Smethurst – BICBA Vice-Chairman (England)

Chairman of Palladium Associates Plc – Leading Risk Management and Investigation Company which acts for a number of major law firms, banks and corporates.
Managing Partner of Prosperity Law LLP – a boutique commercial law firm with a strong commercial litigation and employment practice.
Chairman of the Law Society Commerce and Industry Group North West for 22 years.

Guy Lougher – Pinsent Masons LLP

Guy heads the firm's cross-disciplinary Brexit team, advising clients on the implications of Brexit for their businesses and how best to respond to the challenges and opportunities which Brexit raises.

Guy is also a Partner in the EU and Competition Team, in which capacity he has worked on competition and market investigations by the European Commission and the UK's competition authorities, including attending dawn raids. In this context he has advised clients on fining and leniency procedures and making leniency applications.

Guy has handled Phase 1 and in-depth merger clearances before the European Commission and before the UK's competition authorities, including the Competition and Markets Authority. He has undertaken competition law audits and has also designed and implemented competition compliance and training programmes for many clients.

He also regularly advises on appeals against decisions of EU and UK competition authorities, such as on appeals against competition infringement and merger/market decisions, including before the UK's Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Guy has particular experience of advising clients in the utilities, energy and manufacturing sectors, and especially in the food, automotive, pharmaceutical, chemical and oil/gas industries.

Simon Cliff – General Counsel of City Football Group

Simon Cliff is General Counsel of City Football Group, the owner of Manchester City, New York City and Melbourne City Football Clubs. City has announced the acquisition of Uruguayan football club, Athletic Club Torque, whose board Simon has joined as part of the transaction. Simon was a corporate finance lawyer in the City of London for ten years, before joining Manchester City as its first in-house lawyer in 2008 following the acquisition by Sheikh Mansour of Abu Dhabi. Simon is also a trustee of City in the Community, Manchester City's charitable arm, and chairman of

the disciplinary panel of England Golf.

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Robert Browne – McKeever solicitors, Chairman BICBA (Ireland)

Robert Browne is a Partner at McKeever Solicitors, qualified as a solicitor in 1990 and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He advises extensively on all aspects of Commercial Litigation, Injunctions, Financial Services and insurance, Corporate and Private Client Litigation.

In recent times he has been focused on providing advisory and litigation services to Companies and Financial Institutions, including litigating on Hedge Fund losses, injunctions, repudiation of Insurance Contracts, receivership, insolvency and asset recovery matters. He has extensive experience in Commercial Court matters including prosecuting and defending injunctions and enforcement of commercial and insurance contracts.

He advises Financial Institutions on all aspects of debt recovery and enforcement of judgements, including their legal entitlements to recover mortgaged properties and where parties have attempted to put assets beyond reach of creditors or dissipated their assets with a view to avoiding their liabilities.

He has extensive experience acting for clients in prosecuting and defending professional negligence claims, product liability, public liability and motor insurance claims.

He acts for the largest Energy supplier to the Irish market providing a range of advisory and litigation services.

He is fluent in French and has advised Financial Institutions on the taking of security in France.

Monye Anyadike-Danes QC, Chairman BICBA (UK)

Monye Anyadike-Danes QC is the first female Chair of BICBA and the first person from Northern Ireland to hold the position. Monye was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1997 and took silk in 2007. She is currently a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a CEDR registered Mediator. A renowned commercial practitioner she is regularly selected to represent the Bar of Northern Ireland on panels and round-tables for the press and at events on a range of issues. She is a member of Chambers at 2 Temple Gardens, London having been called to the Bar in England in 1980, and was also called to the Irish Bar in 2001