

# **Reflections on LIDW25**

Innovation in dispute resolution: Navigating global risks



## Introduction

#### Message from LIDW25's Co-Chairs

As co-chairs of London International Disputes Week 2025 (LIDW25), we're delighted to present this Reflections Report – a comprehensive look back at a remarkable week of dialogue, collaboration, thought leadership and innovation across the global disputes community.

LIDW now serves as a gathering point for the leading voices in dispute resolution from across the globe.

LIDW25 marked a significant moment for London as a global hub for international dispute resolution. Against a backdrop of geopolitical shifts, complex risks, evolving regulatory landscapes and rapid technological change, this year's theme - "Innovation in dispute resolution: navigating global risks" - resonated deeply with practitioners, clients and thought leaders alike.

Over the course of the week, we welcomed delegates from across continents and sectors, representing a vibrant cross-section of the legal, business, academic and policymaking spheres. From flagship keynote sessions to deep-dive technical panels and informal roundtables, LIDW25 fostered the kind of interdisciplinary exchange, cross-border insight and sharing of knowledge and skills that lies at the heart of its mission.

Having started as a forum to promote London as a centre of international dispute resolution, we believe that LIDW has become more than that and now serves as a gathering point for the leading voices in dispute resolution from across the globe. It also provides, through the involvement of its members and the "Young and Young at Heart" events, a place where new connections are made and the next generation of dispute resolvers forge connections and share ideas. LIDW has a unique collaborative ethos, focusing on the entire dispute resolution ecosystem.

The professional programme over five days was complemented by an enhanced social programme - including an Opening Reception in the majesty of Southwark Cathedral and some more informal events including an Underground tour, yoga and afternoon tea. These events and historic locations really did help show London at its very best.

This report captures not only the key themes and highlights of the week but also the ideas and ambitions that emerged - ones we believe will shape the future of dispute resolution globally. Whether your interest lies in international arbitration, litigation, mediation or cutting-edge issues of navigating diverse risks such as AI, ESG, or cybersecurity, we hope these reflections provide valuable takeaways and inspiration.

We look forward to continuing the conversation next year. Henrietta Jackson-Stops steps down as co-chair at the end of an extremely successful two-year term. Professor Loukas Mistelis and Jonathan Cary very much look forward to working with new co-chair, Emilie Jones, in planning for LIDW26.

From left to right: Professor Loukas Mistelis, Henrietta Jackson-Stops & Jonathan Cary Co-Chairs, London International Disputes Week 2025



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#### A heartfelt thank you

To all our sponsors, new and returning, a huge thank you for helping us deliver our most impactful LIDW yet. Your ongoing support, commitment and partnership are fundamental to LIDW's continued success and its unique position in the international disputes calendar. We hope to see you all again at LIDW26.

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## LIDW25 attendance

#### The figures that say it all

Record figures show that LIDW25 was the place to be in June. We saw a significant increase in registrations and delegate attendance – including a substantial rise in the number of delegates from overseas.



Number of registrations (in-person and online)



Delegates attending LIDW25



Delegates from outside the UK

**759** Attendees at opening reception

**253** 

Member-hosted events

616

Attendees at main

conference

Countries represented across the week

**372** 

Organisations attending the main conference

106

(in-person and online)

102

Arbitration events

Countries represented at main conference

Arbitration sessions during International Arbitration Day (plus many more across the week)

10

Mediation events (plus 7 on specific forms of ADR)

# Media coverage

#### LIDW25 making the news

Another great year of coverage for LIDW, thanks to our media advisers, Portland Communications. For LIDW25 we saw significant coverage from US, Qatari, German and Indian outlets, among others, with 24 representatives from national and international media attending the main conference. As for social media - #LIDW25 lit up LinkedIn, with 1,234 mentions of LIDW on LinkedIn throughout June.

Articles in print, broadcast and online

New outlets covering LIDW25

Jurisdictions with LIDW25 coverage

126,121

18

Linkedin impressions during June 2025

14,860

Total amount of LinkedIn followers



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### The heart of LIDW25

#### Honest conversations – a hallmark of the week



Each year, the legal world converges on London for the much-anticipated LIDW. LIDW25 was no different.

Far more than a series of panels, speeches and receptions, LIDW is a celebration - a confluence - of legal minds that traverses continents, disciplines and cultures, offering a unique platform where international delegates find not only knowledge but also community, innovation and inspiration. If the mind of LIDW can be seen in its presentations, the heart of LIDW lies in its conversations.

Whether at International Arbitration Day or during the Opening Reception at Southwark Cathedral, LIDW25 orchestrated an array of events, including over 200 member-hosted events, spanning City law firms and the Inns of Court. These gatherings transformed London into a living symposium, making the entire week a melting pot of global perspectives. As Swiss firm Bodenheimer so aptly declared on social media, "We go where the conversation is."

With over 10,000 individual registrations and over 100 delegate jurisdictions represented at LIDW25, the week is one of the world's largest disputes-only thought leadership events. Not only that, LIDW's impact extends to facilitating open conversations. One such example was a fireside chat with Chief Justice of India, Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai,



that not only highlighted India's promise as an arbitral hub but also invited constructive criticism of the challenges facing its courts and state approaches to arbitration.

"This willingness to foster honest discussion is a hallmark of the week, offering international delegates a rare chance to engage directly with judicial and arbitral leaders and shape a global discourse."

#### The delegate reach of LIDW25 was truly global.

Oludamilare Adesola, representing an African perspective, praised a member-hosted event on exit strategies in mining and energy, during which she asked: "What do you want your legacy to be in Africa?" Such sessions are invaluable for delegates who must confront practical, regionally-specific questions while navigating the complexities of international investment.

The benefits of LIDW25 were further amplified by its nurturing of professional and cultural exchange.

Georgiades & Pelides, a Cypriot firm, saw their partner Sotos Kasinos' participation as an "ongoing commitment to staying at the forefront of international legal developments and building strong global connections". Turkish lawyer Özge Terzi echoed this, highlighting the value of "shared knowledge and collective expertise" in building a "vibrant and globally minded community". Praise for LIDW's organisers was widespread. Carolyn Entwistle of the Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre commended their "hard work" in orchestrating an event of such scale and complexity. Ukrainian practitioners from Vasil Kisil & Partners described LIDW as "one of the most significant events in the global dispute resolution calendar", emphasising the unique opportunities for both young and seasoned professionals. "LIDW25 provided valuable insights into international best practices while offering a platform to contribute their expertise," they affirmed.

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Lastly, the unique strength of London as a legal hub was summarised by Radek Góral, head of disputes at Clyde & Co, Poland: "What truly sets London apart is something deeper: the unwavering strength of its legal institutions, the profound respect for the rule of law and contractual fairness, and perhaps most importantly, the system's remarkable ability to evolve and adapt... while maintaining fairness, consistency, and predictability."

That adaptive capability and institutional resilience, he said, "draws thousands of practitioners globally to LIDW each year, creating a unique community of old friends and new faces".

In summary, LIDW offers international delegates more than a seat at the table - it offers a voice, a network and a vision of global disputes that is as dynamic and diverse as the world it serves.

#### Long may that conversation continue.

This article was written by Ben Rigby, a freelance legal journalist and media consultant.







# **International Arbitration Day**

Highlights & key takeaways



Opening the week, International Arbitration Day (IAD) gathered experts and practitioners from London and several jurisdictions around the world. The day was hosted by Linklaters, Simmons & Simmons and Squire Patton Boggs, each of whom hosted a keynote and four engaging panel sessions.

The keynote speeches set the tone for the day's discussions. Kevin Nash. Director General of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), shared his vision for the future of the LCIA, emphasising the importance of "credibility over transparency" in data publication and decisionmaking. Sophie J. Lamb KC captivated attendees with a discussion on the role of arbitration in Elizabethan England, highlighting London's status as a global arbitration centre. The Honourable Mrs Justice Cockerill, DBE, delivered a compelling address about the role of the courts in arbitration.

The IAD panels, combining a jurisdiction and sector focus, covered a wide range of topics including corporate arbitrations in Asia, giga-projects in the



Middle East and geopolitics affecting Russian and Central Asian disputes. Christopher Vajda KC conducted a rigorous exploration of intra-EU BIT issues. Panellists Tariq Baloch, Chester Brown and Sylvia Tonova explored complex topics, such as the viability of claims under terminated intra-EU BITs and the interplay between European treaties and the ICSID Convention.

A panel contrasting mining disputes in Africa and Latin America, which included in-house counsel, experts, funders and private practitioners, made clear that these two massive continents share the trend of resource nationalism being overtaken by wider ESGrelated claims, with a growing number of settlements of disputes with states. And panellists Wendy Miles, Gabriela Alvarez-Avila, Richard Sweeney and David Weiss explored how the divergent paths of Mexico, Brazil and the United States show the tension between regulatory sovereignty and investment protection in the Americas' energy transition.



The arbitration-specific sessions included a panel on "Behind the Curtain: Ask the Arbitrator Anything", moderated by Kiran Sanghera, Deputy Secretary-General, HKIAC. This session featured a panel of four female arbitrators - Kate Cervantes-Knox, Sapna Jhangiani KC, Loretta Malintoppi and Niuscha Bassiri - who engaged in a frank and open discussion about handling difficult arbitrators.

International Arbitration Day offers a unique opportunity for practitioners from around the world to meet in London to network and discuss international arbitration issues affecting their jurisdictions and sectors relevant to them, free of charge. In 2025 all sessions were fully booked weeks in advance and attendance continues to increase year-on-year.



With LIDW25's overarching theme of "Innovation in Dispute Resolution: Navigating Global Risks", the topic of innovation ran throughout Tuesday's main conference. In her opening address, Sarah Sackman KC MP, Minister of State for Courts and Legal Services, recognised the importance of updating laws, processes and technologies to match the demands of the modern world, and celebrated the UK's thriving legaltech sector.

Courts from around the world were represented on a comparative panel of senior international judges, comprising Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, President of the Qatar International Court, Chief Justice Wayne Martin of the DIFC Courts, Judge Elizabeth Stong of the US Bankruptcy Court of the Eastern District of New York, and Lord Justice Colin Birss, who has since been appointed the next Chancellor of the English High Court.

In a discussion chaired by Stephen Dowling SC, founder of innovative disputes platform TrialView, these judges showed great readiness to embrace, within guardrails, the opportunities presented by artificial intelligence, and indeed panellists explained some significant improvements already made in delivering efficient solutions through the use of technology.

Delegates heard from speakers at the cutting edge of Al and legaltech during a 'fireside chat' between James Besley, Co-Head of Legal at Google DeepMind, and Gregory Mostyn, founder of Al-driven fact intelligence platform Wexler. Nonetheless, in a world of Al, panellists in a session on "Building the Dispute Resolution Practice of the Future"

#### Keynote speech

Innovation isn't only about technology, and conference speakers highlighted a number of other ways in which dispute resolution is adapting, or should adapt, to users' needs. Delivering the day's keynote speech, Judge Joan Donoghue, former President of the International Court of Justice, encouraged

practitioners and institutions to harness the power of a wider range of international dispute resolution tools, including currently under-used tools such as mediation and conciliation.

emphasised the ongoing importance of emotional intelligence, intuition and experience. The session was moderated by William Peake, Global Managing Partner of Harneys, and featured leading voices from across the dispute resolution industry including Lorraine Medcraft of Epiq and Greg Harman, Managing Director of BRG.





### Main conference

#### Navigating global risks & the importance of the rule of law

Focusing on the "navigating global risks" aspects of the LIDW25 theme, the implications of world events - such as climate change, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and new tariffs - were explored in an insightful discussion featuring Cherie Blair CBE KC of Omnia Strategy and Nigel Gould-Davies of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and chaired by Campbell Jackson, Global Claims and Disputes Leader at EY.

The themes of disruption and the impacts of business globalisation also ran through a topical panel session on navigating supply chain disputes and risk. Panellists included the Judge in Charge of the English Commercial Court, Mr Justice Henshaw, and Richard Indge, Senior Managing Director at Ankura. Risk management measures identified included clear drafting and regular review of contracts, as well as supply chain diversification.

The importance of ethics and the rule of law also permeated the day's discussions.

In the conference's popular "View from Business" session, Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE DL, Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) UK and founder of Cobra Beer, shared inspiring insights on topics from the role of law and dispute resolution in building a business, through the six principles of building a strong brand, to the importance of democracy and the rule of law.

A topical panel session on the responsibilities of dispute resolution practitioners was chaired by former Lord Chancellor the Rt. Hon Alex Chalk KC and featured panellists including independent arbitrator and LCIA Board member James E. Castello and leading academic Professor Joan Loughrey of Queen's University Belfast. The panellists debated ethical issues which can arise when taking on instructions, exploring "conscientious objection" to certain clients or matters, as well as in the course of running matters.

During the day delegates also heard short addresses on the role of the Law Society of England and Wales, as it celebrates its 200th year, and on the importance of and opportunities offered by pro bono work.

## **Member-hosted events**

Insightful sessions and a lively turnout



With over 250 member-hosted events throughout LIDW25, there was genuinely something for everyone. LIDW members came together to deliver insightful sessions that resonated with attendees across the global legal and disputes community. Sponsors played a pivotal role in the success of the memberhosted events, facilitating vibrant conversations on a range of topical and pressing issues.



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#### Wednesday

On Wednesday alone 118 events took place. Among these, TrialView partnered with a member law firm to present a compelling session on training disputes lawyers for the age of artificial intelligence. This session delved into the transformative impact of technology on litigation and dispute resolution, shedding light on the essential skills lawyers must develop to adapt to this evolving landscape.

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#### **Thursday**

Thursday saw another 114 events, including FTI Consulting partnering with a member law firm, which explored the dynamic and rapidly changing energy sector in West Africa. This session featured a diverse panel of arbitration practitioners, academics, and valuation analysts, who shared their insights on the challenges, opportunities, and risks faced by sovereigns and IOCs as they navigate the energy transition amidst a shifting global order. The discussion offered a valuable perspective on the implications for energy-related disputes, enriching the broader dialogue on this topic.

#### **Friday**

Friday enjoyed a quieter schedule, with 22 expertly delivered events, which proved to be well attended and matched the lively turnout seen on both Wednesday and Thursday. The week ended with a wide collection of themes ranging from updates on SIAC Rules to a discussion on space disputes. Other popular topics were featured including corporate & commercial disputes, jurisdiction & global issues, competition, and Al.







## In-house lawyers

#### A focus on the in-house community



2025 saw the launch of LIDW's in-house committee, whose aim is to increase the appeal of LIDW to in-house lawyers - and in turn increase attendance at LIDW from the in-house community.

So we were delighted that 450 in-house lawyers attended events across the week to learn, collaborate, discuss ideas and network.

The very first panel discussion of the week was "Best Practices and Bug Bears: A World Tour of In-house Counsel Jurisdictional Perspectives on International Arbitration" featuring Suber Akther of Siemens Energy, Borja Garcia Ruiz of Iberdrola Espana, Sanjeev Gemawat of Essar Group and Alan Henderson of Multiplex Constructions LLC.

Complimentary tickets for in-house lawyers were made available for the main conference, which saw a fireside chat with James Besley, Co-Head of Legal at Google DeepMind.

There were also several panel discussions featuring senior in-house lawyers. One session, with Adele Falconer, General Counsel EMEA, Christie's, focused on the responsibilities of dispute resolution practitioners. Another, with Marc Merrill, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, Uniper SE, discussed navigating supply chain risk. Fiona Meany, Global Head of Litigation at JLL, contributed a thoughtful client perspective to her panel discussion on "Building the Dispute Resolution Practice of the Future".



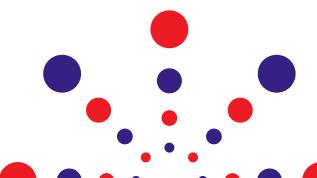
It was fantastic to see the range of member-hosted events targeted at the in-house community. The long list of relevant topics included

greenwashing and climate-related disputes. protecting data, privacy and reputation, and navigating international M&A disputes.

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There was also an impressive number of in-house counsel on panels at member-hosted events this year including Sapan Gupta, GC of Arcelor Mittal, Erin Marsh, Associate General Counsel at Coinbase, Ciarán McGonagle, Chief Legal & Product Officer at Tokenovate and Lily Kotsana, GC at Energean.

We look forward to seeing even more in-house lawyers next year.





Comedy, conversation and connections



Building on the success of last year's LIDW YAYAH events, this year we hosted three events for the YAYAH community throughout the week.

On Tuesday afternoon we held our **Academy event** – YAYAH's "alternative" to the main conference – at the QEII Centre in Westminster. It began with a networking lunch, during which conversation and collaboration were in full swing among the participants, a broad mix of national and international practitioners.

Food and free-flowing chat were followed by **two engaging sessions**. The first offered up a diverse group of international panellists and was praised for the honest experiences and opinions shared during a lively discussion on the challenges of cross-border witness preparation. After the coffee break, the second session, hosted by Bond Solon, provided a whistle-stop tour of witness preparation in an interactive setting.

On Tuesday evening, 260 guests gathered at Flat Iron Square in Southwark Quarter for YAYAH's highly anticipated **networking event**. This kicked off with an informal Q&A session in which Olesya Prantyuk (HKA), J. Nicholas Hourigan (FTI Consulting) and Kitty St Aubyn (CMS) discussed the challenges and opportunities faced when building a career in the London disputes market.

The sunny weather meant that guests were able to make the most of the venue's outdoor area late into the evening, enjoying top-quality street food, plentiful drinks and comedy sets from Hal Cruttenden, Esther Manito and Joe Bor.

Wednesday evening saw the third and final LIDW YAYAH-hosted event of the week – the **sell-out dinner clubs** held at multiple venues across central London. Run in collaboration with other young practitioner-focused groups, the evening was filled with relaxed chats, new and strengthened connections – and, of course, great food and drink.

The dinner clubs are very much the epitome of LIDW YAYAH, showcasing the results of collaboration between multiple young practitioner groups and answering the call from the community for these informal and smaller gatherings. In addition to LIDW YAYAH-organised events, it was great to see several member firms actively engaging with the YAYAH community through their own respective member-hosted events.

With these and YAYAH's own events, our presence at LIDW continues to grow. We look forward to LIDW26, where we will continue to encourage collaboration across groups and amongst people at similar career stages, offering varied and fun YAYAH-inspired networking opportunities.

"Great people, really good food."

YAYAH networking event



This year our aim when organising LIDW's social programme was to highlight the best of our jurisdiction, reminding people how incredible London is.

Southwark Cathedral was the stunning backdrop for our sell-out opening event on Monday evening. LIDW25's co-chairs gave a wonderful speech and

there was a memorable reminder from the Dean, the Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, about the purpose of dispute resolution in a world of growing conflict.

During the evening, the 700+ attendees enjoyed a medley of food that highlighted the best of British – including fish & chips, savoury pies and traditional scones, jam and clotted cream.

Fine food and wine were on the menu at Wednesday's gala dinner, held at Raffles at the OWO, another glamorous venue, reminding us of London's rich history. Nearly 400 attendees mingled at the cocktail reception, and conversations continued to flow during the three-course dinner. A harpist provided the musical soundtrack for the early part of the evening, then a jazz band took over for the energetic after-dinner dancing.

Two of LIDW25's social events showed our commitment to diversifying the range of social activities on offer during the week.

"Networking over smoothies, dancing to jazz and an energising morning run - LIDW25 got social."

A morning yoga session was held at the office of Pinsent Masons, with attendees enjoying a great view of London from the 14th floor as they posed and stretched. When the yoga moves were complete, attendees moved to the balcony for delicious bowls of acai berries and healthy "California Greenin" juices, made with spinach, kale, celery, cucumber, apple and lemon.

We wondered what delegates might have always wanted to do, but never done. The answer? A tour of the disused Aldwych Underground station. During the private tour of this forgotten branch of the Piccadilly line, guests went behind the iconic red-tiled façade and were given rare access to original platforms, vintage posters and Edwardian architecture, as well as stories from wartime sheltering to its modern role as a blockbuster film location.

And finally, despite the grey start, there was a great turn-out for the Rise & Run on Friday morning. Starting at Fieldfisher's offices in the city, 121 runners took on the 5.6km run before returning to HQ for continental breakfast and networking on the terrace. It was the perfect way to finish off LIDW25's social events - and great to see so many posts on LinkedIn calling the run the "highlight of the week".

We can't wait to see all our friends back in their trainers next year!







## Legaltech showcase

Dragon's Den comes to LIDW25 (sort of!)



Legal expertise converged with technological innovation at Monday's legaltech showcase. Held at A&O Shearman's digital innovation centre, Fuse, the event began with an inspiring introductory talk from Shruti Ajitsaria, partner and head of Fuse. Then it was down to business with some Dragon's Den-style pitching.

Fifteen "pitchers", including sponsors Ankura, Epiq, FTI Consulting, Knovos, Opus 2, Shieldpay, TrialView and Wexler, had three minutes each to pitch their products and services to the audience - made up of just under 40 UK and international practitioners who were there either because they have an interest in legaltech or because they're responsible for legaltech within their firms.

Highly compelling Dragon's Den-style pitches - from both established providers and start-ups - demonstrated remarkable advancements that promise to revolutionise how legal services are delivered in today's rapidly evolving landscape.



With no presentation slides to fall back on, the pitchers did an excellent job of engaging the attendees. We even had one pitcher delivering their 3-minute slot as a highly amusing and entertaining play. A large countdown timer on the wall kept everyone on track, and heightened the atmosphere in the room as the audience watched to see if the pitchers stuck to time (they did!).

All of the elevator pitches – from both established providers and start-ups – demonstrated remarkable advancements that promise to revolutionise how legal services are delivered in today's rapidly evolving landscape. Between pitching, there was time for a buffet lunch and the chance for attendees to chat to the exhibitors who had their stands around the room.

This was the second year for the legaltech showcase at LIDW, and we were delighted to see how popular the more interactive "Dragon's Den" set-up was among those in the room. In running the showcase, we want to demonstrate that London has not just a hugely experienced legal advisory sector but also a growing expertise in the area of legaltech. Indeed, some of the international audience members commented on how much more advanced the London market is in this space.

We look forward to bringing more innovation to LIDW26.

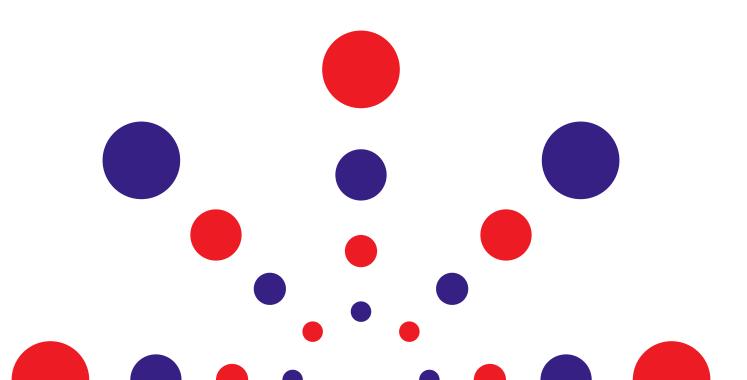
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#### From us to you

On behalf of the co-chairs, Professor Loukas Mistelis, Jonathan Cary and Henrietta Jackson-Stops, we hope you enjoyed LIDW25.

Our heartfelt thanks go to...

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For sharing your insights and knowledge.

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#### The makers of LIDW25

We couldn't have done this without our LIDW25 team - the LIDW Strategy Group, its subcommittees, TMB Events and Portland Communications. We also gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the International Arbitration Centre and the International Dispute Resolution Centre for allowing delegates to use their premises as networking hubs.



## Looking forward to 2026

#### Message from next year's Co-Chairs

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new from all over the globe to London again for LIDW26, which takes place from 1 to 5 June 2026.

As we begin preparations for the week, we'll retain what makes LIDW special and also add some new features.

"We're proud that LIDW is a place where so many valuable relationships are made and maintained, truly connecting the global dispute resolution community."

LIDW26 will continue to showcase all forms of dispute resolution, celebrating London's place as a global hub for arbitration, litigation and mediation, and recognising users' need for effective dispute resolution, whatever form that may take.

We'll continue to nurture LIDW's inclusive and collaborative ethos, bringing together colleagues, clients, competitors and counterparties alike to share diverse views, learn from and challenge each other and ultimately foster best practices and produce thought leadership. And we're proud that LIDW is a place where so many valuable relationships are made and maintained, truly connecting the global dispute resolution community.

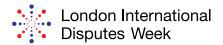
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We also want to build on this year's successes to deliver an even more exciting LIDW26.

The social aspects of LIDW25 have been real highlights and we want to give those attending even greater networking opportunities in 2026. Pro bono, education and professional development for newer practitioners have featured strongly this year and we're keen to develop these strands of the programme further.

And, of course, we're carefully considering all the feedback delegates have kindly provided – whether on the content, format or organisation of the week – to ensure that LIDW once again provides an experience that makes London *the* place to be in June.

#### See you next year!



From left to right:
Professor Loukas Mistelis, Emilie Jones
& Jonathan Cary

Co-Chairs, London International Disputes Week 2026

