

FRANCO-BRITISH LEGAL CAREERS FORUM

Tuesday 17th October 2023 6.00 – 8.00 pm UK time **in person**

UNIVERSITY OF LAW 14 Store Street, London WC1E 7DE (Bloomsbury) Store Street Building

Followed by drinks kindly provided by the University of Law

All law students, trainees and recently qualified lawyers are invited to attend the Forum organised in conjunction with The University of Law. Members of the Panel will address different aspects of legal careers in the UK and France.

All talks will be in English but questions in French are welcome.

Panel:

Simon Horsington



Barrister Grays Inn, 4-5 Gray's Inn Square Chambers. Former Legal Director Fidelity International, Global Attorney PIMCO, Counsel Regulator IMRO, Founder member of and Vice-Président d'Honneur of FBLS, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, de l'Ordre National du Mérite et de l'Ordre du Mérite Maritime.

Dr Catherine Pédamon



Westminster Law School, University of Westminster Programme Director, Commercial Pathways LLM courses, Senior Lecturer in Law Avocat aux Barreaux de Paris et New York, LLMs Harvard Law School & Panthéon-Assas President, England and Wales Section, FBLS



Leonardo Carpentieri



Counsel at LMS LLP in London. Avocat au Barreau de Paris and Solicitor of England & Wales specialised in international arbitration. Previously lawyer in Paris & London for international law firms. Director of the English Committee of the FBLS.

Catherine Palmer



After training in the City to become a solicitor, Catherine's career was inhouse (fashion and food), leading teams of lawyers working across several countries, including France and the UK. Since September, Catherine is a partner at Irwin Mitchell, and heads up its growing French desk.

Floriane Laruelle



Solicitor at Dawson Cornwell Solicitors (who started her legal career as a paralegal) in the Private Client and Family Law Department.

Sally Osborn



Notary Public, Past President of the Notaries Society; retired English solicitor with a London practice where she set up the "French Department".

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is an international policy assistant for Europe and the Americas at the Law

Prior to joining the Law Society, he worked as a researcher at The Legal 500,

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Oliver Chapman

Muklesur Bharuya



is a dual-qualified Barrister-at-law (England & Wales) and Attorney-at-law (France, Europe).

Oliver Chapman is the international policy adviser for Europe and Central Asia at the Law Society. Prior to this, he worked as a lawyer in a human rights NGO and at the Council of Europe. He is Franco-British and holds an LL.M. in public international law from Leiden

He specializes in AI and legal technology and recently spoke at an FBLS forum on "Generative AI and Legal Tech: A New Frontier".

Muklesur is the Founder of Legisbot AI, an AI-powered legal marketplace for lawyers. He practices at Westminster AI, a Californian law firm with its headquarters in London, focusing on intellectual property for AI startups. Additionally, he serves on the Risk & Fintech Committee of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment and is the author of the book "Breaking Barriers: Navigating Fintech Regulations and Smart Contracts". He also hosts the Launch Lab Podcast at City, University of London

Tatiana Desjobert, Retired Solicitor and Avocat au Barreau de Paris

Former in-house lawyer



Imane Bellafqih



is a solicitor in the Banking and Finance practice group of **Gide's** London office. She completed her training contract at the Firm and qualified as a Solicitor of England and Wales in September 2022. Imane acts for financial institutions and corporates in securitisation transactions, as well as on a broad range of multi-jurisdictional banking and finance transactions. During her training contract at Gide, Imane has spent time working with the International Dispute Resolution team in London, the Projects (Finance & Infrastructure) group in London and Casablanca and the Banking and Finance

group in London. Before joining Gide, Imane spent one year as a banking associate at a market-leading US law firm in Paris and interned at several international law firms in London, Paris and Casablanca. She holds an LLB in Law from SOAS University of London, an MSc in Law and Finance from Queen Mary University of London and the Legal Practice Course from BPP University's School of Law.

Dawn Farrow



Current Careers Consultant and Employer Liaison at The University of Law.

Registration is free and all are welcome.

To register, please email: fbls@outlook.com

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