



THE INNER TEMPLE

BIOGRAPHIES

INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE PANEL

5.30PM 1 MARCH 2021

Speakers (in order of appearance)

International Arbitration and International Civil Fraud

Tom Weisselberg QC, Blackstone Chambers (Called 1995)

Tom has extensive litigation and advocacy experience. He has appeared in the Supreme Court, House of Lords, Privy Council, Court of Appeal, High Court and County Courts. He has also appeared in a wide range of domestic tribunals (including the Copyright Tribunal, the Takeover Panel, the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber) and the Lloyd's Appeal Tribunal). He has acted in a number of commercial arbitrations (including the LCIA, the ICC and the PPL Arbitral Tribunal) and has also appeared before the Parole Board. Tom is recognised as a leading silk in the latest editions of both the leading legal directories for his expertise in commercial litigation, civil fraud and media and entertainment.

International Family Law

Mavis Amonoo-Acquah, Harcourt Family Law (Called 2013)

Mavis' practice encompasses all areas of Family Law – in particular Private Law, International Law, Surrogacy Law and Public Law Children. Her practice also includes High Court work. In 2018, Mavis spent 3 months working with a leading Surrogacy and Fertility law firm in Los Angeles as an Inner Temple Pegasus Scholar. Prior to her career at the Bar, Mavis assisted with UNICEF and UN-commissioned research projects on International Children Law at the Coram Children's Legal Centre. In addition, her experience as an advocate began with successfully conducting cases as a volunteer advocate with the Free Representation Unit, School Exclusions Project and Philadelphia Employment Advocacy Project as an LLM student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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Human Rights

Natasha Jackson, 3 Hare Court (Called 2015)

Natasha is a public, commercial and civil law barrister with an international focus. Her international practice encompasses international humanitarian, human rights, asylum and private international law and she has experience in bringing and appealing claims in Commonwealth jurisdictions. She works as an asylum adviser in Athens and Northern France, participates in a working group that meets across Europe to discuss transitional justice, went to Bahrain with the Slynne Foundation for a judicial exchange and engages with an international community of lawyers through conferences and organisations. Before joining the Bar, she was a fellow at the IUCN in Switzerland and interned with the UNDP Serbia office. Had it not been for COVID, Natasha would in 2020 have acted as a Bar Human Rights Committee Observer in Palestine and taken up a Pegasus Scholarship in Beirut and the Hague to observe the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

Privy Council and Caribbean practice

Desiree Artesi, Thomas More Chambers (Called 1998)

A Bencher of Inner Temple Master Artesi specialises in Privy Council appeals and constitutional and administrative law. She regularly appears in the High Court, County Court, First Tier (Property Tribunal), and has appeared successfully whilst being unled in the Court of Appeal. Through her work as panel counsel for local government, she has regularly appeared unled against silk, and leading seniors. She has a particular interest in international commercial arbitration with a focus on Caribbean and North American jurisdictions. Master Artesi is an equity champion on issues affecting black barristers and a mentor to young people from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds irrespective of race.

International Criminal Law

Andrew Cayley CMG QC, A member of Temple Garden Chambers and Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service from 1 April 2021 (Called 2007, Admitted Solicitor 1989)

A Bencher of Inner Temple, Master Cayley was appointed, by the Attorney General, to be Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service in January 2021. From 2013 to 2020 he was the United Kingdom's Chief Military Prosecutor, the Director of Service Prosecutions. He led the Service Prosecuting Authority through major reforms and the Service Justice Review. He was Director throughout the International Criminal Court's preliminary examination of allegations of war crimes by British forces in Iraq. From 2009 to 2013 he was the United Nations Chief International Co-Prosecutor of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, leading prosecutions of the remaining Khmer Rouge leadership for the murder and starvation of up to two million of their own citizens from 1975 to 1979. From 1995 to 2007, he was Prosecuting Counsel and then Senior Prosecuting Counsel at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), working on numerous cases including Srebrenica and Colonel General Mladic, and then at the International Criminal Court (ICC) working on the Uganda and Sudan cases. He has also defended at the ICTY and the Special Court for Sierra Leone.