

Haynes and Boone CDG Praised in Chambers UK 2017

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Researchers with the highly respected legal directory *Chambers UK* have once again given high ratings to the lawyers of Haynes Boone CDG, LLP for their abilities in advising shipbuilding and offshore energy sector clients.

The 2017 edition of the directory lists Haynes Boone CDG as one of its recommended law firms in addition to singling out Senior Partner [Simon Curtis](#) and London Head of Dispute Resolution, [William Cecil](#), as notable practitioners.

"It is an honor for our lawyers to be included in a prestigious directory like *Chambers UK*," said London office Administrative Partner [Brad Richards](#). "As the researchers learned from interviewing our clients, Simon, William and the legal minds assembled across the entire Haynes Boone CDG operation have established extraordinary reputations. We intend to build upon them to construct a substantial London presence in the years to come."

As a firm, clients regard the firm as "a small, cohesive team that gives personal attention at all levels," researchers say. Another client is quoted saying, "They know the shipping aspects but also the financing and the insurance too; they have a deep, thorough knowledge."

In describing the capabilities of Curtis, researchers commented that he is a "recognised expert on shipbuilding contracts and other aspects of marine construction" and has "significant experience in matters related to the offshore industry." Sources told *Chambers* that he is "an expert on shipbuilding and also a very good lawyer."

Cecil, meanwhile, the directory states, "has a wealth of experience advising on arbitration and litigation for shipping and offshore energy clients," with one client remarking that he is "very hard-working and good to work with."

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In September 2016 U.S.-based Haynes Boone and London-based Curtis Davis Garrard joined together, and are known as Haynes Boone CDG, LLP in London. Founded in 1996, CDG built a significant reputation serving the shipbuilding and offshore oil and gas sectors and Haynes Boone CDG will continue to serve the same sectors whilst expanding into new areas.

Haynes Boone CDG's shipping clients comprise shipowners, charterers and shipyards covering the entire spectrum of commercial shipping and including the international superyacht sector. In many cases we are engaged by, and work with, professional advisors, overseas lawyers or other intermediaries to represent their clients.