

Haynes and Boone CDG Featured in Chambers UK Guide 2019

November 2, 2018 Simon Curtis, William Cecil, Melanie Willems, Tom Ferns

PRACTICES International Arbitration, Energy, Power and Natural Resources, Oil and Gas, International, Shipping

Haynes Boone CDG, LLP has again been ranked in the *Chambers UK* legal directory, published by Chambers and Partners. The 2019 guide ranked the firm highly in the Shipping, UK-wide category for its skills in the shipbuilding and offshore energy sectors.

Chambers UK also recognized Senior Partner [Simon Curtis](#) and Partners [William Cecil](#), [Melanie Willems](#) and [Tom Ferns](#).

In its profile of the firm's Shipping Practice, *Chambers UK* quoted a client who observed: "The firm's availability, strategy building and ability to work with our team are outstanding." Another client praised the team's "ability to provide well-reasoned alternative language to complex contractual terms as opposed to lengthy legal explanations."

Simon Curtis and William Cecil were both ranked in the Shipping, UK-wide category. The guide describes Simon Curtis as "a heavyweight who is highly regarded in the [shipping] industry and very tuned in and knowledgeable in the shipping field." William Cecil was commended for being an "experienced shipping lawyer who routinely acts for clients in litigation and arbitration . . . [and] in the negotiation and drafting of offshore contracts."

Partner and Head of the International Arbitration practice in London, Melanie Willems is a ranked lawyer in the International Arbitration category: Commercial Arbitration practice area. The guide says that Melanie Willems is "extremely bright and very passionate about her clients' needs" and "is particularly proficient in representing clients in the oil and gas sector in commercial and projects disputes."

Partner Tom Ferns has been featured in *Chambers UK* 2019 as a Recognised Practitioner in the Corporate/M&A: Mid-Market practice area.

Chambers UK is carefully researched and widely considered to be the most reputable law firm directory in the world. Its rankings are based on thousands of interviews with leading practitioners and clients from coast to coast. Ranking criteria include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, commitment and other qualities most valued by legal clients.

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 while expanding into new areas.

Haynes Boone CDG has significant experience in providing legal advice on shipbuilding and ship-conversion projects of all kinds. Curtis is the author of the leading textbook on shipbuilding contract law, *The Law of Shipbuilding Contracts*, published by Informa Law, and the firm is continuously

involved in a wide range of newbuilding projects and disputes. Its maritime clients include shipowners, charterers, classification bureaus, engineering consultants, private equity and other financial services companies, shipyards and insurers, covering the full spectrum of commercial shipping. For LNG projects, the office brings together project development, construction, transportation and gas supply experience on behalf of developers, suppliers and shippers.