

Barrister Christopher Harris KC Joins Gibson Dunn as Co-Chair of International Arbitration Practice Group

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Gibson Dunn is pleased to announce that Christopher Harris KC will join the firm as Co-Chair of the International Arbitration and the Judgment and Arbitral Award Enforcement Practice Groups.



Christopher brings over 20 years' experience in international commercial and investment arbitration as well as extensive advocacy experience before the English (and other) courts, adding further senior advocacy firepower to the firm's global disputes practice.

Commenting on Christopher's arrival, Penny Madden KC, Co-Chair of the International Arbitration Practice Group, said: "Christopher's arrival significantly strengthens our international arbitration bench in London and supports our wider growth strategy. English law continues to feature prominently in cross-border contracts and London remains a preferred seat of arbitration, particularly for disputes with links to Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Christopher's experience and multi-jurisdictional practice fit perfectly with our platform and client base and reflect our global reach and cross-border disputes capability."

Rahim Moloo, Co-Chair of the International Arbitration Practice Group, added: "We have worked with Christopher for several years and are excited to welcome him as our partner and co-chair of our practice group. He is a brilliant lawyer and colleague. As a market leading Silk in international arbitration and related litigation, we are delighted that he has decided to make Gibson Dunn his new home and look forward to working together for many years to come to serve our clients in their most important and challenging international

disputes, wherever they may arise.”

“Though it is a rare occurrence for a senior barrister to leave chambers to join a law firm, Gibson Dunn’s growth and ambitions for its international arbitration practice, together with its market-leading enforcement practice, made this an irresistible opportunity for me,” said Christopher. “I am excited to become part of an exceptional team at a time when London remains a key centre for arbitration. I will always be enormously grateful to my talented colleagues at 3VB for their friendship and encouragement over the past 23 years. It is a hard to leave such a special place, but I am glad that we part as friends and have no doubt that 3VB will continue to cement its place as a top-ranked commercial set.”

Christopher’s arrival follows the recent addition of Patrick Pearsall, former Chief of Investment Arbitration at the U.S. Department of State, to the firm’s Washington, D.C. office.

Christopher will sit alongside Penny and Rahim as Co-Chair of the International Arbitration Practice Group, which is highly recognized in its field. With more than 100 lawyers across 17 offices, the practice group advises leading multinational corporations and sovereign states in proceedings before tribunals around the world.

Christopher will also become Co-Chair of the Judgment and Arbitral Award Enforcement Practice Group, alongside Robert Weigel. Partner Miguel Estrada will join Christopher and Robert in co-chairing that practice group, which has established a strong track record in global judgment and arbitral award enforcement, providing successful strategies and creative solutions for both creditors and debtors.

About Christopher Harris KC

Christopher is a prominent, *Chambers* Band 1 ranked barrister who was named International Arbitration Silk of the Year by *Chambers UK* in late 2024 and is currently shortlisted for the same award from Legal 500 in 2025. Christopher practices principally in the fields of international arbitration and litigation, with a particular experience of the enforcement of judgments and awards. He is the current UK Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (second term) and a current UK Government designee to the ICSID Panels of Arbitrators and Conciliators. Christopher has led teams on international commercial arbitrations under all major rules across a wide range of seats and has appeared in around 30 investor-state arbitrations for both investors and a number of states. A substantial part of his practice relates to the energy and natural resources sector, alongside banking and financial services. He has appeared in significant trials in the High Court of Justice, and he has argued ground-breaking appeals in the Court of Appeal and The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. Alongside his work in England & Wales, Christopher has led cases at first instance and appellate level in the Eastern Caribbean (BVI) and the Dubai International Financial Centre, and at first instance in the Cayman Islands. He is also admitted in Switzerland.

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