



UK Parliamentary Select Committees

Engaging with UK Parliamentary Select Committees

Giving evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee can be a daunting experience.

Select Committee hearings are high-profile events which can attract significant media attention. Evidence sessions expose witnesses to cross-examination by MPs or Peers, which at times can be hostile. It follows that Select Committee appearances present both personal and reputational challenges. A badly handled Select Committee appearance can cost reputations, sales and even senior level jobs. Conversely, a well-prepared appearance can be a visible platform on which to improve the profile and reputation of an individual or organisation.

As Select Committees play a growing role in policy developments and public debate, anyone appearing before a Select Committee should be fully briefed and prepared, understand how the Committee in question operates, how to engage, and what questions to expect.

Our team, comprised of former and current Members of Parliament and Peers, parliamentary advisors, communications experts and civil servants, has a wealth of experience of advising on UK parliamentary affairs and supporting leading organisations operating in highly regulated fields.

Backed up by specialist legal and sectoral knowledge, we provide a unique and comprehensive Select Committee engagement and training service, tailor-made to support those who are asked to appear before a one in every step of the process:

Our strategy ensures that:

- you understand the political motives of the Select Committee, and of each member of the Select Committee;
- you give your best evidence to inform the Committee and answer questions competently;
- your organisation's brand and reputation are not unwittingly damaged;
- you will prepare for the likely questions, so that you are able to answer them fully;
- you are trained to present yourself and your evidence efficiently and confidently, even under pressure; and
- the right information is reflected in written evidence and is effectively communicated to the Committee.

NEWS

[Frank Ryan discusses the trade war with Yahoo Finance](#)

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Highlight: “Where we are right now is in a political phase in this debate, and... we need to get to a practical phase,” says @DLA_Piper’s Frank Ryan on the trade war. “The sooner we get stability for major multinationals in China regarding IP protection, the better off we’ll be.” pic.twitter.com/u0y kzF8m89

— Yahoo Finance (@YahooFinance) September 9, 2019

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper hosts leading business and diplomacy conference

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper's London office has hosted the Annual Conference of the International Diplomatic and Business Exchange (IBDE).

DLA Piper's GTGA team named Sanctions Law Firm of the year 2018

27 JUL 2018

DLA Piper's Global Trade and Government Affairs (GTGA) team has been named Sanctions Law Firm of the year, Europe, at this year's WorldECR Awards.

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3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.

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