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## PREFACE

I would like to thank all those who responded to the 3rd edition of *Global Legal Insights – Litigation and Dispute Resolution*. This feedback has enabled us to focus on issues that are directly relevant to lawyers and their clients involved in international litigation around the world.

In this edition, we continue to extend the international scope of our review and now have the benefit of commentary from specialist dispute lawyers from 32 jurisdictions. I am particularly pleased to include Albania, China, Hungary, Japan, Macedonia, Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

It is most encouraging to see the growing emphasis in many jurisdictions on maintaining and promoting the efficiency and integrity of their legal systems. Notwithstanding the acknowledged lead that cities such as London and New York have as global centres for dispute resolution, the competition from other centres, including many in emerging economies, should not be underestimated and is also something that should be embraced by the global business community.

International regulatory investigations are a common feature in the global disputes landscape. This is no longer confined to the financial services sector but extends to all involved in international trade. Global investigations into cartels and bribery and corruption are now commonplace. Whilst many such investigations originate from traditional global finance centres, it is refreshing to see developing economies recognising the need to maintain and enforce recognised standards of business conduct. As we mentioned last year, such issues have made it essential for litigators and dispute-resolvers around the world to stay abreast of developments in global jurisdictions. I am pleased that *Global Legal Insights – Litigation and Dispute Resolution* is seen by so many as an essential resource for doing so.

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