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## **Allen & Overy named 'Supporter of the Year' by BIICL**

The British Institute of International & Comparative Law (BIICL) has presented its 'Supporter of the Year' Award to magic circle firm, Allen & Overy, at the BIICL Annual Grotius Dinner.

Established in 2012, the 'Supporter of the Year' Award recognises major support given to the Institute by an organisation or individual. As an independent legal research organisation BIICL relies heavily on funding from law firms, corporations, international bodies, foundations individuals and others.

The award was presented by **Keith Ruddock, Chair of BIICL Trustees**, to **Naomi Briercliffe**, Senior Associate in Allen & Overy's Arbitration team and their Human Rights Working Group, and to **Katrina Limond**, Associate in Arbitration.

Allen & Overy, through its Foundation, has supported BIICL's Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law since its launch in 2010. This core funding has been vital in enabling the Centre to establish itself as a leading global research centre which is advancing the rule of law worldwide through its research, analysis and capacity-building. Allen & Overy's long term support has helped the Centre to respond to emerging issues and to support projects which are otherwise difficult to fund.

Core funding has been particularly important in enabling the Centre to continue its Citizenship Education programme in UK schools and to launch the Expert Working Group on the EU (Withdrawal) Bill to consider the rule of law implications of the Bill.

**Sarah Taylor**, Development Director at BIICL, said: "We are extremely grateful to Allen & Overy for their considerable support over the years. They were one of the first law firms to support the Centre and we hope to continue our partnership for many years to come."

**Mark Mansell**, Partner and Co-Head of Corporate Responsibility at Allen & Overy, London, said: "Supporting the rule of law around the world is a vital part of our pro bono and community investment work and so we're very pleased to have been named 'Supporter of the Year' by BIICL. We look forward to continuing our work with BIICL to effect change where we can."

Further details on BIICL's development activities can be found at <https://www.biicl.org/supportingbiicl>

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#### **NOTES TO EDITOR:**

1. The Annual Grotius Lecture and Dinner is organised by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), and sponsored by CMS. The event took place on 18 October 2018 at Goodenough College, Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N 2AB.
2. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) provides informed, independent and practical legal ideas for a global community. Its high quality and respected work involves analysis and debate about contemporary issues on every continent, from its base in the heart of London's energetic and multicultural legal network. BIICL is one of the very few independent legal bodies of its type in the world. (Registered Charity No. 209425. Company Registration 615025). For more information visit [www.biicl.org](http://www.biicl.org)
3. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law established a "Sponsor of the Year Award" in 2012. The name was changed to 'Supporter of the Year' in 2015. This award recognises major support given to the Institute by an individual or organisation, and is awarded each year at the BIICL Annual Grotius Dinner.
4. BIICL is an independent charity not affiliated to any University or governmental body, and is therefore reliant for its work on income from its activities and donations of this kind. For further details, and information on how to contribute to the work of the Institute in this area and its other important areas, please contact Sarah Taylor, Development Director at [s.taylor@biicl.org](mailto:s.taylor@biicl.org)
5. The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law is a constituent part of BIICL. The Bingham Centre was launched in December 2010 to honour the work and career of Lord Bingham of Cornhill – a great judge and passionate advocate of the rule of law. The Centre is dedicated to the study, promotion and enhancement of the rule of law worldwide. It does this by defining the rule of law as a universal and practical concept, highlighting threats to the rule of law, conducting high quality research and training, and providing rule of law capacity-building to enhance economic development, political stability and human dignity: [www.binghamcentre.biicl.org](http://www.binghamcentre.biicl.org)

