



**RICHARD SAMUEL – 3 HARE COURT, LONDON** Richard was called to the Bar in 1996. For many years his practice involved him being in court every day of the week: on criminal and civil matters. Five years ago – some time after his practice had for become purely commercial and his appearances in court and international arbitrations became longer and less frequent – he looked for a means of keeping his own advocacy match-fit. He found that opportunity training young barristers through his Inn of Court, the Middle Temple in London. He enjoyed the training because it forced him to think hard about his own advocacy and to keep improving it.

Richard found he learned most when invited to train lawyers from other jurisdictions. So two years ago he began the process of setting up the International Advocacy Academy (IAA) with Derek Wood QC to take the experience of English barristers to lawyers around the world for them to adapt to their particular circumstances and the international arbitration space in general.

Richard's practice at the Bar has for many years been general commercial litigation and arbitration, with an emphasis on directors' duties, offshore trusts and international trade. It includes employment, insolvency and professional negligence. He has acted in international arbitrations under the DIFC-LCIA, LCIA, RSA and UNCITRAL Rules.