

**New Appointments to the Ministry of Justice: Statement by the Chairman
9 January 2018**

We are pleased to congratulate The Rt Hon David Gauke as the new Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, alongside all new appointments to the Ministry of Justice.

As a former City of London Solicitor – the first lawyer in the role since 2012 - Mr Gauke has first-hand experience of the significant contribution of City firms to the legal sector and the UK economy at large. This experience will be key in navigating a challenging and uncertain time for many firms over the months ahead, as the UK continues its negotiations to exit the EU.

We look forward to working closely with the Lord Chancellor and the Ministry of Justice's ministerial team over the coming months, to ensure that the City of London remains the foremost centre of excellence for legal services worldwide.

**Edward Sparrow
Chairman
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