

## Withers secures Bar Mutual panel appointment

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International law firm Withers has highlighted its reputation as a leading adviser on professional negligence claims, with its appointment to the first ever Bar Mutual legal panel following their recent tender process. The firm will be amongst the roster of advisers assisting barristers with major claims of over £150,000.

The firm has a long-standing relationship with Bar Mutual of more than 10 years and has represented barristers at all levels in around 100 cases. The appointment emphasises the historic strength of Withers' professional indemnity practice and comes at a time of significant growth for the team. The recent appointment of a Professional Discipline team led by partner [Gerallt Owen](#) and including experienced special counsels [Anne Davies](#) and [Fiona Simpson](#), has bolstered the practice significantly. The team defends a range of professionals in the context of investigations before disciplinary committees and tribunals constituted by a variety of regulatory bodies.

The team also has a significant claimant practice. Withers is recognised as one of the premier firms representing high-net-worth individuals internationally; – as part of the specialist advice it provides for individuals, its professional negligence team assists those who have experienced negligence in the professional advice they have received – whether it be from their brokers and financial advisers, their lawyers and accountants, or valuers and architects. The team deals with complex and high value cases, and those in which clients wish to settle quickly.

Commenting on the appointment, partner [Christopher Coffin](#), who heads Withers' international Litigation and Professional Negligence groups said:

*'We are delighted to be appointed. We greatly value our relationship with Bar Mutual, not least due to the extremely high calibre of those instructing us and those whom we represent, and we look forward to developing and strengthening those relationships. Professional advisors face a difficult climate as recession driven claims continue to filter through but we look forward to continuing using all our experience and expertise to look after the interests of those adversely effected.'*

Withers is an international law firm dedicated to successful people, their families and their businesses.

The Professional Negligence team is recommended in both Chambers and The Legal 500, with both [Christopher Coffin](#) and [Jasmine Gill](#) recognised as 'Leading Individuals' in this field.

The worldwide group has 109 partners and around 700 people dedicated to commercial, tax, trusts, estate planning, litigation, real estate, charities, employment, family law and other legal issues facing high net worth individuals, their families, businesses and advisers globally.

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