

Prof Jonas Ebbesson, Chair of the Aarhus Compliance Committee

Jonas Ebbesson is Professor of Environmental Law at Stockholm University, Director of the Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre, and a researcher at Stockholm Resilience Centre. He has been a member of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee since 2005. His research and writings cover various international, EU and transnational dimensions of environmental law, including legal aspects of public interest, public participation and access to justice in environmental law; transnational corporate responsibility; justice in environmental law; and the impact of law for social-ecological resilience. Among his books are (as editor) 'Access to justice in environmental matters in the EU' – '*Accès à la justice en matière d'environnement dans l'UE*' (Kluwer, 2002), and (as co-editor) 'Environmental law and justice in context' (CUP, 2009).

Sybille Grohs, Compliance Promotion, Governance & Legal Issues, DG Environment, European Commission: "The (past and future) role of the European Commission in influencing UK environmental law"

Sybille Grohs is a lawyer working in the Compliance Promotion, Governance and Legal Issues Unit of the Environment Directorate General of the European Commission in Brussels. She is responsible for UK infringement cases and is legal coordinator for water cases. Previously she worked on waste policy in the Environment Directorate General. Before joining the European Commission, she trained as a barrister working in planning chambers in London and also worked as a consultant to Friends of the Earth

Jeffrey Gracer, Principal, Sive Paget & Riesel; Chair of the New York Bar Environmental Law Committee

Mr. Gracer is Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee and a principal at Sive, Paget & Riesel, the first environmental law firm in the United States (now celebrating its 50th year of existence). He has been recognised by independent rating agencies, including Chambers & Partners, as a leading environmental practitioner in the United States. He regularly advises companies around the world regarding US environmental issues. His engagements have included administrative proceedings and litigation involving the Passaic River, the largest contaminated sediment Superfund site in the US; construction of a luxury hotel on a former mining dump at the base of a ski area in the Western United States; remediation and redevelopment of a former Standard Oil of New York petroleum refinery in New York City; and construction of a hazardous waste facility in Northern Africa to meet contractual requirements that it be built to conform to US environmental standards. His clients include US and international corporations, governmental and non-profit development agencies, real estate developers, financial institutions, and private equity funds.

Stephen Tromans QC, Joint Head of Chambers, Thirty Nine Essex Street

Stephen is recognised as a leading practitioner in environmental, energy and planning law.

His clients include major utilities and industrial companies in the UK and elsewhere, banks, insurers, Government departments and agencies, local authorities, NGOs and individuals.

He has been involved in some of the leading cases in matters such as environmental impact assessment, habitats, nuisance, and waste, in key projects such as proposals for new nuclear power stations, and in high profile incidents such as the Buncefield explosion and the Trafigura case.

Stephen is a former solicitor (admitted 1981) and before coming to the Bar was a partner at Simmons & Simmons, where he set up and led their environmental law practice.

He has an MA degree in law from Cambridge University (First Class Honours). He is an Honorary Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Wastes Management (2005) and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (1988).

Stephen is a founder member and past Chair of UKELA and currently Chair of the Environmental Law Foundation (ELF).

Doug Bryden, Head of Environment and Safety Law at Travers Smith LLP

Doug joined Travers Smith in 2010 and became a partner in 2012. Doug specialises in UK, EU and international environmental and health & safety law and policy. In addition to advising on environmental and safety aspects of corporate and real estate transactions and projects, he has particular experience in renewable energy, product stewardship and chemicals, contaminated land, health and safety, ethical investment and ESG and environmental and safety litigation and regulatory defence

Matthew Townsend, Head of London Environmental Law Practice, Partner at Allen & Overy

Matt is head of the London Environmental Law practice. He advises on the full range of environmental, health and safety and climate change matters across a broad range of corporate, real estate projects and finance-related matters. He has particular experience in contaminated land, climate change, carbon, waste management, producer responsibility for recycling and the regulation of chemicals (including REACH).

Matt is recognised by independent legal directories as being one of the top environmental lawyers in Europe. "The *"impressive"* Matthew Townsend is head of the firm's London environment team and wins particular praise for his expertise in REACH, energy and climate change matters. He also maintains an excellent reputation for MA work." Chambers UK 2012

The Legal 500 UK 2011 directory notes that practice head Matthew Townsend, demonstrates a "high level of knowledge and willingness to understand client needs".

Georgie Messent, Environment Partner at Bond Dickinson LLP

Georgie specialises in advising clients on environmental and health and safety compliance, both in relation to day to day operations and in all aspects of major infrastructure projects and transactions. She practices in contentious and non-contentious environmental advice, is a Solicitor Advocate with rights of audience in the Higher Courts and is particularly experienced in waste, site closure and contaminated land matters. Georgie is one of very few lawyers in the UK with in depth experience of advising clients on trading carbon credits and associated issues in both the compulsory and voluntary sectors.

Andrew Bryce, Andrew Bryce & Co

Admitted as a solicitor in 1971. He was a partner at Cameron Markby (now part of CMS Cameron McKenna) where he set up and led the Environmental Group until his departure in 1994 to set up his own sole practice Andrew Bryce & Co specialising in environmental and health and safety law. He was a founder member of the UK Environmental Law Association and Chairman from 1988 to 1991 and is an Honorary Life Member. He is a non-executive director of Augean Plc. He acts for a number of clients in the waste, industrial and energy sectors specialising in regulatory issues and criminal defence.

Lord Rees, Astronomer Royal

Martin Rees is Astronomer Royal, and was until recently Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. In 2005 he was appointed to the House of Lords, and he was President of the Royal Society for the period 2005-10. He has held many visiting positions overseas, but has been based for most of his career at Sussex University and then at Cambridge, as a professor, director of an institute, and college fellow. He has won many international awards for his research and is a member of numerous foreign academies. He has been president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science (1994-95) and a trustee of the British Museum, the Science Museum, the Kennedy Memorial Trust, and the Institute for Public Policy Research. He is currently on the Board of the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, the Cambridge Gates Trust, and has served on many bodies connected with education, space research, arms control and international collaboration in science. He is the author of many research papers, mainly on astrophysics and cosmology, as well as numerous general articles and eight books, including 'Before the Beginning', 'Gravity's Fatal Attraction', 'Just Six Numbers', 'Our Final Century?' and (most recently) 'From Here to Infinity: scientific horizons' (Profile Books) , an expanded version of his BBC Reith Lectures