

Fountain Court improves international credentials with three new door tenants

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Fountain Court Chambers has bolstered its international reach, adding three door tenants.

The Inner Temple set, whose tenants include former head of the Family Court Sir Mark Potter and chairman of the Takeover Panel Sir Gordon Langley, has agreed terms with **Canadian commercial litigator David Wingfield**, Singapore arbitrator Lawrence Boo and New Zealand academic and barrister Peter Watts.

The appointments bring the number of door tenants at the set to 12.

Fountain Court head Timothy Dutton QC said: "Each brings considerable expertise and experience in their fields of work and adds to our growing strength in the international market. "Offering a range of advice and experience in international work is fundamental to what we do."

The bar is becoming increasingly international as disputes spinning out of the economic slump turn global.

Professor Boo is a renowned arbitrator who, until May 2009, sat as deputy chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Singapore has emerged as an important jurisdiction for sets with international outlooks, providing a route into South East Asia.

Wingfield, who qualified in Ontario, New York, and as a solicitor in England and Wales prior to his call to the bar, is **currently a partner with Canadian firm WeirFoulds**, while Watts is currently a practising door tenant with Auckland-based set Bankside Chambers.

These are rare additions for the magic circle set, which has historically preferred to grow organically.

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