

OUR **GREEN** LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION PROTOCOLS

Disputes often result in the creation of many hard copies of written documents, volumes of correspondence and travel to meet with clients, witnesses and experts, as well as travel to hearings. These elements can be damaging to our environment and are not sufficiently taken into consideration by the different parties and individuals involved in a dispute. In recognition of this damage, through AG's collaboration with The Chancery Lane Project, AG has drafted green protocols - for litigation and for arbitration - designed to ensure that disputes are conducted in a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly manner. The protocols combine general overall ambitions with modules which are designed to encourage parties to sign up to as many modules as they are comfortable with or as may be appropriate for their particular dispute. Some of the modules covered by the protocols

include written correspondence, bundle, witness statements, hearings and end of dispute provisions.

The protocols are aimed at focusing everybody's minds as to how to conduct their dispute in an environmentally responsible manner. AG has started to roll out these protocols in some of its disputes with a pilot scheme aimed at refining the protocols, with a view to encouraging opposing counsel and co-counsel to adopt the protocols in the future. These protocols are an important initiative in helping all of us to conduct our disputes in an environmentally responsible manner, and in helping our clients and peers to do the same. If you are interested in knowing more about or adopting the protocols in a dispute, please contact Nathalie Allen or Sivan Daniels.



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