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RETIRING CO-HEAD OF UK FINANCIAL LIST JOINS P.R.I.M.E. FINANCE

Sir William Blair appointed to P.R.I.M.E. Finance's Advisory Board and its Panel of Experts

The P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation, The Hague-based, charitable non-profit that oversees its Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance, proudly announces the appointment of **Professor Sir William Blair** to its Advisory Board and to its 150-strong Panel of Experts.

Sir William is a former High Court and Financial List Judge for England and Wales, and is the President of the Board of Appeal of the European Supervisory Authorities, which is the framework for financial supervision in the European Union. He was the Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court in London from 2016 to 2017. He is a member of London's Financial Markets Law Committee, as well as the Chair of the Monetary Law Committee of the International Law Association, which brings together leading professionals in the financial law field.

Sir William has written widely in the field of financial law, most recently co-editing *Banks and Financial Crime* published by the Oxford University Press in 2017.

He became Professor of Financial Law and Ethics at Queen Mary University of London in 2017. He also holds Visiting Professorships at the London School of Economics (LSE), Peking University (PKU) and East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL).

He graduated from Oxford University and practised at the English Bar, where he specialised in the law of domestic and international banking and finance. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1994, Chairman of the Commercial Bar Association between 2003 and 2005, and served as Chairman of the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Tribunal until March 2011.

He became an associate member of leading London barristers' chambers 3 Verulam Buildings in December 2017.

Regarding Sir William's appointments, Professor Jeffrey Golden, Chairman of the P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation, said: "We are thrilled that, following a highly successful career on the bench, Bill is prepared to put that experience to work in furtherance of the objectives that animate P.R.I.M.E. Finance. A jurist, a specialist practitioner and an academic may each have something to contribute to successful outcomes when financial market dispute resolution is sought. But it is a very rare thing to find one individual capable of making the contribution of all three. Sir William Blair is just such an individual. His involvement in the project considerably enhances our offering, and we are certain to benefit from it."



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About P.R.I.M.E. Finance

P.R.I.M.E. Finance (the Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance) is based in The Hague and was established to help resolve disputes concerning complex financial transactions. The organization has the support of key international regulatory bodies and is complementary to the on-going financial market regulatory reform process. The **Permanent Court of Arbitration** (PCA) is the world's oldest arbitral institution, with over a century of experience in administering complex international proceedings. P.R.I.M.E. Finance joined forces with the PCA in 2015, combining the subject matter expertise of its Panel of Experts with the PCA's administrative efficiency. While the filing address for notices of arbitration is with the PCA at its Peace Palace headquarters in The Hague, arbitrations may take place anywhere in the world, and may be facilitated by the PCA's host country agreements with a number of its Contracting Parties. As a result, parties to complex financial transactions have improved access to arbitration and mediation to resolve their disputes.

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