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Progress Report

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Foreword

As we mark the third anniversary of the founding of Legal Charter 1.5, Charter firms continue to work with their clients and each other to address the transition, tackling difficult questions and identifying areas where law firms can use their agency and spheres of influence to effect change. Membership has grown to 17 firms, with each participant contributing to at least one of the workstreams.

This report provides both a reflection on progress to date and a practical guide for what comes next. Importantly, it also reinforces the idea that, from innovative ways to raise climate finance to devising methodologies to measure and address carbon impact, meaningful change benefits from collective action across jurisdictions, sectors, and disciplines. Law shapes the frameworks within which capital moves, standards are set, and accountability is established. That is both an opportunity and a responsibility the members are committed to upholding. The Charter seeks, therefore, to assist its members to achieve their goals in relation to energy sustainability, security and affordability based on a collaborative spirit and commitment to measurable outcomes. I would like to thank the leaders in the Charter firms, whose commitment and focus make this possible.

We hope this report will inform, challenge, and inspire legal professionals and clients to engage with the transition and climate change.

**SHANE GLEGHORN, MANAGING PARTNER, WINSTON TAYLOR
AND CHAIR OF LEGAL CHARTER 1.5**

Our Mission

Legal Charter 1.5 offers a client-focused, senior executive-led approach to dealing with the challenges and opportunities presented by climate transition, supporting firms and their clients to adapt their businesses in response to a rapidly changing and increasingly unpredictable world.

Rooted in collaboration, the Charter supports firms in tackling the complex challenges of climate change and transition, helping them deepen and accelerate their response and enabling them to effectively inform, advise, and assist clients.

The Charter's mission is underpinned by four key principles:

1. Leadership: Demonstrating climate leadership internally, with clients, and across the sector
2. Innovation: Identifying and addressing climate and nature risks for law firms and their ecosystems
3. Collaboration: Demonstrable commitment to working together to deliver systems change across the sector
4. Client engagement: Working with and supporting clients to respond to climate change

Legal Charter 1.5 Theory of Change

Law firms' greatest impact is through their clients and through evidence-based, proactive and collaborative ambition-raising across the profession, focused on enabling systems change.

The Charter aims to tackle fundamental questions which enable law firms, working with and for clients, to address the risks and opportunities presented by climate change.

The Charter helps to inform clients, enabling them to seek greater support from their law firm partners in relation to climate change.

Real-world impact is delivered by:

- Helping law firms to operate and provide legal services consistent with the Charter's purpose and ambition – and disseminating the outputs of the Charter workstreams
- Providing support to clients, peers, and other key stakeholders

Law firms using agency and spheres of influence to effect change

Good Governance

Legal Charter 1.5 has a strong governance structure, with engaged senior leadership on the Advisory Council, supported by the Charter Board. The Secretariat, delivered by Achill Legal, provides both strategic and operational support to the Board and to the Workstreams.

CHARTER FRAMEWORK

Sets out:

- Purpose and scope of the Charter
- Advisory Council Terms of Reference
- Charter Board Terms of Reference
- Role of Participants
- Composition, role and appointment of Chairs
- Delegation
- Nomination and role of Secretariat
- Decision-making process and expected participation

CHARTER BOARD

- Consisting of senior lawyers, responsible business and sustainability directors from participating firms
- Minimum of one from each firm
- Oversees strategy and delivery of workplan by Secretariat
- Provides direction and support for Secretariat and acts as point of reference
- Approves budget
- Oversees and receives updates from Workstreams
- Meets at least four times a year

ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Managing partner/c-suite/senior partner (1x per member firm)
- Advises on strategic direction
- Provides leadership and insight
- Receives reports from Charter Board & Secretariat
- Meets twice a year

WORKSTREAMS

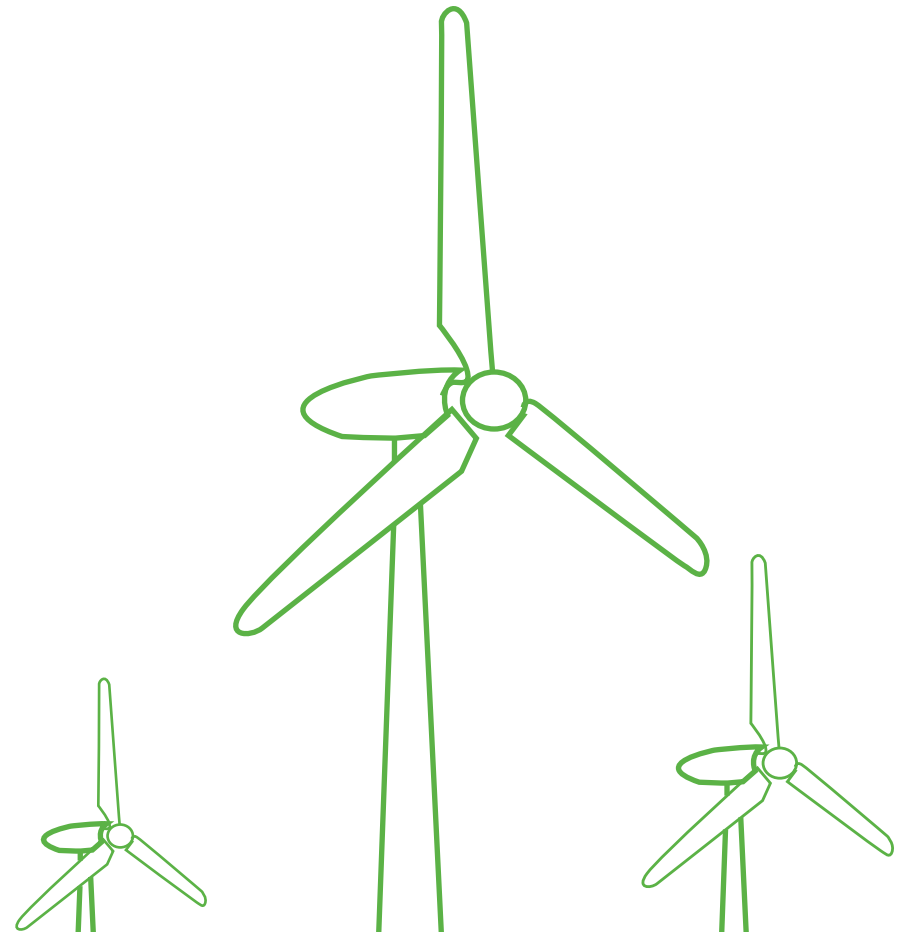
- Workstreams appointed by and report into Charter Board
- Project objectives set by Advisory Council and approved by Charter Board
- Each Workstream chaired by a representative from participating firm
- Entry is open to all Participants, with representatives nominated by each firm

How we deliver Legal Charter 1.5

The Charter's effectiveness is largely the result of the collaborative approach member firms take to deliver our mission, coming together for the workstreams to focus on tangible outcomes. Each workstream is chaired by one or more Charter firms, and all members are involved with at least one workstream.

“Joining the Charter signals a genuine commitment to taking action. It is not simply a membership organisation where participation ends at sign-up. Rather, it brings together firms to foster dialogue, collaboration, and collective effort to drive the change needed to achieve meaningful outcomes.”

PADDY LINIGHAN, CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER,
CLYDE & CO



Matter Classification – led by Bates Wells and Pinsent Masons

This workstream has been exploring the most effective way to assess the current impact of client work to meet compliance requirements and client expectations, mitigate risk, exploit opportunities, and reduce our impact on the natural world. As companies and businesses across all sectors develop and implement their net zero strategies, this will drive changes across value chains and affect how markets operate, nationally and internationally. It is crucial that our businesses respond to the risks and opportunities presented during the transition both for ourselves and our clients. Further, as the expectations of clients, suppliers, regulators and wider stakeholders increase, so will the disclosure and reporting requirements for our businesses.

Within this context we have developed an approach that provides both the Charter and the wider sector with a tool that allows law firms to tag matters either at opening or ex-post as a way of identifying where a firm's work sits in relation to climate transition.

The Matter Classification Tool (illustrated on p.6), produced by the workstream in early 2025, offers a simple methodology for law firms to classify matters according to their climate impact and contribution to the global climate transition. At the time of publication, this tool has been accessed over 2,000 times.

The tool, and data collected by firms, can be used for a variety of purposes, including:

To manage climate-related risk: the tool provides a methodology and starting point for understanding material risks within a firm's portfolio of matters and clients in relation to the global climate transition.

To identify opportunities: the tool will assist our businesses to understand and identify growing and changing areas of our portfolios of matters and clients as economies transition to net zero locally, nationally and globally.

To increase engagement with stakeholders and manage stakeholder expectations: the tool may be used to increase engagement with a range of internal and external stakeholders including existing and potential clients, suppliers, investors, and employees.

To manage climate-related reporting disclosures, and due diligence in response to regulations: increasingly, our businesses will be in scope of mandatory climate-related disclosures reporting, and due diligence requirements – for example, aligned with the TCFD1 framework, the international standards IFRS 1 & 2, and/or emerging requirements in Europe and the UK.

To set KPIs and targets and track progress in relation to these emerging frameworks: revenues generated from matters categorised according to each Climate Impact box 1–5 (see tool on p6 of this report) may be determined, baselined, tracked, and reported on annually over time to show progress towards pre-determined targets. Once firms have established their baseline, for example, by looking at the amount of revenues generated from matters attributed to each Climate Impact box 1–5 during a specified period, they may consider establishing target(s) to work towards in line with their climate-related strategy and transition plan and then report on their progress towards that target(s).

To align with firm's climate-related commitments, targets and climate transition plans and manage greenwashing risk: applying the tool provides an opportunity for firms to assess whether their advisory services to clients are aligned with their climate-related commitments, targets, and climate transition plans, on an ongoing basis.

The Tool: Classifying matters for climate impact

IN RELATION TO THE MATTER, WHAT KIND OF ADVICE IS IT?

TAGS

CLIMATE IMPACT

Use the question logic on page 16 to determine the climate impact of the matter

ALIGNING

Matter enables Low Carbon Transition and/or Positive Climate Action.

Client is Paris-aligning.

TRANSITION

Matter enables Low Carbon Transition and/or Positive Climate Action.

Client is not Paris-aligning, or it cannot be determined if it is Paris-aligning.

ADVICE TYPE	TRANSACTION			LITIGATION	REGULATION
CLIENT SECTOR/ JURISDICTION	TAG FOR EACH SECTOR AND/OR JURISDICTION IN WHICH FIRM WISHES TO TRACK IMPACT				
ESG ISSUES (UN Global Compact)	CLIMATE		ENVIRONMENT		HUMAN RIGHTS
	mitigation, adaptation, resilience		pollution, nature, water, waste		modern slavery, forced/child labour

NEUTRAL (ALIGNING)

Matter has minimal negative impact on climate, and positive climate impact is not a primary focus of the matter.

Client is Paris-aligning.

NEUTRAL

Matter has minimal negative impact on climate, and positive climate impact is not a primary focus of the matter.

Client is not Paris-aligning, or it cannot be determined if it is Paris-aligning.

NOT ENGAGED

Where the matter may have more than a minimal negative impact on climate or does not fall within the other categories.

FINANCE

OTHER

LABOUR

D&I, conditions,
rights of association

GOVERNANCE

ethics, anti-bribery
and corruption

ADVISED EMISSIONS, LED BY DWF & DLA PIPER INTERNATIONAL

Advised or serviced emissions represents a challenge for law firms, with many still choosing not to engage as reporting is not mandatory and there is, as yet, no accepted or agreed methodology, unlike carbon emissions measurement defined by GHG Protocols Scopes 1,2 & 3. However, the proposed changes in standards being considered during 2026 by the international organisations SBTi, GHG Protocol and ISO, suggest that service providers will soon be required to measure and report on emissions associated with the provision of client advice.

Legal Charter 1.5 is leading the legal sector in developing a robust approach that builds on the best practice implemented by both the financial and the advertising sectors.

We have taken as our starting point this definition: 'those emissions arising from the work of professional service providers – lawyers, accountants, consultants and advertisers – from the indirect emissions associated with a company's value chain, including those generated by the use of its services'.

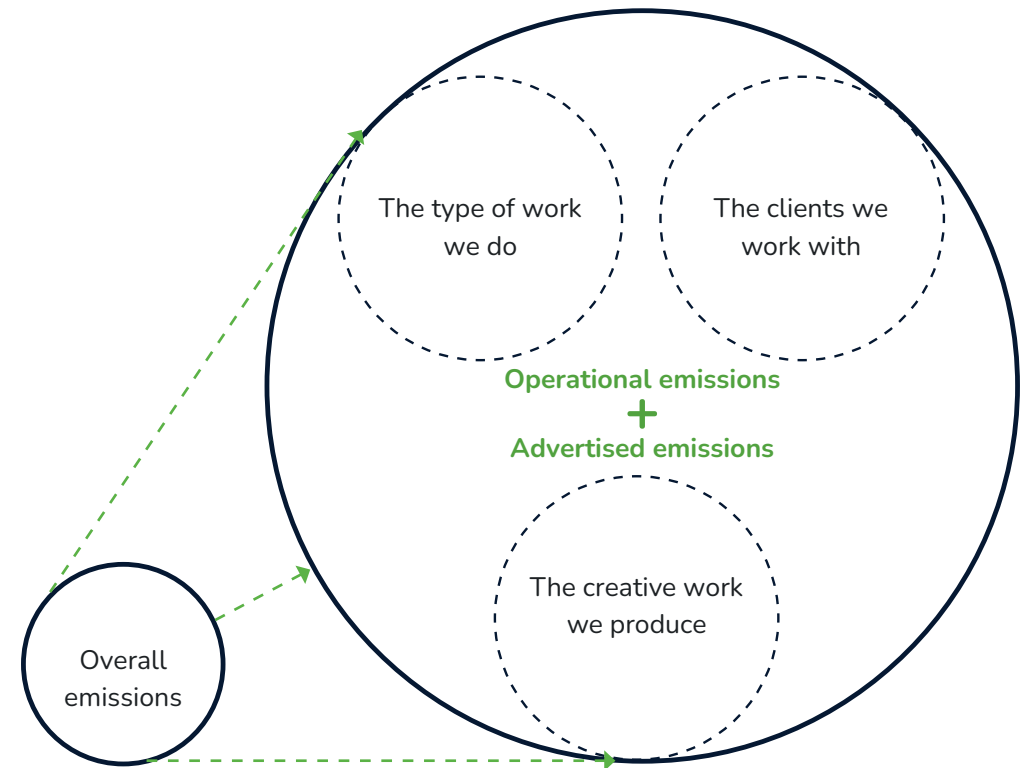
For a law firm these emissions relate to those arising from advice to clients.

The Advised Emissions workstream focuses on two main areas: advocacy and methodological development.

Under this workstream we are leading the Oxford Serviced Emissions Hub work for the legal sector, building on the work of Purpose Disruptors and Race to Zero.

Thanks to Bates Wells for their support in shaping and scoping the Advised Emissions workstream.

CURRENT REALITY AND FUTURE AMBITION



Current reality:

Focus on operational emissions (AdNetZero, AdGreen, GARM)

Future ambition:

Focus on full value chain, meet stated ambition to help create a sustainable future, ability to address the surround sound of pressure

Diagram replicated from original, with thanks to Purpose Disruptors.

EDUCATION AND UPSKILLING LED BY DWF AND GOWLING WLG

Greater climate literacy for lawyers, across all areas of practice, is a core theme for both this workstream and the Charter. In 2025 the Education workstream brought together a partnership of SMI, NZLA, Legal Sustainability Alliance, with support from Clyde & Co and Ashurst, to develop a hub resource – The Climate Change Legal Knowledge Hub. The group identified and collated over 150 educational resources, at beginner, intermediate and advanced level, both free to use and paid for, which are now on a free-to-access hub platform with over 1000 active users to date.

The workstream, now led by DWF and Gowling WLG, is building on that foundation. Working in partnership with the Sustainable Markets Initiative (SMI) Legal Task Force, we are creating a new ‘Sustainability Training Platform for Legal Professionals’, which replicates the existing SMI platform developed for Government lawyers. Our platform will benefit a wider group of legal professionals in private practice and in-house roles, forming part of a collective effort to help the profession better understand and respond to the foreseeable and material legal implications of climate change, nature loss and wider systemic sustainability risks.

Developed by legal professionals for legal professionals, the platform will bring together a curated suite of free-to-access, self-paced training modules, delivered by expert practitioners with experience translating complex sustainability topics into practical legal insight.

At launch, the platform will include a set of foundational modules designed to establish a shared baseline understanding of the scale and urgency of the transition, and how this is increasingly gaining legal force. These will be complemented by a number of introductory deep-dive modules, with further topic specific modules added over time. These deeper dives will explore how legal risks and opportunities manifest in particular transition contexts (for example, energy, finance and the built environment), and the role we can play in supporting modules, transition-aligned decision-making.

Meaningful change benefits from collective action...

MEANINGFUL OFFSETTING - UNLOCKING CLIMATE FINANCE, LED BY FRESHFIELDS

This workstream explores innovative ways to collaborate and maximise firms' carbon credit budgets, creating projects with high social outcomes, which also provide vital climate mitigation and adaptation. The group's key project has been in Nandi, Kenya, a groundbreaking collaboration between eight law firms and Save the Children Global Ventures working with smallholder tea farmer cooperatives, community conservation groups and local government to develop a project that invests in ecosystem restoration and agroforestry.

The focus for 2026–27 is to work with Save the Children Global Ventures to expand the project and roll it out across both the Charter and the wider legal sector, as well as encouraging Charter firms to convene groups of clients to work alongside their panel law firms to provide a second wave of investors.

“Through Legal Charter 1.5, participating law firms are flipping the emphasis of their carbon offset spend by pooling their carbon offsetting budgets to fund impact. By investing in this project, rather than buying credits from brokers, they are establishing a new community-led nature-based solutions project that will improve livelihoods, child nutrition and climate resilience.”

KAYNE HARWOOD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CLIMATE FINANCE,
SAVE THE CHILDREN GLOBAL VENTURES



A SNAPSHOT FROM NANDI, KENYA

In early 2026, the Nandi Carbon project moved from early mobilisation into tangible delivery on the ground, with strong momentum building across nurseries, farmer engagement and systems strengthening.

Twelve community nurseries were fully upgraded, providing a solid platform for large-scale indigenous tree and avocado propagation, led by self-help groups across all target locations. A total of 189,548 seedlings were propagated in March (bringing February–March propagation to just over 201,000 vs a target of 200,000).

In addition, 5,147 seedlings were transplanted to farms, marking the start of expanded on-farm tree establishment. By the end of the month, 38,940 indigenous seedlings were ready for planting in April to work towards the target of 45,000.

Community mobilisation and farmer onboarding also accelerated. Six community barazas (meetings) were convened across Emgwen, Aldai, Nandi Hills and Tindiret, helping to deepen local ownership and

communicate project goals. Farmer enrolment reached 618 by coordinators and KEDU field facilitators, while all 13 field facilitators remained active across 13 locations, ensuring regular presence and technical support at community level. Avocado grafting capacity was strengthened through four completed trainings, with nurseries now beginning to operationalise these skills as scion supply stabilises.

Alongside delivery, the team invested in the systems needed for long-term scale and integrity. Individual nursery verification was completed, data cleaned and activity timelines set, enabling much tighter monitoring. Dedicated record-keeping custodians have now been appointed in all active nurseries, supported by a structured reporting system that will feed real-time nursery and transplanting data into CommCare (Save the Children's database for monitoring and reporting). With the onset of rains improving the availability and diversity of wildings (indigenous seedlings), and clear targets communicated for April, the project is well positioned to accelerate planting in the coming months, underpinned by strong collaboration between Kiptapkei, KEDU and Save the Children Kenya.





CLIMATE FOCUSED PRO BONO

In its first two years, Charter firms responded to requests for support from the One Million Hours campaign – supporting 10 separate projects from a range of organisations including: Bonsucro, Algreen Ltd, Opportunity Green, Energise South Downs, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, Start Up Valencia, Wildlife and Countryside Link and Oxford Martin School.

PRO BONO WORKSTREAM – LED BY GOWLING WLG

This workstream is now developing an approach to collaborative pro bono, identifying larger scale projects with NGOs and not-for-profits. Proposals include knowledge sharing and pro bono provision to the Wildlife and Countryside Link network in collaboration with LawWorks, and potential support for Legal Response International, Environmental Law Foundation, and Blue Marine Foundation.

Hayling Island Sailing Club. Rooftop solar installation project delivered by community energy not-for-profit Energise South Downs, with pro bono support from Legal Charter 1.5.

Partnership
Transition Leadership
Knowledge Material Impact
Spheres of Influence
Unprecedented Upskilling Governance
Challenge Commitment
Agency Opportunity Business Risk
Inspire Rule of Law Climate Change
Ambition Client Engagement
Systems Change Innovation Inform
Pro Bono Purpose
Collaboration Polycrisis Habitat loss
Urgency
Collective Action

THE CLIMATE POLICY MONITOR - A PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP

Significant pro bono has also been leveraged to support one of our partnership projects – The Oxford Policy Monitor, a global initiative to track net zero policies in 37 jurisdictions across 6 domains (carbon credits; climate-related disclosure; green prudential rules; methane abatement; public procurement; and transition planning) covering 85% of global emissions and 87% of GDP.

The policies are tracked using pro bono legal expertise across the jurisdictions providing detailed data to allow the Monitor to map and analyse national regulation, law, and policy shaping climate mitigation efforts.

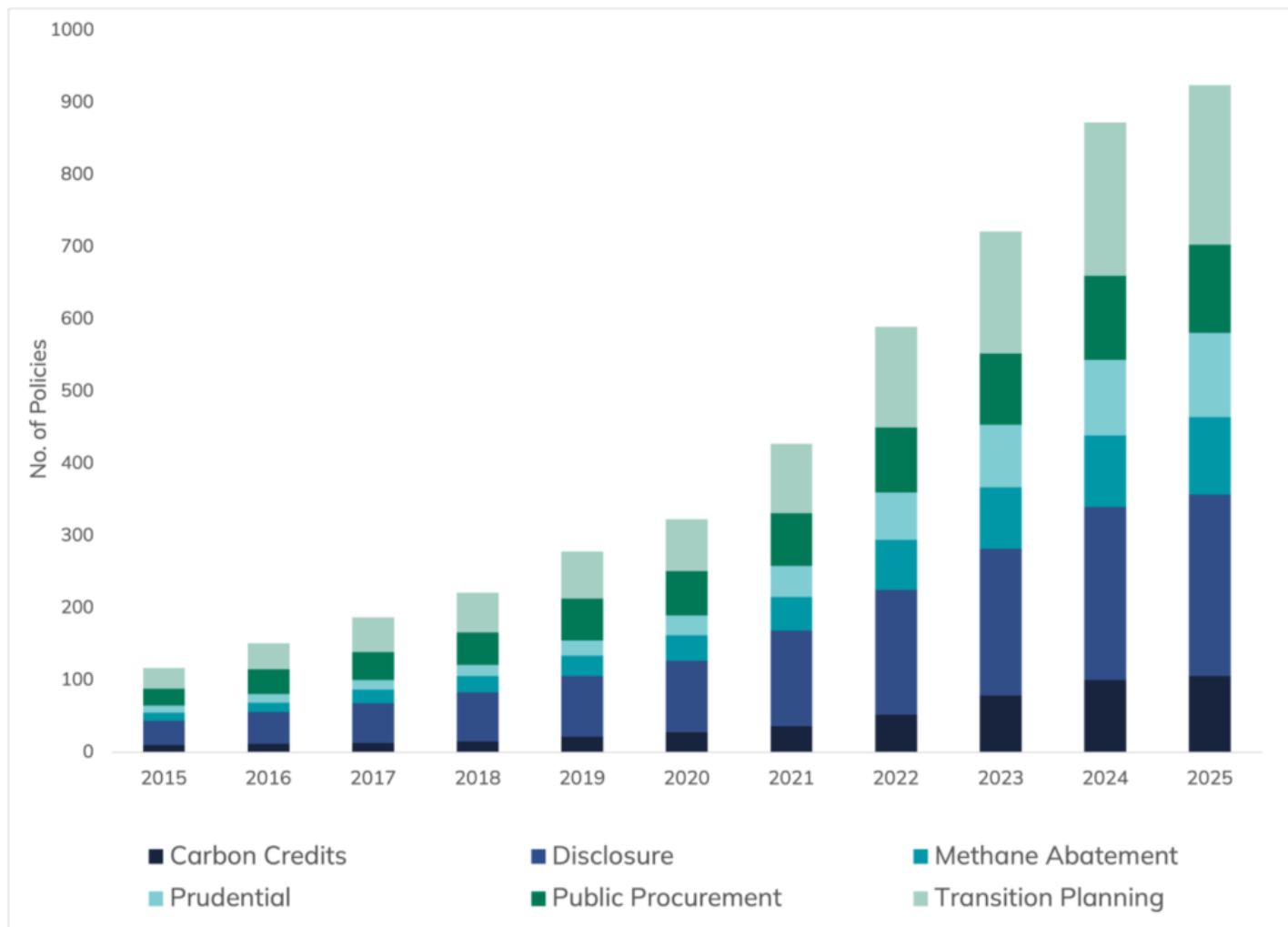
The Charter has been involved in the early design of the Monitor and since its launch in 2023, representatives from Charter firms and the Secretariat sit on the Advisory Board, with Amanda Carpenter co-chairing the new Nature and Law Working Group.

Charter firms who have participated globally include:

- Dentons
- DLA Piper International
- DWF
- Freshfields
- Gowling WLG
- Pinsent Masons
- Shoosmiths
- Slaughter and May
- Winston Taylor (formerly Taylor Wessing)

The Charter sponsored the Oxford Climate Policy Monitor Annual Symposium in 2025 and 2026 – an international gathering of lawyers, GCs, academics, policy makers and senior leaders who come together to discuss the global uncertainty caused by the polycrisis, climate governance, the rule of law, the risk and opportunities facing lawyers and law firms. Speakers have included:

- **Frans Timmermans** – Former Executive Vice President of the European Commission for the European Green Deal and European Commissioner for Climate Action
- **Ngaire Woods** – Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government and Professor of Global Economic Governance
- **Cameron Hepburn** – Professor of Environmental Economics, University of Oxford
- **James Thornton** – Founder of Client Earth
- **Joelle Grogan** – BBC Radio 4 Presenter of the ‘The Law Show’
- **Thomas Hale** – Co-Director of OCPH and Professor in Global Public Policy
- **Thom Wetzer** – Co-Director of OCPH and Associate Professor in Law and Finance
- **Helena Vines Fiestas** – Commissioner of the Spanish Financial Markets Authority (CNMV) and Chair the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance



Where and how can you – as a law firm – make a material impact?

Partnerships

Legal Charter 1.5's work has been made possible by unprecedented collaboration between leading law firms. Beyond this, partnerships developed across the wider sustainability ecosystem have extended both the reach and impact of these efforts.

Our thanks goes to our partners:

The Bar Council of England and Wales

Centre for Climate Engagement – Hughes Hall University of Cambridge

Chapter Zero

Cornerstone Chambers

Environmental Law Foundation

Grantham Institute – Climate Change and the Environment

The Law Society

Legal Sustainability Alliance

NZLA

Oxford Net Zero – Oxford University

Serviced Emission Hub – Oxford Net Zero

Sustainable Markets Initiative – Legal Taskforce

Undaunted – Imperial College London, The Royal Institution

Wildlife and Countryside Link



“The Oxford Policy Monitor is a year-on-year snapshot of the state of climate-aligned regulation and policy worldwide. The main motivation behind this work is understanding, through policy tracking, whether governments are overcoming the implementation gap – and turning their climate goals into action on the ground.

Legal Charter 1.5 plays such a critical role, not only by shining a spotlight on the role of lawyers and law firms in the transition to net zero, but by helping law firms coordinate and collaborate to have the biggest possible collective impact.”

EMMA LECAVALIER, POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW,
OXFORD CLIMATE POLICY HUB

THE GC FORUM

General Counsel are uniquely positioned across an organisation: trusted by the board, influential with management, and setting the expectations that shape the advice they receive. The GC Forum is a senior peer group for General Counsel which aims to help them deploy their soft power on climate with their boards, their fellow executives, and their external advisers. We aim to offer Forum members the grounding, the peer community, and the tools to use their spheres of influence to keep climate risk where it belongs on the agenda, advising with confidence and authority, and contributing collectively to addressing one of the defining challenges of our time.

For our part, viewing climate and transition through a client lens is key to the Charter's success. The Forum acts as a powerful sounding board for the Charter, helping to test ideas and hold Charter firms to account, acting as a critical friend and leveraging its members' experience and skills to feed into the Charter's wider work and ambitions.

Members include representatives from finance, manufacturing, electronics, technology, pharmaceuticals, FMCG, education, insurance, transport, logistics, food distribution, the investment community, and energy transition. For 2026–7 the programme will focus on four main themes: The State of Reality, Legal Governance and Exposure, Corporate Responses and The Role of the Legal Profession.

Awards

Winner of Best Sustainability/Environmental Strategy,
Legal 500 ESG Awards 2024

Shortlisted for:

- The Legal 500 UK ESG Awards 2026 in the Best Initiative Environmental/Sustainability Strategy category
- The Chambers UK ESG: Collaborative Initiative of the Year Award 2025
- The Sustainable Impact Award at the British Legal Awards 2025



In the press

The Sustainable Law Podcast – Urgent and Existential Threat – has the ICJ Advisory Opinion changed the legal landscape? Featuring Shane Gleghorn, UK Managing Partner at Winston Taylor (formerly Taylor Wessing) and Chair of Legal Charter 1.5

The Lawyer – Six reasons why law firms must collaborate to fight climate change, by Amanda Carpenter

The Law Society Gazette – City Firms pool budgets to mitigate impact of climate change

The Times – City Law Firms Unite for Climate Action

ESG Foundation – Save the Children Global Ventures Partners with Eight Leading Law Firms to Deliver Child Focused Climate Adaptation in Vulnerable Communities

Law.com – Freshfields and Slaughter and May Among Firms Teaming Up to Fund Climate Action

Law 360 – Law Firms Team Up to Fund \$5M Climate Action in Kenya

Legal Cheek – City Law Firms Join Forces

Sustainable Views – FT - Long-term adaptation project offers blueprint for scalable 'high-impact' private sector climate funding

My Green Pod – Save the Children Partners with Leading Law Firms

Legal Futures – Big firms to assess impact of their advice on climate change

Global Legal Post – Prominent City firms sign climate crisis pledge



Events

Legal Charter 1.5 has been involved in a number of events including:

The Inaugural Dinner of the Legal Charter 1.5 Advisory Council

Hosted by: Winston Taylor (formerly Taylor Wessing)

The Oxford Climate Monitor Symposium 2025 and 2026

Held at Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

Developing a Strategic Approach to Climate Finance – Unlocking Value Through Collaborative Investment

Hosted by: Simmons & Simmons

Serviced Emissions Standards Masterclass with Alexis McGivern

Hosted by: DLA Piper International

Beyond Belém: Charting Regulatory Horizons with the Oxford Climate Policy Monitor

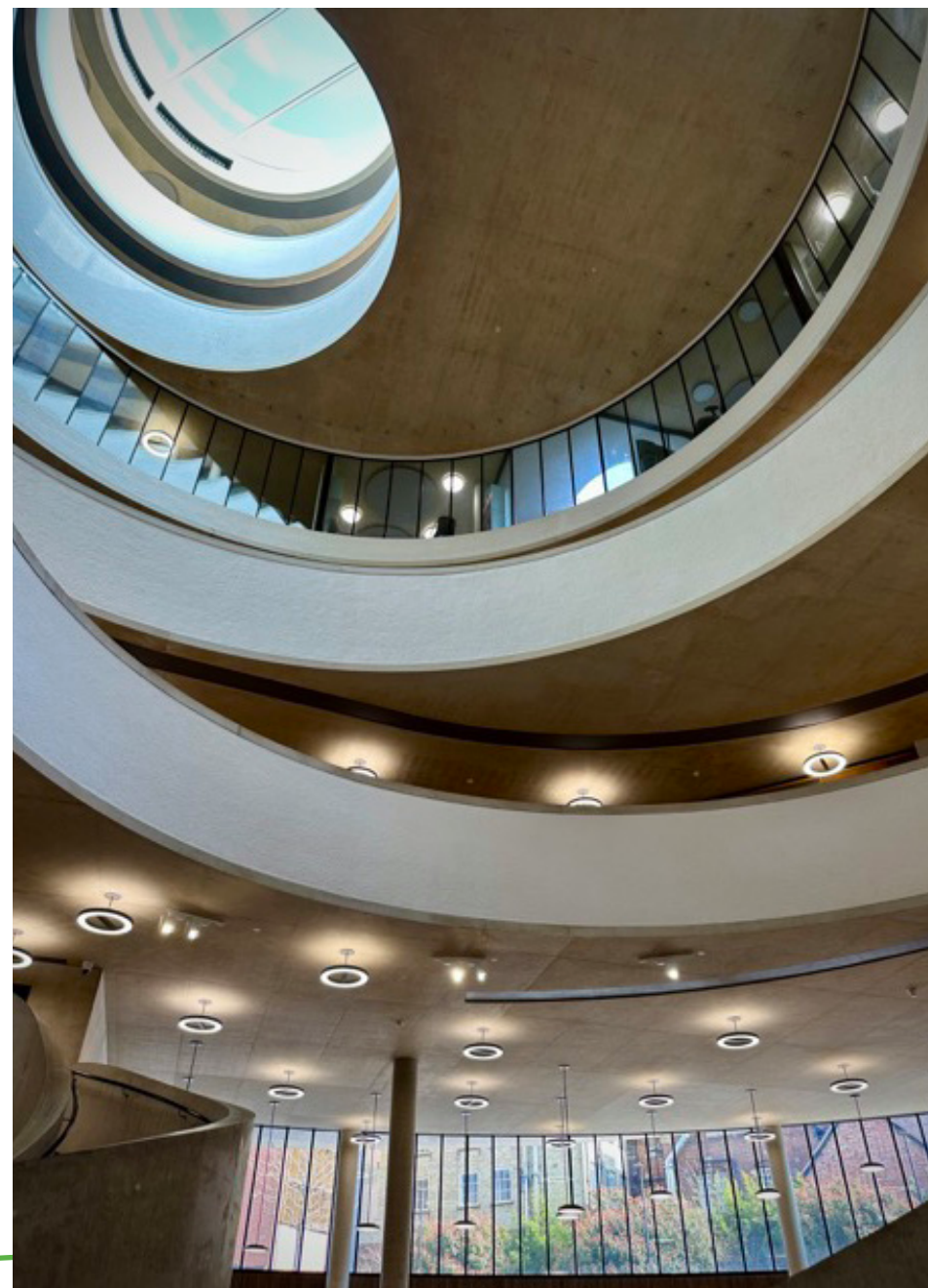
Hosted by: Pinsent Masons

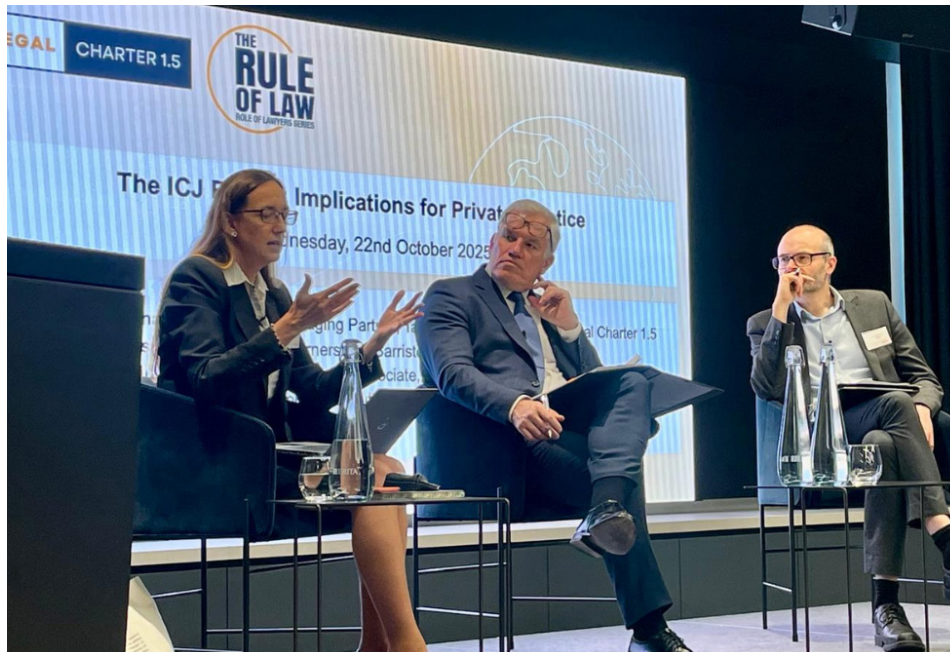
Launch of the Oxford Net Zero Serviced Emissions Hub

Hosted by: Clyde & Co

The ICJ Ruling: Implications for Private Practice

Hosted by: Ashurst





“You must start by considering where your firm is relevant to climate change. How are its physical, geopolitical and regulatory impacts impacting affecting you and your clients. Do you understand the risks and opportunities in the transition? Where and how can you – as a law firm – make a material impact? Legal Charter 1.5 allows law firms to think about where they can most contribute to addressing climate change, as well as the justice and equity considerations that need to be taken into account within that transition.”

ALEX RHODES, HEAD OF MISHCON PURPOSE,
MISHCON DE REYA

Where next?

The Charter continues to grow and develop its reach across the legal sector. Our plans for 2026–27 are based on an interdisciplinary approach, finding ways for the collective legal expertise of Charter firms to collaborate across the industry, as well as with experts, academics, policy makers and leading thinkers to find holistic solutions that address the intersection of the legal and regulatory frameworks with the climate change measures needed to support energy and systems transition. Our focus on the importance of the rule of law, working in partnership across the sector and beyond, will enable the Charter to influence legal, regulatory and policy frameworks that best enable our clients to respond to global challenges and the weakening of multilateralism.

Our priorities for 2026–27 are to:

- lead the conversation on the climate transition across the legal profession and focus Board attention on the climate and nature crisis by expanding the Charter’s influence across the sector and beyond
- develop meaningful partnerships across the profession, academia, policymakers and regulators to support a multi-disciplinary response to the climate and nature crisis
- inform and support clients by focusing on the business risks, relevance and opportunities presented by the climate transition

To deliver these priorities we will continue to expand the reach and deliverables from our established workstreams – **Education, Offsetting and Pro Bono** to include:

- Sustainability Training Platform for Legal Professionals
- Carbon Literacy Training and a legal sector toolkit

- A collaborative pro bono project with an environmental NGO, embedding climate pro bono in Charter firms and upskilling lawyers
- A guide on “how to make the best of pro-bono for NGOs”
- An expansion of our offsetting/ climate finance project – with greater take up of the Nandi project

NEW WORKSTREAMS

Business Risk and Opportunity – provides a practical focus on climate scenarios and risk assessments – physical, transitional, and reputational – developing a suite of resources for firms and clients.

Advised Emissions – those emissions arising from client advice.

There are two main areas for this workstream: advocacy- creating a compelling narrative that explains how an advised emissions approach benefits law firms’ and their clients; and methodology development.

Working in partnership with consultants and the Oxford Serviced Emissions Hub, we aim to develop a robust methodology that is both appropriate for the legal sector and allows the Charter to stay ahead of the curve on the proposed changes to standard frameworks (SBTi, GHG Protocol). We will be able to feed into the standards consultations at an early stage aiming to feed into consultations at an early stage. This will be followed by work to develop a robust quantitative methodology for measuring advised emissions.

GC Forum – a revised and refreshed GC Forum will explore the State of Reality, Legal and Governance, Corporate Responses and the Role of Legal Profession in four substantive, discussion-led sessions per year.



The Charter has a Competition Law Statement that is read out at all formal meetings.

1. The Legal Charter 1.5 is committed to full compliance with relevant competition laws. Participants are reminded that competition law prohibits competitors from disclosing, discussing or exchanging competitively sensitive information.

2. As such, discussions at this meeting must be confined to the pre-circulated agenda; and in any event should not stray into topics that require the disclosure of – or otherwise raise – competitively sensitive information.

Such information will generally include any of the following to the extent not already publicly available

- i. Current or future pricing including fee arrangements;
- ii. Detailed financial or operational data such as revenue, costs, margins;
- iii. Commercial strategies such as marketing and expansion plans;
- iv. Terms and conditions with clients, suppliers or service providers; and
- v. Employment-related matters such as salaries and hiring practices.

3. The Chair will immediately halt any such discussion if they consider it is taking place or upon any objection being raised by yourselves. Any such actions will be recorded in the minutes.

4. By remaining in this meeting, you confirm your understanding of Clause 17.1 of the Charter Framework and reaffirm your agreement to comply with it.

“Legal Charter 1.5 represents a significant step, demonstrating the legal sector’s ambition and its position within society in driving high ambition around climate change. Lawyers and legal professionals can be powerful agents of change, particularly given the central role regulation plays in a just transition, and it’s imperative for us to step up and fulfil that role.”

KIRSTY ROGERS, CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, DWF

To inform, challenge, and inspire...

