



## **Ten practical tips for starting or growing your international practice**

1. Tell people that you are interested in international litigation or advisory work (your clerks of course, but also colleagues at the Bar, solicitors, etc);
2. Make sure your website and any directory entries are consistent with this;
3. Attend international conferences - eg the Commonwealth Law Conference or the IBA, to consider areas of practice that are compatible with yours and to network with other practitioners;
4. Use the Bar's grant scheme for young lawyers (see the flyer on our publications table or our website, or speak to Sarah from our international team for more information) -
5. Write articles for legal periodicals about a legal topic which is capable of being used on an international basis (from extradition to MLATs- Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty -treaties which prosecutors use to ask for freezing orders in other states);
6. Get involved in pro bono litigation in international cases (from death penalty human rights work to environmental issues);
7. Apply to join networking trips organised by the international committee, and join the international committee's special interest groups for China, Middle East etc.;
8. Offer to do advocacy training locally so that you can acquire experience and do it internationally;
9. Attend international events in the UK - eg Young Barristers international weekend, or North American Combar meetings in London;
10. Consider joining Bilateral Law Associations of which there are many (e.g British Russian Law Association, British Turkish Law Association, British Spanish Law Association, etc.) where you will find lawyers with international practices to gain experience from and who may recommend you or even instruct you.