

Astraea announces the appointment of geopolitical and public affairs expert John Lough to its Special Situations Advisory Panel (SSAP)

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Astraea, a legal and professional services firm specialising in commercial disputes and international enforcement, announces the appointment of geopolitical and public affairs expert John Lough to its Special Situations Advisory Panel (SSAP). John joins a panel of seasoned leaders in varied fields who have helped global organisations navigate high stakes threat events and challenging times. Astraea's panel members draw on decades of experience to provide strategic counsel and support, both internally and to clients.

John has a wealth of experience across diplomacy, business and public affairs as well as specialist expertise on Russia and the Eurasian region, both of which complement Astraea's strong track record of commercial dispute resolution and international enforcement. He is currently the Head of Foreign Policy at the New Eurasian Strategies Centre and an Associate Fellow with Chatham House's Russia & Eurasia Programme. John worked in Russia for several years, including in a senior public affairs role at the oil joint venture TNK-BP from 2003-2008. Prior to that, he spent six years with NATO and was the first Alliance official to be based in Moscow.

John comments on his recent appointment:

"Astraea's multidisciplinary approach to commercial dispute resolution and its first-rate team mean the firm is well placed to plan and execute complex strategies in the Eurasian region and beyond. I am looking forward to engaging with both the Astraea team and clients".

A comment from Nina Stewart, Managing Partner, Astraea:

"Astraea does things differently. We pride ourselves on our innovative, multidisciplinary approach, which means we can get under the skin of a dispute and find a way forward, even in the most challenging and complex environments. John is a fantastic new addition to our panel, and we look forward to including his perspective in our strategies and thought leadership".

The full list of Astraea's Special Situations Advisory Panel is as follows:

- Sir Michael Rake
- Simon Lewis, OBE
- Kathryn Ludlow
- Dr Jamil El-Imad
- John Lough

If you would like further information about Astraea's multidisciplinary offering or the Special Situations Advisory Panel, please contact Tanya Costello, Strategy Director.





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