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GOD'S LAWYERS

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ABOUT US

The Paladins were historical knights in the service of Emperor Charlemagne, committed to fighting in service of the cause of good.

We are a network of the highest quality of professional people who undertake the very most challenging professional mandates for their select clients. We work in the field of law, investigations, crisis management, emergencies, disaster relief, international development, threats to life and liberty, threats to business, threats to government, security, terrorism, unstable politics and legal and physical danger. We strive to act without fear or favour.

We choose our clients and our work with the utmost care and prior due diligence. We do not generally market our services. If anyone approaches you offering services for sale under our moniker, be sceptical and use our contact form to make sound enquiry of us. Where we charge a fee (and we assess the matter upon an ability to pay basis), it is substantial and often without guarantee of success.

As an organisation we have no religious affiliations, although individual members of our team are at liberty to choose to have any religious beliefs or none. Notwithstanding, we only undertake work we consider ethical. We aim always to act with integrity and in the greater good. If your goals are not consonant with that principle, then we will be unable to work with you.

Nevertheless, the ends justify the means.

We abhor discrimination of every kind, and we seek to thwart it where that is possible and lawful.

We work with a variety of other individuals, organisations and networks around the world to achieve the results our clients desire. Where we accept a mandate, because we will be satisfied of the nobility of the cause, we will use all lawful means necessary to achieve our client's goals.

As a rule, our membership and the networks with whom we work are confidential. Where we cannot tell our clients who we are working with, we will explain why.

Where we are asked to conduct work regulated by governments, we will invariably work with or through regulated persons and entities.

We will never reject a mandate purely because it appears upon first impression too difficult. If a lost cause is just, then it is not lost. There is always a way to wield the cold sword of justice.

We require that our clients be fully open with us from the outset, and that they do not lie to us. We are always available for deployment, anywhere around the world, on the shortest notice. If you need us in a far-flung place straight away, we will find the resources to fulfil your needs.

We never act without clients; we do not act alone. We act upon the instructions and wishes of clients who have awarded us specific mandates that we have accepted, and not otherwise. We are no lone wolves.

We always require that our clients permit us to show mercy if, and only if, that is appropriate.

LITIGATION

We have experience, both as a team and through our network, of litigating politically and commercially sensitive disputes across the world. We also manage any media and publicity exposure that arises out of using the courts.

We are regarded as some of the most ferocious and effective litigators worldwide. We operate on the model of a small team of ruthlessly determined people, focused always upon obtaining leverage and planning long-term strategy: for litigation is seldom a quick process.

We have extensive experience of international criminal litigation, including international arrest warrants, the international police information sharing services, extradition, asset freezing, disputes with international authorities and international organisations, forum shopping and the use of courts to achieve the best results. We have extensive experience of international arbitration and other international courts and tribunals of which few lawyers have significant practical experience.

We pride ourselves on using the legal process to achieve political or other leverage in order to produce a client's preferred outcome. The advice we provide is mostly, but not exclusively, strategic. We can advise clients where to litigate, how to collect evidence, and when to negotiate.

In all cases we work with locally regulated law firms where that is appropriate. We have a network of effective lawyers for specific types of case across the globe.

We decline to act in routine commercial litigation, save where there is a specific political or other sensitive aspect to the claim. We are happy to recommend international commercial law firms for standard commercial litigation, and to also to work in partnership with them where that is useful.

The cases in which we serve as principal counsel have the very highest stakes, never limited to money. At this stage we show our teeth.

We strike the fear of God into our opponents.



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LIAISON

Sometimes you need to contact someone, to negotiate a political or commercial arrangement, or for some other purpose. However you may not know how to contact them. Or you may need to approach them deniably. Or you may need assistance with structuring a negotiation.

We can assist with all these matters. We research the most effective method of contacting any person, using our extensive network of contacts. We specialise in conducting the most delicate of negotiations. Between the people in our network, we have hundreds of years of experience of handling the most sensitive matters.

Sometimes negotiations are undertaken in total privacy. Sometimes they are undertaken in public, using the media. One way of contacting a person who does not want to be contacted is to write something they will read. One needs to know the person well, to know what to write that will cause them to take notice in the right way.

We can also make contact with organisations you may need to speak to, but where it is not straightforward to make those contacts.

We can serve as mediators in complex disputes that are crying out for resolution, working as shuttle diplomats.

We have colossal experience of the painstaking work involved in so-called "Track II diplomacy", that is to say informal diplomacy between nations undertaken with a commercial, academic or other pretext. We have been staffed over periods of months and indeed years with such projects.

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INVESTIGATION

There are many private investigators, and we do not pretend to replace them. If you need to know more about a person, an entity or a transaction, there are many firms available in different jurisdictions to assist you. We are happy to work with such firms for the most part, as long as they do not have a reputation for committing crimes. We are also happy to recommend such companies. The services private investigators provide are usually limited to human intelligence acquired through tracking people.

For the most part, our services in this field involve the investigation of crimes, other wrongdoings, or inexplicable events, when the Police and other law enforcement authorities have proven wanting, corrupt or unable to act. This is an unusual service that most private investigators cannot credibly pretend to undertake. We have relationships with law enforcement organisations across the world, sometimes in such a position as to be able to take precedence over them where that is appropriate. If you think you have been the victim of crime, your most rational first stop is not necessarily with the Police.

In certain circumstances, we may undertake broader investigations into very specific people and their affairs upon a client's request. Typically this is undertaken internationally, with a network of local agents who have expertise in collecting intelligence in their jurisdictions.

Exceptionally, we undertake the investigations personally. We can combine such enquiries with liaison, where that is the client's desire. Our capacity for investigative work, always undertaken with the utmost discretion, is of the very broadest kind and with the levels of expertise used. Our methods may be unorthodox, but effective.

We will pursue debtors and assets, but only in special cases. Asset tracing in obscure jurisdictions is often a waste of time unless one is prepared to spend colossal sums of money in obtaining judicial orders freezing the assets in question.

We do not undertake investigations work relating to the separation of couples, married or otherwise; or the interests of their children under the age of majority. Nor do we engage in routine extra-judicial debt collection. We will not buy debts from creditors, for example.

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SEARCH

If you are looking for someone that you cannot find, anywhere in the world, we may be able to help you.

If you are looking to contact them, we may be able to find their contact details for you; or, with appropriate due diligence on our part first, contact them for you.

It does not matter if you do not know what they look like.

It does not matter if you do not know their name.

It does not matter if you do not know whether they are dead.

We will deploy all our resources to find missing persons, irrespective of the circumstances in which they went missing and irrespective of how long ago they went missing or to what extent it is believed that the trail has gone cold.

We have been involved in some of the most prominent missing persons cases of recent times. We will be pleased to conduct this service for our clients at their request, provided as always that the interest is a lawful one.

In many cases the purpose of a search is to establish, however reluctantly, a person's death for legal purposes and to provide evidence of the same. In this we are likewise experienced experts.

Where people are on the run from criminal law enforcement, we can assist in finding them, whether the person seeking them has interests aligned with law enforcement or otherwise. We cannot use our skills to assist a known offender to evade justice.

Some people do not want to be found, and it is those persons at whom we most excel in the application of our skills.

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COUNTER ESPIONAGE

We have exceptional experience, far beyond the norm found in industry or government, of problems in counter espionage. If you think you are the subject of surveillance, whether human or technological, we may be able to assist you. We are familiar with espionage methods across the world, and we can help you avoid being the subject of unwelcome surveillance.

We have access to some of the finest technology minds as well as a team of people who have been the subject of the highest levels of friendly and unfriendly surveillance and false interactions, and we know the methods employed by private investigators and international intelligence agencies alike.

We do not undertake routine training or technology patching; we will not advise you how to protect your business's IT systems as a general matter. We are happy to recommend and work with companies that do this sort of work. Instead we focus upon specific projects in which there is an identifiable threat of espionage, and we provide distinct advice upon how to thwart it and how to confuse it.

At all times the client must have a specific goal in mind. Surveillance is a routine feature of modern society. This website does not identify the beneficial ownership of the organisation, perhaps to assist in air of mystique; but a capable private investigator could easily find out. There is little point in trying to prevent them.

Many counter intelligence solutions involve the same philosophy: it is often worth letting your opponents find out things about you, or not trying to stop them. That way, when you want to mislead them, you have a pre-established avenue for doing so.

We work in counter espionage where the intelligence gathering they seek to resist is not only intrusive but malign and contrary to our clients' interests.

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SECURITY AND TRAVEL

Our team includes experts in foreign travel to the most precarious of environments, whether the risks involve the act of travel itself, disease, civil conflict, specific dangers of violence against the travelling person, legal hazards, risk of arrest or the detention of assets, kidnap, or the inability to return.

We do not provide bodyguard services, and we are not security consultants in the conventional sense. However we work with people providing these services, and we can recommend people who do so; but we will never commend that a client retains people who break the law and we will not be parties to arrangements in which this is intended.

Instead we provide advice on safety in specific environments and given specific dangers, and we help make discreet (or, where appropriate, indiscreet) travel arrangements.

We also provide honest advice as to whether an environment is really as dangerous as may be anticipated. Often, it is not; or the danger is not that imagined.

We have experience of negotiating the release from custody of prison inmates and persons held unlawfully, and we are prepared to serve as front line hostage negotiators.

We pride ourselves upon the following pledge: there is nowhere in the world that we cannot help a reasonable person travel to within reasonable parameters of safety and risk.

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RISK ASSESSMENT

There are many companies that undertake corporate risk assessments for clients considering investing in a particular jurisdiction or working with specific businesspeople. The starting point is often company registries, and then there is a great deal of jigsaw work.

However one also needs to know the environment in which the client is operating or proposing to operate. Patterns of high risk (i.e. international criminal) behaviour permeate in different ways across the various regions of the world. Often the smallest details give away what is going on underneath the complex charades every businessperson and politician in emerging markets operates within..

We are not experts in every country in the world, but we are experts in certain regions. Our language skills are both comprehensive and astonishing. We know the experts - or just ordinary people - to ask in most jurisdictions, and we will prepare painstaking and non-formulaic due diligence for our clients upon every aspect of a country's, entity's or person's dealings.

It is often the case that whereas one thinks one is doing business with government, in fact the government is a disguise and one is actually entering into a transaction with a private individual or company. Likewise, some transactions with ostensibly private companies turn out really to be engagements with governments or even with quasi-governmental militia groups or other sub sovereign political units. We will ensure that your eyes are open in whatever engagement you have in a potentially risky environment.

With us standing behind you, you will know what you are getting into. And we will guide you, if you want us to, and support you in the engagements you undertake. It is not just a matter of a silky report in the first instance. We will follow a transaction with you through from beginning to end, if that is the service you seek.

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THE PALADINS LEGAL

The Paladins Legal Limited will be a regulated law firm that resolves the most specialist types of civil and criminal litigation that may come before the courts of a number of countries.

We will undertake reserved work (i.e. work that requires one to be registered) only in jurisdictions in which we are registered.

We are mostly a litigation practice, that acts for parties before tribunals such as the Administrative Court (judicial review of administrative actions); applications to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal (which considers complaints against the security and intelligence agencies and their officers and agents); extradition and deportation proceedings in unusual cases; exceptional bail applications; prosecutions for criminal offences; negotiations with specific branches of the Police; witness protection; asylum applications; and commercial litigation against politically driven foreign counterparts.

As with the Paladins' broader business, the Paladins solicitors work solely with ethical mandates in the most extraordinary and complicated cases where the political stakes are high.

We are not typically the law firm you come to when you are seeking monetary compensation as your primary goal; instead we pursue more sophisticated positive political resolutions. We do not replace commercial litigation firms, and we do not have a large team to undertake enormous court filings; we undertake work that complements the work of those law firms in accordance with services we advertise upon this site.

To contact the Paladins Legal, employ the regular contact details you use for the Paladins.

The Paladins Legal is being run through a limited liability company, with which any prospective client will be asked to sign an engagement letter on the usual terms required by any appropriate regulator.

Our Managing Partner

The Paladins Legal are led by Dr Matthew Parish, one of Europe's best-known international lawyers. Dr Parish has, amongst his qualifications and achievements:

Triple First Class Honours from Christ's College, Cambridge

Top of his class (summa cum laude) at the University of Chicago Law School

Doctoral thesis supervised by the Honorable Richard J. Posner

More than 20 years of experience as a commercial litigation and arbitration lawyer; sometime partner at one of the world's leading law firms with headquarters in London

His own newly born firm was named in the Global Arbitration Review world's top 100 law firms

Ran the international component of a leading UN Secretary General candidate in 2016, that candidate ultimately coming second

Author of three books and several hundred articles about international law and international relations

Named as one of the three hundred most influential people in Switzerland

Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum

Has worked with some of the top law firms across the globe

Sometime UN peacekeeper

Specialist in volatile conflict areas

Principal area of focus: resolution of civil conflicts

Honorary Professor, Comparative Civil Law and Litigation, University of Leicester

Chief Executive, Foundation for Development

Sometime International Law Association Committee Head, New York City

Frequent journalist and writer

Sometime World Bank employee (Middle East and North Africa speciality)

The world's leading scholar on post-war Bosnia

Advocate of constructivism in international law

Critical of international courts and tribunals

Expert in trans-Balkan drug policy

Witness before the European Parliament and the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

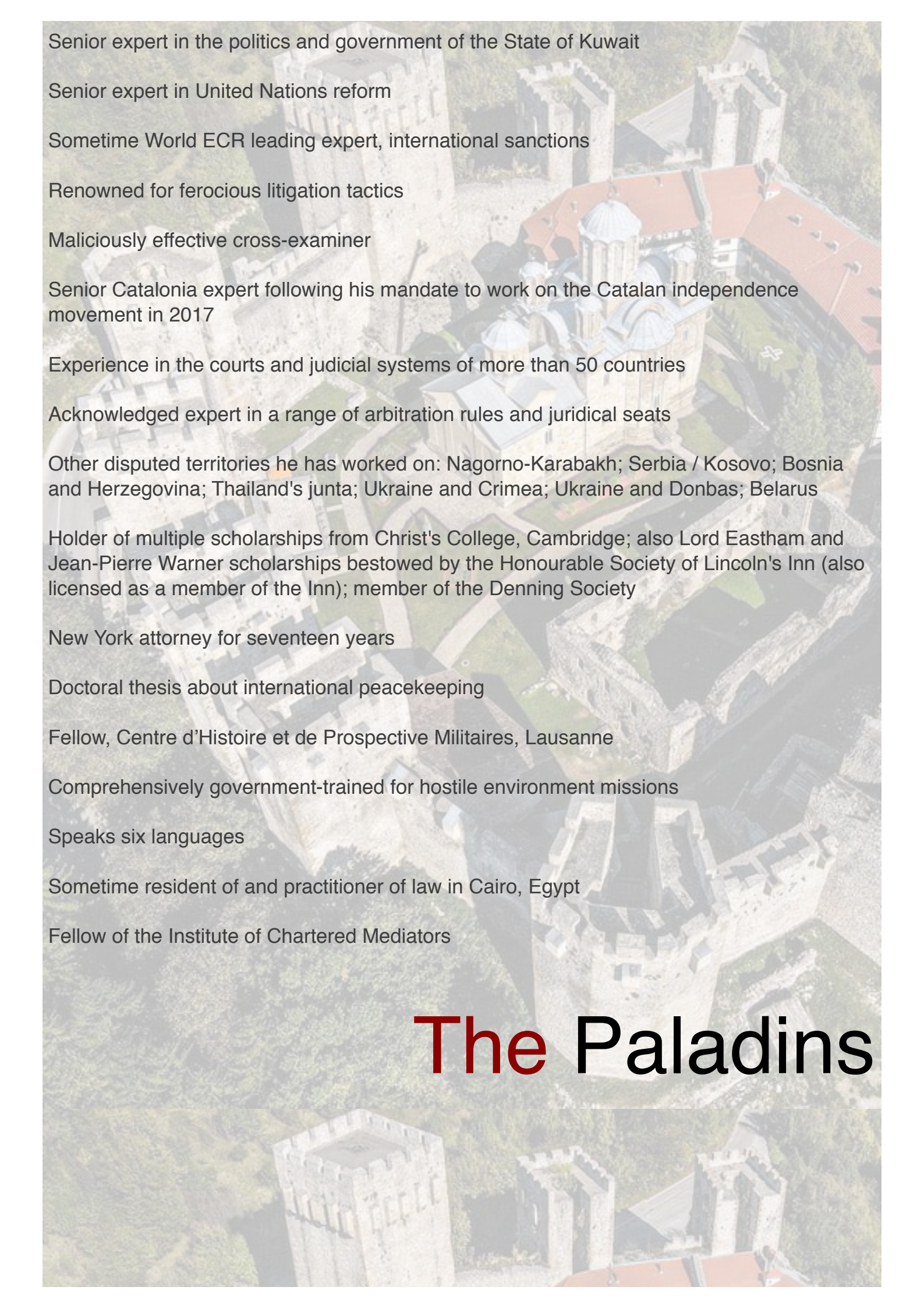
Has sat as arbitrator / counsel on multiple disputes involving state interests

Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts

Sometime clerk at the European Court of Justice

Senior western expert in Serbia policy

Western expert in Ukraine and Belarus policies



Senior expert in the politics and government of the State of Kuwait

Senior expert in United Nations reform

Sometime World ECR leading expert, international sanctions

Renowned for ferocious litigation tactics

Maliciously effective cross-examiner

Senior Catalonia expert following his mandate to work on the Catalan independence movement in 2017

Experience in the courts and judicial systems of more than 50 countries

Acknowledged expert in a range of arbitration rules and juridical seats

Other disputed territories he has worked on: Nagorno-Karabakh; Serbia / Kosovo; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Thailand's junta; Ukraine and Crimea; Ukraine and Donbas; Belarus

Holder of multiple scholarships from Christ's College, Cambridge; also Lord Eastham and Jean-Pierre Warner scholarships bestowed by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (also licensed as a member of the Inn); member of the Denning Society

New York attorney for seventeen years

Doctoral thesis about international peacekeeping

Fellow, Centre d'Histoire et de Prospective Militaires, Lausanne

Comprehensively government-trained for hostile environment missions

Speaks six languages

Sometime resident of and practitioner of law in Cairo, Egypt

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Mediators

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BATTLEFIELD EXPERTISE



The Paladins, while not offering mercenary services or anything similar, do have extensive knowledge of problems arising during wars, particularly in the context of civil conflicts. Services we offer in this area include:

Advice on armour and armaments

Risks assessments in international and civil wars

Battlefield planning and logistics

Civilian extraction services

People movement strategies across challenging terrain

Advice on small arms

Working with business partners providing hostile environment training

Ceasefire and demilitarised (buffer) zone arrangements

Street fighting and door-to-door engagements in built-up areas

Sieges of hotels and commercial premises

Orientation in dangerous cities

Release of persons in Police or prison custody in hostile environments

Refugee camp extraction and hazards of residence in refugee camps

Strategic carrier strike fleet movement

Air defence

Deepwater submarines and SLBM capabilities

AI and unmanned weapon effectiveness, including drones and sentry guns

Invasion strategies and countermeasures

Military and civilian aspects of coups d'état

Law applying to the military in theatre, and how to prevent it from stinging armed forces personnel

Federalisation agreements for divided territories

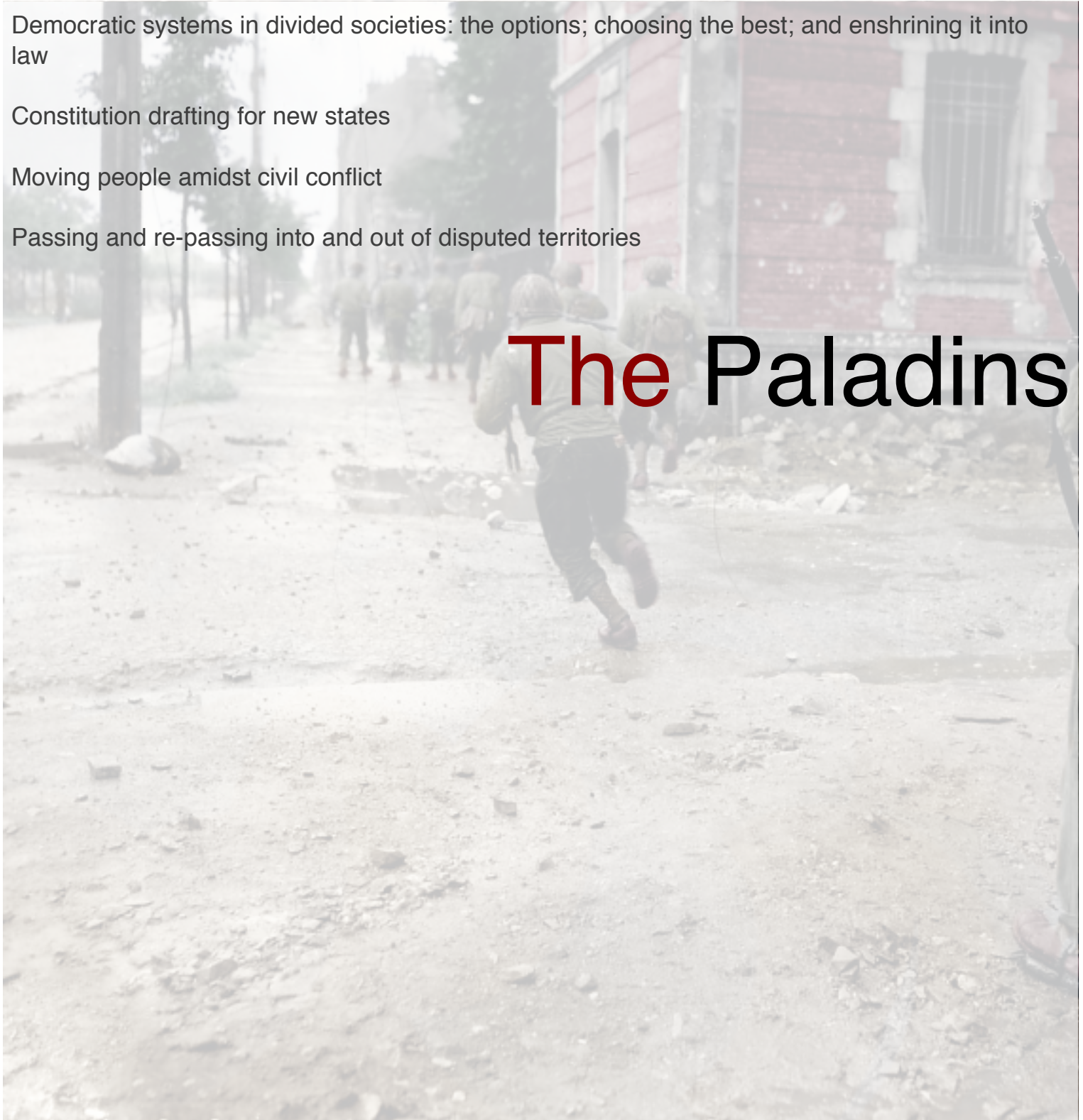
Democratic systems in divided societies: the options; choosing the best; and enshrining it into law

Constitution drafting for new states

Moving people amidst civil conflict

Passing and re-passing into and out of disputed territories

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PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Paladins offer a range of services to train organisations' personnel; to provide them with advice; and to provide assistance to them in precarious, dangerous or catastrophic circumstances. The areas in which we can assist include:

Police and law enforcement training: how to write up evidence, and how to survive cross-examination in court

Managing security force detentions for carrying narcotics for personal use only in unfavourable environments (Please note: we will not act for drug dealers in any circumstances whatsoever)

Managing problems relating to government agents or private soldiers / mercenaries who have found themselves in legal complications

Managing plans for the going to ground of "hot" personnel

Preventing cross-border travel and ancillary matters, for persons suspected of serious wrongdoing

Facilitating or fighting extradition, deportation, and denial or removal of citizenship and residency

Advising on both defensive and offensive strategies in relation to Golden Passport schemes

Immigration and border detention in hostile environments

Tactical measures against hotel room and office bugging

Training courses for electoral observers in the usual schemes of electoral fraud

Police and military restructuring arrangements

Confidential and tailored alcohol smoking and recreational narcotic rehabilitation arrangements

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SAINT PADARN'S TEA ROOM

*Poison and gas, they're for the top brass
Bullets and bus, where there's no fuss
Elevators and Cops, that's when they're flops
And the daggers? They're for hackers*

Old Russian proverb

The Paladins are pleased to open the world's first tea room, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, at the address below. Although appointments are very much preferred, by email to thepaladins2021@gmail.com, by the online form below or by telephone to our usual numbers, we will exceptionally make a table free for those who arrive without prior reservations. But we are proud of the calm and secure environment in our tea shop, and we will not brook troublemakers. The Police will be immediately called in any such instance, and you will be asked to leave immediately if you do not comply with our house regulations.

The tea shop is situated in a luxurious but discreet environment. Breakfast is served from 8am to 10am; lunch from 1pm to 3pm; and dinner from 8pm to 10pm. In extraordinary circumstances, meals can be served outside these hours upon arrival.

The Tea Shop strongly discourages the consumption of alcohol and we do not have an alcohol licence. The same goes for recreational drugs. We have access to 24-hour confidential medical facilities for people who are facing drug or alcohol addiction. Smoking is outside only. There are exceptional grounds attached to the tea shop, which permit private walking and exercise in between one's tea breaks.

Guest rooms are single-occupancy only, absent prior exceptional arrangement.

In the interests of customer privacy and quiet, we ask that all mobile telephones be kept turned off at all times in the Tea Shop, and handed in at the door; or, preferably, not brought with customers at all. Customers and their belongings may be searched at our discretion upon entry.

We offer a confidential and strictly non-judgmental environment, and we ask our customers to comply with the same philosophy.

We kindly ask for payment in cash only, and we reserve the right to ask for a payment on account upon arrival. In exceptional circumstances, we will accept a downpayment by credit card presented to us upon arrival.

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TESTIMONIALS

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The team is very well organised, dedicated to his job, responsible, honest, good at creative thinking with a solution to all problems, and client- orientated ... excellent professionals and committed hard workers, who effectively and promptly respond to clients on all requests ... and who are practically available on a 24-hour basis.

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Your work has been remarkable.

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... the people to have on your side, never ... as your enemies.

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The whole thing was just weird ... they didn't know what to say and they said they were delaying a decision until [two days later] ... what did you do to them?

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You have incredible instincts. You always seem to know what's going on, and I don't know how you do that.

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He knew the [witnesses'] evidence was completely false, and the judgment was made up. And he knew it straight away.

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_____ / _____ is a lying, cheating, dishonourable bastard.

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(Quote from a notorious international fraudster)

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You did a pretty damned good job of finding me when I disappeared ... you had my back when nobody else cared.

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This is not the time to talk to you, and I hope there never will be.

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(Former UN Under Secretary General, just before his deposal from office)

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For 24-hour service, please telephone us. WhatsApp and Session messages will typically be replied to within 6 to 24 hours, email and faxes within 24 to 48 hours, postal communications within one week of receipt.

We do not accept communications by social media such as Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn. We have no Facebook or VKontakte accounts. We do not use any of Viber, Signal, Telegram or any other messaging services except WhatsApp, Wickr and Session.

For details of our terms and conditions of engagement; working with us; employment opportunities, academic articles, marketing materials and recent news, please see our website www.the-paladins.com.

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