

# Lawyer of the Year

## WINNER

# TERRY MILLER

London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

*Ensuring London 2012 was a triumph*

The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games were a resounding success thanks to the hard work from dedicated individuals from across the capital. Terry Miller, general counsel at the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), played an integral role in ensuring the London 2012 Games were a complete triumph.

Taking the high-profile position in 2006 after 17 years at Goldman Sachs, Miller led a team of over 30 lawyers overseeing the entire legal framework for the Games and she additionally acted as LOCOG's ethical compliance officer. Her myriad tasks included not only meeting the complex terms of the International Olympic Committee's Host City Contract against tight deadlines but also drawing up over 7,000 contracts with venues, hotels, commercial partners, contractors and suppliers. Miller was tasked with protecting London 2012 intellectual property, including the brand and logo and her team faced a number of complex legal challenges along the way to the start of the Games, including the issue of raising sponsorship cash and handling the large procurement effort.



(L-R) LOCOG's Terry Miller and Tony Overy, managing director of Saunderson House

## HIGHLY COMMENDED

### LORD JUSTICE LEVESON

In 2012, Lord Justice Leveson launched the biggest investigation into the culture, ethics and practices of Britain's media as part of the fallout from the *News of the World* phone hacking scandal. Leveson published his lengthy report in late November after 12 months of hearings, which saw a number of politicians, celebrities and media figures testify.

### MARK LEWIS

Taylor Hampton

Lewis represented more than 80 victims of press phone hacking including big-name celebrities and the Dowler family. He successfully secured compensation from the *News of the World* owner, News International, for his clients in one of the largest scandals to ever hit the British media.

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### DOUGLAS E NORDLINGER

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Nordlinger can be credited for making a notable impact on African history after advising the government of South Sudan on its secession from the Republic of Sudan. The negotiations, which included political sensitivities and complex infrastructure issues, came to a head in September 2012 when an agreement was reached, ending years of civil war.

### COLIN WILSON

DLA Piper

For 16 months Colin Wilson led a 40-strong team advising Agility Trains, a consortium made up of Hitachi Rail Europe and John Laing Investments on the £4.5bn Intercity Express Programme. Marked as the biggest privately financed rolling stock contract in the world, the deal will see the procurement by the Department of Transport of new trains for the Great Western and East Coast Main Lines.

### COLIN WYNTER QC

Devereux Chambers

Acting for five claimants in a landmark Supreme Court decision, Colin Wynter successfully argued that all employers' liability insurance cover begins at the point of exposure to toxins and not when a disease begins to form. It is expected that thousands of asbestos victims will receive compensation as a result of the judgment.



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