
International Arbitration Practice Hosts de Gaulle Commemorative Reception

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In conjunction with the French Embassy and the de Gaulle Foundation, the International Arbitration practice of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr hosted a reception on Wednesday, June 18th at its offices at 4 Carlton Gardens, in London. The reception commemorated General Charles de Gaulle's Call to the Free French of June 18, 1940. Sixty-eight years ago, the premises at 4 Carlton Gardens hosted the headquarters of General de Gaulle and the Free French Forces during the Second World War.

Following an annual military ceremony, more than 200 guests met at 4 Carlton Gardens to celebrate the General and the historic occasion. The guests included members of the Free French Forces and their families, representatives of the French Embassy and military, the de Gaulle Foundation and the French business and legal community. Mr Maurice Gourdault-Montagne, Ambassador of France to the United Kingdom; Mr Jean-Louis Crémieux-Brilhac, CBE and member of Free French Forces; Mr Antoine Dupont-Fauville, General Secretary of the de Gaulle Foundation and Mr Terry Charman, Historian with the Imperial War Museum spoke at the occasion about General de Gaulle and his heritage.

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