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▪ **Professional Profile**

Francis Neate has spent most of his professional life with Slaughter and May, where he was fortunate to have what amounted, in effect, to three careers, initially as a general commercial and corporate practitioner engaged mainly in private mergers and acquisitions and general commercial contract work, but also some IPOs and public takeovers. Soon after becoming a Partner he became increasingly involved in banking work, including the secondary banking crisis of 1973-76, then heavily engaged in the expansion of the Euro Dollar loan market and the initial development of derivatives in the second half of the 1970s.

He advised one of the leading US banks in connection with the US Tehran Embassy hostages crisis in 1979 and the subsequent Iran-US Claims Tribunal in the Hague. In 1986 he was asked to become senior partner in the firm's Litigation Department and he held that position until he retired in 1997. During that period he was responsible for a wide variety of matters, including a number of high profile public (and private) inquiries. During the same period, he was principal legal adviser to the Test and County Cricket Board, predecessor of the England and Wales Cricket Board, which he helped to form in 1996 and is the governing body of cricket in England and Wales. In 1997 he joined Schrodgers plc as Group Legal Adviser, where he handled a wide variety of matters, including the sale of its investment banking business to CitiGroup in 2000.

Mr. Neate is currently President of the International Bar Association.

▪ **Education**

University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1963)

Oxford University (B.A., 1962)

▪ **Admissions/Qualifications**

Solicitor to the Supreme Court in England and Wales 1966.

Admitted to practice in Hong Kong in 1982.

- **Memberships & Affiliations**

International Bar Association

- **Other Distinctions**

Editor of two editions of "Bank Confidentiality" (co-publication of IBA and Butterworths), also of "Using Set-Off as Security" (co-publication of IBA and Kluwer), contributor to two recent editions (but not the latest) of Paget on Banking Law.

- **Seminars**

Numerous - most recently (2004) to ABA Section of International Practice Conference in New York on Sarbanes-Oxley, and to Singapore Corporate Counsel Association re Directors and Officers liability insurance. Chaired "Global Legal Forum" for in-house counsel organized by Legal Director (part of Legal Week).

- **Prior Experience**

Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell 1963.

Slaughter and May, Articled Clerk 1964-1966, Assistant Solicitor 1966-1971, Partner 1972-1997.

Schroders plc, Group Legal Adviser 1997-2004.