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The firm's second electronic version of the *Commercial Litigation Review* will focus on the 'hot topics' currently facing businesses in the UK and worldwide.

Our 'Special Focus' article will focus on the draft UK Bribery Bill which has now been put before Parliament. The firm's very own James Maton was recently asked to give evidence to Parliament on the terms of the Bill and he survived relatively unscathed.

We also look at the increasing trend of the courts to push the parties to mediation; Lord Justice Jackson's analysis of the increased costs of litigation; and the Woolf reforms ten years on.

A short synopsis of all the articles in this issue of the *Review* are detailed below, as well as being listed on the left column, for your ease of reference.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the *Review*.

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