

# COVID-19 UK Weekly Webinar – June 29, 2020

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The COVID-19 pandemic is undoubtedly the biggest public health crisis of our times. Like many other countries, the UK Government has exercised broad powers and passed new laws that impact how we do business and interact as a society.

To address the pandemic, the Government announced several sweeping regulations and ushered through the Coronavirus Act 2020. These actions have a broad impact on law, public policy and daily life, impacting areas including health, social welfare, commerce, trade, competition, employment and the free movement of people.

Join our team of Gibson Dunn London lawyers, led by partner and former Lord Chancellor Charlie Falconer QC, for a discussion of these changes and to answer your questions on how they will affect British businesses and community, including the impact on new and ongoing business relationships.

In this webinar we will cover:

- The current state of the lockdown in England
- An update on the UK Government's Financial Support Measures for the COVID-19 pandemic
- The UK Government's widening of its transaction intervention powers - national security and the fight against coronavirus (and future public health emergencies)

We want to hear from you about the impacts the current measures and conditions are having on your business and the legal issues you are facing. We therefore welcome suggested topics, as well as questions in advance of each webinar, to ensure that we can address issues relevant to your business.

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## PANELISTS:

**Charlie Falconer QC:** An English qualified barrister and Gibson Dunn partner. Former UK Lord Chancellor and first Secretary of State for Justice, he spent 25 years as a commercial barrister, and became a QC in 1991.

**Ali Nikpay:** A partner and head of our Competition and Consumer practice group in London. Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, he served in senior positions at the UK competition and consumer authority. He was also a legal and policy advisor at the European Commission.

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**Sarah Parker:** An associate in the London Competition and Consumer practice group.

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