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Welcome to our May edition of the Commercial Litigation Review. Whilst everybody's thoughts in the UK are turned to the imminent formation of a new Government, of whatever political persuasion, and its tough costs-cutting decisions ahead, it is apt that our 'Special Focus' article is all about costs and Lord Justice Jackson's review.

This edition of the *Review* also looks at the law relating to the incorporation of jurisdiction clauses and the recent Supreme Court decision concerning the fairness of bank charges. In addition, Grace Ng of our associated office in Hong Kong analyses the new Hong Kong Practice Direction on Mediation.

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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