

ABTA's Business Resilience Webinar Series

Managing your Travel Workforce through the Coronavirus Crisis

10 June	2020
14:30 -	16:00

14:30	Welcome from the moderator and setting the scene
	Vicki Wolf, Education Manager, ABTA
14:35	Employment law update
	 Legal considerations around ending furlough including redundancies and related issues
	 Dealing with other groups of staff; shielding, holidays, bereavements, disabilities, childcare
	Outline of government guidance on Covid-19 secure environments
	• Employing foreign nationals now and post-lockdown – recap on The Home Office's guide on the UK points-
	based immigration scheme for businesses
	Kathryn Dooks, Employment Partner, Kemp Little
	Rebecca Butler, Managing Associate, Employment Team, Kemp Little
	Anushka Sinha, Immigration Senior Associate, Employment Team, Kemp Little
14:55	Legal surgery
	Kathryn Dooks, Employment Partner, Kemp Little
	Rebecca Butler, Managing Associate, Employment Team, Kemp Little
	Anushka Sinha, Immigration Senior Associate, Employment Team, Kemp Little
15:05	What could the future of workplaces look like?
	 Flexible ways of working; staff rotas, shift patterns, flexible timetables

- A new form of remote working and employee engagement
- Workforce mapping and planning resourcing, holidays, new workload and skills needed where and when, peaks and troughs of work, continued flexible approach

David Gibbens, HR Consultant, RSM

15:25	Wellbeing strategies	
	Building confidence amongst workforces	
	Keeping remote workforces connected	
	Hazel Craig, Senior Data Analytics and Wellbeing Consultant, Howden Employee Benefits & Wellbeing	
15:40	Training and upskilling your staff during the Coronavirus crisis	
	• What is available to you and how can you bolster your workforce skillsets during this time?	
	 Future skills strategies and addressing skills gaps created by the Coronavirus crisis 	
	Professor Dimitrios Buhalis, Bournemouth University	
15:55	Close	
	Vicki Wolf, Education Manager, ABTA	



Speaker profiles



Kathryn Dooks, Employment Partner, Kemp Little

Kathryn is a partner in the Employment and Business Immigration team at Kemp Little LLP. She helps travel and technology companies to manage HR risk and to resolve issues in a commercial and pragmatic manner. She has a particular interest in the use of technology in the workplace, including the rise of AI, machine learning and wearable devices and the legal implications of this. She provides employment and business immigration law advice on a wide array of matters including employment status, IR35, tribunal claims, team moves, international relocations, data privacy, employment aspects of outsourcings and acquisitions, discrimination issues, contracts and policy drafting. Kathryn is recognised in Chambers 2019 as being "very pragmatic and is able to assess the client's risk appetite," according to clients, who add: "She is flexible in her approach and is knowledgeable and skilled." Legal 500 states that clients single out her "responsiveness and industry knowledge".



Rebecca Butler, Managing Associate, Employment Team, Kemp Little

Rebecca is a Managing Associate who advises on issues related to all aspects of the employment relationship. She has a wealth of experience in drafting contracts and advising contentious and non-contentious HR issues. She has also worked on M&A and business transactions and has guided businesses though complex restructuring exercises. Rebecca enjoys providing practical training sessions to clients on a variety of employment topics. Rebecca gives practical, measured advice and is a skilled and empathetic negotiator. She has been praised by clients for being 'immensely clever & intuitive'. Rebecca represents clients in litigation involving unfair dismissal, discrimination, whistleblowing and breach of contract in the Employment Tribunal and High Court.





Anushka Sinha, Immigration Senior Associate, Employment Team, Kemp Little

Anushka Sinha is a Senior Associate who specialises in all areas of business and personal immigration to the UK. She provides strategic personal and business immigration advice to individuals and companies on the points-based system and other immigration categories. She is actively involved in challenging Home Office policies through her work with the Immigration Law Practitioners Association. She has previously met with the Immigration Minister and senior policymakers to discuss changes to the UK immigration systems and policies. Prior to joining Kemp Little, Anushka worked at leading UK immigration firm Laura Devine Solicitors for over 13 years, where she spent 6 years helping to open and develop their US office, providing UK immigration advice to US clients. During her time in New York, Anushka developed an excellent working relationship with the Department for International Trade (formerly UK Trade & Investment) and the British Consulate-General.



David Gibbens, HR Consultant, RSM

David has 10+ years in Consultancy advising Middle Market organisations on a range of HR challenges aligned to business strategy. He has helped both private and public-sector businesses in the UK and internationally to envision, engage and execute tangible interventions that achieve business results through its people. His work at RSM so far has focussed on Education & Health, supporting Audit and Risk to advise organisations on best practice in their HR strategy. David has also been working with smaller clients on HR support and compliance related issues. David's previous experience covers work with international talent management, advising on workforce planning and development of talent pipelines and succession. David has been heavily involved in recruiting, developing, retaining the best talent for his clients. He has assessed senior leaders for development and selection and advised on boards for promotion. David has also worked with SMEs to advise on business plans, marketing strategies and routes to market. Forming strong networks, he brought Education and Private sectors together to generate innovative projects for growth. David works on both the Health and Education sector teams supporting clients with a variety of interventions. He shares insights on social media as well as contributing to RSMs Brexit Monitor publication.





Hazel Craig, Senior Data Analytics and Wellbeing Consultant, Howden Employee Benefits & Wellbeing

Hazel Craig is a Senior Data Analytics and Wellbeing Consultant at Psyon, the technology and data arm of Howden Employee Benefits & Wellbeing, dedicated to helping clients transform their experience of employee benefits. Hazel has worked in both the Private and Public Sector, most recently as a Senior Consultant in one of the Big Four Global Professional Services Firms. Throughout her career she has supported clients to harness their people data and discover key insights across the employee lifecycle as well as assisting clients to audit, develop and build evidenced based wellbeing strategies. She studied Mathematical and Computer Sciences before graduating with a First Class Honours in Psychology and completing a Masters in Organisational Psychology.



Professor Dimitrios Buhalis, Bournemouth University

Professor Dimitrios Buhalis is a Strategic Management and Marketing expert with specialisation in Information Communication Technology applications in the Tourism, Travel, Hospitality and Leisure industries. He is Director of the eTourism Lab and Deputy Director of the International Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Research, at Bournemouth University in England. Professor Buhalis is well known international speaker on trends, technology, marketing, tourism and Hospitality and works closely with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). Professor Buhalis is an inspirational forward thinker that undertakes cutting edge research, develops innovations and makes a major impact to global society. For more information, books, articles and presentations see www.buhalis.com..



Contributor profiles



Bournemouth University

Bournemouth University International Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Research (ICTHR) is a globally leading centre for research in tourism, hospitality and related fields of study. ICTHR has over 30 research active members of staff, including 6 professors and undertakes projects for research councils, government agencies and industry bodies. It focuses on Tourism management, marketing and etourism; Tourism economics and impact modelling; Transport, travel, mobilities and sustainability; and Hospitality management.

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