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Dr Sam De Silva is a Partner and the Head of the commercial IT and Outsourcing practice at the leading UK law firm, Nabarro LLP. Sam is based in Nabarro's London office. Sam specialises in IT and telecommunication projects including all forms of cloud computing (SaaS, PaaS and IaaS), outsourcing (IT, BPO and off-shoring), system development and supply, system integration, software licensing, support and service agreements. Sam also regularly advises on data protection, privacy and cyber-security issues. Sam is both the UK representative on the EU Commission's Expert Group on Cloud Computing Contracts and on the IT Committee of the Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE). Sam is on the International Advisory Board of Cyber Rescue Alliance, which is a business assistance alliance helping its members reduce the harm caused by cyber-attacks. He is a former Global Board of Trustee for the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS). At the national level, he is the immediate past Chair on the Law Society's Technology and Law Reference Group (but still a member of that Reference Group) and a committee member of the EU Committee of the Law Society. Sam is on the IT Faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales and on the Privacy & Policy Expert Group of the Biometrics Institute. Sam has recently been elected as Vice Chair to the Council of the British Computer Society. Sam is also the UK expert (representing the BSI) on a proposed new ISO Standard on contract and legal risk. Sam has written and spoken extensively on IT and outsourcing and is regularly called upon by the industry as a thought leader in these areas. He has been interviewed in the press, radio, webinars and on television. Sam is also one of very few UK solicitors who is a Fellow of CIPS (FCIPS), Fellow of the British Computer Society (FBCS) and a Chartered IT Professional (CITP). Sam has post-graduate degrees in information technology and business administration so is well aware of the commercial, business and technical issues facing both users and suppliers of technology. Sam also has in-house industry legal experience having been seconded to Accenture UK as a Senior Legal Counsel. He is recognised as a leading individual for IT in the most recent edition of the *Legal 500* and as a Star Individual in *Chambers & Partners* directories. Sam is named in *Who's Who Legal: Telecommunications, Media & Technology (TMT) 2016* as one of the world's leading TMT lawyers. As well as being a qualified English law solicitor, Dr De Silva is also a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand and a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia. Sam can be contacted on +44 207 524 6223 or s.desilva@nabarro.com.