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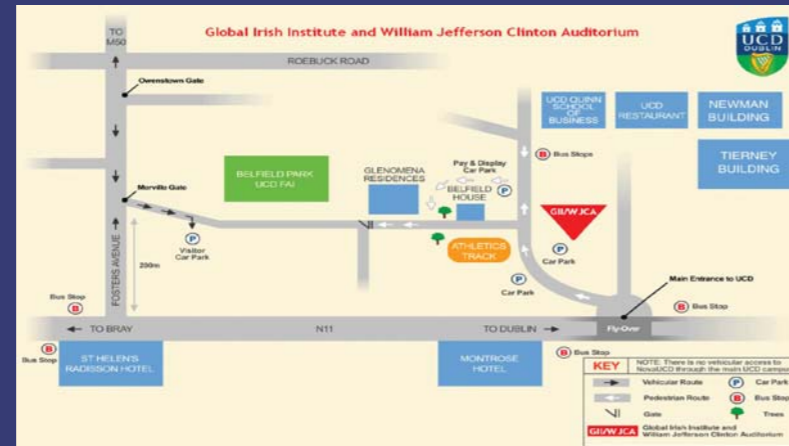
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Situated in the School of Law, the Centre is a forum which provides for a unique complementary relationship between University College Dublin, and the legal and business communities designed to promote expertise in national and international issues of commercial law and practice.

The Centre's functions are:

- To promote seminars, conferences and courses on national and international commercial law developments
- To discharge the CPD function of UCD Law School



Seminar venue

GLOBAL IRISH INSTITUTE/WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON AUDITORIUM

The William Jefferson Clinton Auditorium (formerly University Industry Centre) is located beside Car Park No 3. If travelling by car, access to Venue only through the Stillorgan gate entrance as UCD campus is now closed to through traffic.

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Current Issues in International Commercial Litigation



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Thursday 17th September 2009

8.45am - 1.00pm



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4 CPD HOURS

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Seminar Schedule

The Rome I Regulation on the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations, replacing the Rome Convention comes into effect on 17th December 2009.

A thorough familiarity with this Regulation is essential for all professionals engaged in drafting, reviewing and litigating international commercial agreements.

At this seminar, a panel of distinguished experts will review some key elements in the Regulation:

- What limitations does the Regulation place on the freedom of parties to an international contract to choose the governing law?
- Where the parties fail to select a governing law, how do courts and practitioners determine the relevant law?
- How does Rome I apply to the difficult issue of contracts on financial instruments?

The remainder of the seminar will focus on some key issues under Brussels I Regulation:

- How do practitioners ensure effective choice of court agreements under Brussels I?
- How will the Hague Choice of Court Convention, recently signed by the European Community and which seeks to establish a global choice of court regime, interact with Brussels I?
- How effective are dispute resolution agreements which embody both litigation and arbitration options?

As a consequence of increasing globalisation, the problem of concurrent international procedures is becoming more frequent. The seminar will consider the vexed question, discussed recently in Ireland in GOSHAWK DEDICATED, of whether a Brussels Regulation court as the domiciliary court of the defendant, can stay proceedings in favour of earlier proceedings begun in a non-member state court.

This seminar will provide a unique opportunity for practitioners involved in international litigation to learn about the new developments and to engage in discussion with an international panel of speakers.

08.00 - 08.45 Registration and Continental Breakfast

08.45 - 08.55 Chairman's Introduction
Michael Collins, SC
Chairman, Bar Council of Ireland

12.30 - 1.00 Questions and Discussion

Seminar Presenters

Chairman

Michael Collins, SC

Michael Collins is one of Ireland's most experienced commercial law practitioners. He was called to the Bar in 1978 and took silk in 1994. He is a member of the Bars of England and Wales (1987), New York (1981) and New South Wales (1992). Michael is an Adjunct Professor in the School of Law in University College Dublin and is currently Chairman of the Bar Council of Ireland.

Speakers

Michael Wilderspin

Michael Wilderspin is a member of the Legal Service of the European Commission. He is co-author, with Mr. Justice Richard Plender of "The European Private International Law of Obligations" (2009) - a detailed study of the Rome I and Rome II Regulations. He is a frequent speaker at international conferences.

Andrew Dickinson

Andrew Dickinson is a solicitor advocate (qualified 1997; higher rights 2002), consultant to Clifford Chance LLP and visiting fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. Andrew is a member of the North Committee (the UK Ministry of Justice's advisory committee on private international law) and of the editorial board of the Journal of Private International Law. He has recently joined the editorial team of Dicey, Morris and Collins on the Conflict of Laws.

Andrew's main area of legal practice and research interest is private international law, but his practice also covers civil litigation, commercial and banking law and public international law. He is author of The Rome II Regulation: The Law Applicable to Non-Contractual Obligations (OUP, 2008) (romeii.eu), co-author of State Immunity: Selected Materials and Commentary (OUP, 2004) and an editor of the International Commercial Litigation Handbook (LexisNexis, 2006). His published papers include "European Private International Law: Embracing New Horizons or Mourning the Past?" (2005) 1 J Priv Int L 197 and "Third Country Mandatory Rules in the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations: So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehn, Adieu?" (2007) 3 J Priv Int L 53.

Dr. Joanna Perkins

Joanna joined the Bank of England in November 2004 to take over the role of Secretary of the Financial Markets Law Committee, a role which involves the management of projects addressing problems of legal uncertainty in the wholesale financial markets. After completing a Doctorate in Law at Oxford University, where she worked as a college lecturer, Joanna qualified as a Barrister and currently holds a tenancy at 13 Old Square,

Lincoln's Inn. She has recently held lectureships at Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), Université de Paris, and Birkbeck College, University of London.

In her role as FMLC Secretary, Joanna acts, on an ad hoc basis, as a UK delegate to working groups of the UN and European Council. She also liaises with the senior judiciary to keep them informed about financial markets developments and manages the Committee's involvement with other similar organisations at central banks worldwide.

Geraldine Andrews, QC

Geraldine Andrews, QC, is a member of Essex Court Chambers, a leading Commercial Law Set, in London. She is also a member of the Irish Bar.

Geraldine Andrews has a broad based practice in international and commercial law and regularly appears in the Commercial Court, but is equally experienced in cases whose subject-matter is more appropriate for determination in the Chancery Division. Many of her instructions from outside Europe relate to commercial disputes in the Far East and mainland China, and she regularly advises law firms in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia. She also has extensive experience of disputes arising in Middle Eastern countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain. She has developed a particular expertise in the fields of banking and guarantees, and is co-author of "The Law of Guarantees" (published by Thomson Sweet & Maxwell) which is widely regarded as the leading practitioners' textbook on the subject. However, she has also appeared as leading counsel in high profile cases in such other fields as insurance, asset-tracing, and restitution. She is an experienced trial advocate, with a reputation as a formidable cross-examiner, but is equally at home arguing points of law in the High Court and in the appellate courts. She has recently argued cases in the House of Lords and Privy Council, and appears regularly in the Court of Appeal, where she has a good success rate. She also appears as counsel in arbitrations, both international and domestic, and in mediation.

Liam Kennedy

Liam Kennedy is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution Department of A&L Goodbody. He specialises in domestic and international commercial disputes ranging from M&A, product liability, securities/auditors' litigation, regulatory litigation, EU and competition law and constitutional litigation. Recent cases include acting for BUPA in its successful challenge to the validity of the Government's Risk Equalisation Scheme. Liam has acted in many major proceedings in the higher courts including the Commercial Court in particular.

He is an accredited Mediator, Secretary of the Litigation Committee of the International Bar Association and a Council of the Law Society of Ireland.

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DATE	Thursday 17th September 2009 (8.45am - 1.00pm; breakfast from 8.00am)
VENUE	William Jefferson Clinton Auditorium (formerly University Industry Centre), University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4. Located beside Car Park 3 (opposite athletics track). Vehicular access is possible only through Stillorgan Gate Entrance to UCD.
COST	€350 (to include seminar materials and refreshments). 10% discount for two or more delegates on the same booking form. €250 for trainee solicitors & barristers with less than five years practice.
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