

Cross-Border Litigation in Europe

- 9.00-9.30 Registration
- 9.30-9.40 Welcome from Lord Brennan QC and Dr Bánáti (President of the Budapest Bar)
- 9.40-9.45 Opening words from the Chairman - Judge Schiemann of the European Court of Justice

Part I - The European System of Private International Law

- 9.45-10.15 The EU system of private international law for civil cases – Alexander Layton QC, 20 Essex Street
- Brussels Regulation 44/2001
 - Family law
 - Law applicable to contract and tort
- Comment: International litigation in Hungarian courts – Dr. Mária Kurucz, Hungarian Ministry of Justice
- Comment: Practical difficulties of proving documents in international litigation – Philip Bentley QC, Stanbrook & Hooper
- 10.25-10.45 Cross-border measures in civil and commercial justice – the Tampere II programme – Olivier Tell, European Commission
- Comment: Comparative experience of EU cross-border measures – Hugh Mercer, Essex Court Chambers
- 10.50-11.00 Discussion

11.00-11.15 Coffee

Part II - The Influence of Europe on civil litigation

- 11.15-11.45 The role of comparative law in judicial decision making - Richard de Lacy QC, 3 Verulam Buildings

- 11.55-12.15 Commercial law and EU law – commercial agency; European law of contract – Fergus Randolph, Brick Court Chambers
- 12.15-12.35 A comparative perspective on remedies for breach of competition law – Marjorie Holmes, Davies Arnold Cooper
- 12.35-12.45 Discussion

1 pm – 2.15 pm Lunch

Part III - Cooperation between lawyers

- 2.15-2.30 Civil Matters: European judicial network; cooperation between national courts – Olivier Tell, European Commission
- 2.30-2.45 Europe-wide networks of law firms – Dr. Péter S. Szabó, Bán S. Szabo & Partners
- 2.45-3.00 International contacts for the independent lawyer – a role for the European Circuit – Gerard McDermott QC, 8 King St Chambers
- 3.00-3.10 Discussion

3.10-3.25 pm Coffee/Tea break

Part IV - Litigating in Europe

- 3.25-3.45 Cross-border resolution of disputes in Europe – Dr. Éva Horváth, President of the Court of Arbitration, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Comment: The impact of ADR in cross-border disputes – Paul Randolph, Lamb Building
- Comment: Strategic issues in multi-jurisdictional litigation – Richard Little, Eversheds
- 3.55-4.15 Expert evidence in cross-border litigation – John Ellison, KPMG
- 4.15-4.40 Group litigation and class actions in Europe – Mark Clough QC, Ashursts

4.40-4.55 Discussion

4.55-5.00 pm Concluding Remarks: Judge Schiemann
Lord Brennan, Circuit Leader

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The Conference will include refreshment breaks and a buffet luncheon
CPD accreditation for attendance: 5 1/2 hours

Particular thanks are due to Szecskay Law Firm for their extremely valuable contribution in the organisation and administration of this conference.

There will be a dinner held on the Thursday evening at 19.30 in the Music Room of the Academy of Sciences (co-hosted by the UIA) which the Hungarian Minister of Justice and the British Ambassador are to attend

The UIA is holding its own seminar on competition law issues in Budapest on Friday 8 October 2004 (registration for that event is free of charge)