

**Programme for the Annual Conference of the  
European Circuit  
in conjunction with the Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid  
at the premises of the Ilustre Colegio**

**Madrid, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005, 9.30 – 18.00 hrs**

**The theme of this year's conference is cross-border tort liability. This is a fast changing field. From being predominantly a field of national competence, the globalisation of the corporate world has led to increasing convergence of regulatory regimes in finance, competition, mergers and the environment. Criminal sanctions are becoming more common and are required by recent EU directives in the field of the environment. Arising from the regulatory regime are damages claims, frequently mounted on behalf of a class of claimants. The legal rules applicable to damages claims are still in large part to be worked out. No longer can tort law be considered of national interest only. Clear and transparent rules on the substance, the applicable law and the relevant jurisdiction are needed. Pending such rules, we will be examining the advantages and disadvantages of the various fora open to claimants. *6 CPD hours are available for this programme***

***Cross Border Civil Liability***

Joint Chairs: **Sr. D. Luis Marti Mingarro**, Dean of the Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid

**Lord Brennan QC**, Leader of the European Circuit

**Session 1: Introduction**

(9.30 – 10 am)

Welcome: by the Chairmen

Keynote Speech: **Sr. D. Gustavo Aristegui y San Romàn**  
Spokesman of the Partido Popular, Spanish Parliament (invited)

**Session 2: Coping with multiple claimants**

(10 – 11.30 am, c. 25 mins per speaker)

- *US-style class actions for US directors & officers liabilities*  
**Pam Bresnahan**, Vorys Sater, Washington
  
- *Spanish experience of group litigation*  
**Prof Dr. Angel Carrasco**, Gomez Acebo Pombo, Madrid

***6 CPD Hours***

- *UK experience of group litigation orders*  
**Martyn Day**, Leigh Day & Co, London

11.30 – 11.45            *Coffee*

**Session 3:    Non-contractual liability in environmental disasters and accidents**  
(11.45 – 12.45 )

- *Maritime casualties, an example of International Disasters and Non-Contractual liability. Specific reference to the Prestige Disaster and International Litigation*  
**Luis Figaredo**, Abogado, Uría & Menéndez, Madrid

**Session 4:    Cross-border aspects of civil litigation**  
(12.45 – 14.15, c. 20 mins per speaker)

- *EU proposal for applicable law in tort (draft Rome II Regulation)*  
**Diana Wallis MEP**
- *Cooperation between lawyers in cross-border litigation – a view from the East*  
speaker to be confirmed, **Wardyński & Partners**, Warsaw
- *Impact of EU law on the civil law of non-contractual liability with reference to the environment*  
**Mariangeles Lopez Lax**, Lopez Lax Abogados Madrid
- *Cross-border clinical negligence*  
**Gerard McDermott QC**, 8 King Street Chambers, Manchester and Outer Temple Chambers, London

14.15 – 16.00            *Lunch*

**Session 5:    Paying the price for cartels – regulatory breaches and damages**  
(16.00 – 17.30, c. 25 mins per speaker)

**Donald Slater**, Ashursts, Co-Editor of the Ashurst study of national competition laws for the European Commission

**Enrique Navarro**, Davies Arnold Cooper, Madrid

**Dr. Carel Maske**, Latham & Watkins, Brussels & Frankfurt

**Reception:**    *Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid – after conference*

**Dinner:**        *Casino de Madrid – 20h00*

*Translation Services from English to Spanish provided*

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