

Do Our Tax Systems Meet Rule of Law Standards?

Wednesday 20 November 2013, 9:30am to 5:30pm

**Venue: Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP
Adelaide House, London Bridge, London EC4R 9HA**



9:30am	Registration , tea and coffee
10:00am	<p>Harold Paisner (Senior Partner, Berwin Leighton Paisner) <i>Welcome</i></p> <p>Professor Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC (Director, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law) <i>Welcome and Introduction</i></p>
10:15am	<p>PANEL ONE: TAXATION AND THE RULE OF LAW</p> <p>Gary Richards (Partner, Berwin Leighton Paisner) <i>Chair</i></p> <p>Professor Judith Freedman (Professor of Taxation Law, University of Oxford) <i>The Rule of Law and Revenue Discretion</i></p> <p>Sir Stephen Oliver QC (Pump Court Tax Chambers) <i>The Tax Tribunal: Jurisdiction, Process and Substance</i></p> <p>Professor Anne Redston (Temple Tax Chambers and Visiting Professor, King's College London) <i>How Clear, Transparent, Accessible and Foreseeable are Tax Laws and Standards?</i></p> <p>Professor Jonathan Schwarz (Temple Tax Chambers and Visiting Professor, King's College London) <i>Compliance by the State with its Obligations in International Law</i></p>
11:30am	Break , tea and coffee

12:00pm	<p>PANEL TWO: CHALLENGES TO THE RULE OF LAW? COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE</p> <p>The Rt Hon Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill CVO (Justice of the Supreme Court) <i>Chair</i></p> <p>Harish Salve (Former Solicitor General of India) <i>Retrospective Taxation: The Experience of India</i></p> <p>Speaker to be confirmed <i>General Anti-Abuse Rules: A Comparative Perspective</i></p> <p>The Hon Fabian Picardo (Chief Minister of Gibraltar) <i>Low Tax Regimes: Rights and Responsibilities</i></p>
1:15pm	Lunch
2:15pm	<p>PANEL THREE: TAX AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE</p> <p>Professor Paul Craig (Professor of English Law, University of Oxford) <i>Chair</i></p> <p>Jane Shillaker (Outreach Manager, TaxAid) <i>Access to Justice in the UK: Complaint and Oversight Mechanisms</i></p> <p>Anthony Thomas (Former President, Chartered Institute of Taxation and Chairman of the Low Incomes Tax Reform Group) <i>Selective Enforcement and Equal Treatment</i></p> <p>Speaker to be confirmed</p>
3:20pm	<p>THE OFFICIAL PERSPECTIVE</p> <p>Anthony Inglese CB (General Counsel and Solicitor, HM Revenue & Customs)</p>
3:45pm	Break , tea and coffee
4:15pm	<p>DEBATE ON THE GAAR: THREAT OR OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RULE OF LAW?</p> <p>Steve Edge (Partner, Slaughter and May) <i>Chair</i></p> <p>Graham Aaronson QC (Pump Court Tax Chambers)</p> <p>David Goldberg QC (Gray's Inn Tax Chambers)</p>
5:25pm	<p>Professor Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC (Director, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law) <i>Closing remarks</i></p>
5:30pm	Reception
6:30pm	End