



**British Institute of
International and
Comparative Law**

Securing our future



**Advancing legal
knowledge in global
affairs for 60 years**



It is with great honour that I have taken over the Chairmanship of the BIICL Board of Trustees from Sir Frank Berman, who is undoubtedly an extremely hard act to follow. It is an exciting time to be taking on this role as the Institute embarks on its 60th anniversary year.

In the years since BIICL's foundation, the world has undergone enormous change. While many live healthier, more secure and prosperous lives, millions of people still live in fear, poverty and without access to justice. Geopolitical, technological, economic, environmental and social developments have created new challenges for the international legal system. The rule of law in particular continues to be under threat or non-existent in many parts of the world.

The need for BIICL's independent and impartial research, analysis and capacity-building on international and comparative law, and the rule of law, is greater than ever. In order to respond to that demand effectively, the organisation now needs to create a more modern, professional working environment with improved event facilities to position itself optimally to take its mission forward.

Accordingly, we are about to embark on a major refurbishment and reconfiguration of our offices in central London, and I am inviting you to play a key part in securing our future.

Thank you in advance for your continuing support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. A. Ruddock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith Ruddock, BIICL Chairman

BIICL: 60 years on

2018 marks the 60th anniversary of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) which was established in 1958 following the merger of the Society of Comparative Legislation (founded in 1895) and the Grotius Society (founded in 1915). This merger created an independent research institute, unaffiliated to any university, which has become a world-leading authority on international and comparative law and the rule of law.

BIICL's research and training is making an important contribution to international security and prosperity by influencing debate, legal reform and policy making around the world. Our seminars and conferences have a wider public benefit by providing information and education about contemporary issues. Our journal, the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, has maintained its pre-eminence as one of the most important publications of its kind, offering practitioners and academics topical coverage on a wide range of issues.

Our core team has grown to 35 staff which is supplemented by around 30 research assistants and volunteer researchers each year. Our researchers are recognised as world experts in their fields on topics such as business and human rights, environmental law, investment treaty arbitration, competition law, collective redress, judicial appointments, access to justice, protection of education and cultural heritage, and refugee law.



**"BIICL is a real
force for good
in the world."**

Sian Elias,
Chief Justice of
New Zealand

Our refurbishment plans

Our location in central London allows us to engage with our key stakeholders from around the world including governments, international organisations, companies, lawyers, barristers, judges, academics, educators, journalists and NGOs. We typically organise over 70 events each year with around 4,000 attendees.

Our offices are located in a Grade II* listed building which has had no major infrastructure improvements since it was built in 1976 and is no longer fit for purpose. We need to refurbish and reconfigure the space to provide a more modern, efficient and professional working environment, and an attractive and comfortable public space for events and meetings.

In summer 2019, we shall embark on a major refurbishment of our first-floor space in Charles Clore House. This will involve reconfiguration of the offices to make best use of the space, the installation of secondary glazing, sound reduction and better air circulation, new office furniture, improved storage and contemporary décor. We also want to create a new purpose-built event space with improved disabled access and state-of-the-art audio visual equipment.

It is estimated that the total cost to BIICL will be in the region of £1,500,000 (much of which relates to essential upgrading of the fabric of the building and the installation of new services). Due to prudent financial management in recent years, we are able to draw down some funds from our reserves. But in order to retain sufficient working capital, we need to raise at least £500,000 in the next 12 months.



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How you can help

As an independent research body, BIICL receives no central funding from any government and relies on voluntary funding from law firms, corporations, international bodies, foundations, individuals and others. Many of you have generously supported one or more of our projects, events and programmes. We would now like to ask you to consider supporting our 60th Anniversary Appeal to raise the funds for our much-needed refurbishment.

We welcome donations at all levels and smaller regular gifts can make a big difference. UK taxpayers can increase the value of their gift by 25% by signing a Gift Aid declaration. A donation form is included in this brochure or you can donate online (see opposite). US donors can donate through our 501(c)3 public charity, The International Rule of Law Project (www.irolp.org).

All donors giving £1,000 or more will be acknowledged on our donor board and in our annual Impact Report. In addition, we shall give special recognition to individuals and organisations who are able to make a more substantial contribution to the appeal, including naming opportunities and free places at special events.



The need for our work is greater than ever and you can play a key part in securing our future.

<u>Gift</u>	<u>Recognition</u>
<u>£100,000</u>	<u>Named sponsor of the BIICL event suite</u>
<u>£50,000</u>	<u>Named sponsor of BIICL meeting room</u>
<u>£10,000-£49,999</u>	<u>BIICL Anniversary Director's Circle</u>
<u>£5,000-£9,999</u>	<u>BIICL Anniversary Benefactor</u>
<u>£1,000-£4,999</u>	<u>Listing on donor board and in Impact Report</u>

If you feel unable to make a donation at this time, you may wish to consider leaving a legacy to BIICL in your will. In the UK, the value of your gift will be deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated.

In addition to making a donation, you may also be able to help us by approaching your own networks and asking them to support this appeal. You may be able to encourage your employees or colleagues to donate, or you could host an event or dinner to raise funds during our anniversary year. If you can help in any way, please let us know.

Thank you for considering our request.

By supporting our 60th Anniversary Appeal you will be helping BIICL to address some of the most pressing global challenges, thus making a positive and lasting difference to our world.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss the best way you or your organisation can help.

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