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From the Director



As the summer break approaches we look back on a year more active than we could have imagined. I write this during the week marking the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, crowded with events. We were pleased that Edward Fennell in Times Law awarded the Centre his

prize for the most noteworthy two events of that week. Both those events were held with Gray's (Tom Bingham's) Inn, and in both the Chief Justice of Canada, Beverley McLachlin participated. During the second seminar, on "Do We Need Another Magna Carta?" it was remarked that during the year legal aid has been diminished, judicial review curtailed and court costs increased. The new Lord Chancellor has now announced that he will be reviewing the effects of those measures on the rule of law.

As I step down from the Directorship when my five year term ends later this year, the Centre is increasingly active (we continue to turn down as much as we do) and in demand internationally. Here are just some of our recent projects, many of which are set out in more detail in this newsletter.

- In Parliament, a new **All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)** has been formed on the Rule of Law, for which the Bingham Centre will serve as the Secretariat. This will provide a unique opportunity to bring to the attention of members of both Houses of Parliament rule of law issues. Swee Leng Harris and Lawrence McNamara have worked long and hard to master the rules to establish the APPG and its first meeting was very well attended. Dominic Grieve QC MP, the former Attorney General, is its Chair.
- The Review of **Devolution in the UK**, which I chaired, reported on 20 May and has received wide attention. It is one of the few accounts that views devolution in the round, concentrating not only on self-rule (powers that should be devolved to the nations), but also on shared rule (principles and powers that should be retained centrally and exercised in a spirit of solidarity and mutual benefit).

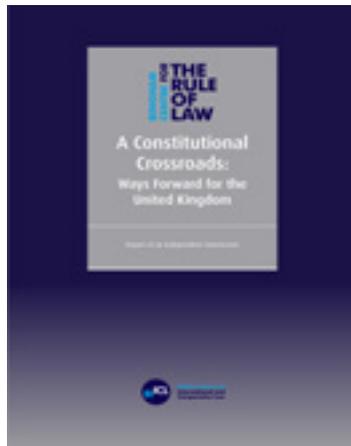
- Looking back on the year, it is remarkable how much demand there was for the Centre's work abroad. We have travelled extensively to over 20 countries in just the past 15 months. Our work in **Myanmar/Burma**, the **Palestine Authority** and **South Africa** has particularly absorbed our time.
- The **method and procedures of judicial appointments** are crucial to the independence of the judiciary, which is at the heart of the rule of law. Jan Van Zyl Smit and I have been contributing to the development of principles and procedures for judicial appointments, both through a Compendium of Judicial Appointment and Removal Procedures in the Commonwealth, launched on 9 July, and through our project with Cape Town University.
- In May, the Bingham Centre and the BIICL Investment Treaty Forum (ITF) published our survey of the place of the **rule of law in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)**. This project, generously funded by Hogan Lovells, with the active participation of their partner Julianne Hughes-Jennett (also a Bingham Centre Fellow) was based on a survey of a sample of the views Investment Directors of the Forbes 2000 companies. Four meetings have been held on the subject so far, two in London and two in South Africa. The survey is important in showing that the rule of law is a leading driver of FDI.
- In mid-June, the **Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation** David Anderson QC produced a thorough report. One of its key recommendations was a Bingham Centre proposal that all interception warrants should be authorised by a judge.
- A major new development has been **The Global Rule of Law Exchange** launched in partnership with Jones Day, which will consider the rule of law in the context of international development.
- There is much else besides, described in the following pages, including a series of successful events and valued projects, such as for the **rule of law in schools**.

It has been so gratifying to see the Bingham Centre develop in a way I hope Tom Bingham would have approved. Thanks to Elizabeth Bingham and her family, and all of you, for your encouragement and support, which has meant so much to me.

Jeffrey Jowell
Director, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law

News

Devolution



The Bingham Centre launched its report, *A Constitutional Crossroads: Ways Forward for the UK* on 20 May in Middle Temple. The report is the work of a major review of devolution in the UK by an independent Commission, chaired by Jeffrey Jowell. Members of the Commission included Professor Linda Colley, Gerald Holtham, Professor John Kay, Sir Maurice Kay, Professor Emerita Elizabeth Meehan, Professor Monica McWilliams, Philip Stephens, Professor Tony Travers, Professor Adam Tomkins (Rapporteur) and Alan Trench (Advisor).

The piecemeal development of devolution means that the overall constitutional fabric of the UK has been weakened. The process should start with a new Charter of the Union to provide the framework for a fair and durable settlement between the four nations of the Union.

The report sets out a number of key steps forward for a new devolution settlement:

- A new **'Charter of the Union'** which will set out key principles that underpin the devolved constitution, proclaiming key values such as respect for democracy, the rule of law, subsidiarity and autonomy, as well as shared defence and social solidarity.
- **Reform of financial arrangements** – The working of the block grant, reductions made from it for devolved taxes, and its amount fails to deliver UK-wide equity. Devolved and UK Government finances need to be disentangled from each other. This will mean an end to the current Barnett formula.
- The **careful introduction of 'English votes for English laws'**. This should only apply to bills or provisions which have a 'distinct and separate' effect for England, and there are fewer of those than many think.
- **Devolution within England** is also important, and needs to develop in a more transparent and systematic way.
- **Reform to the architecture of the Union state**, including much clearer arrangements for intergovernmental relations (now based on informal processes), the holding of referendums, and reform of the House of Lords. There should be a single 'Secretary of State for the Union' rather than separate ministers responsible for different parts of the devolution arrangements.

The report also warns of a potential constitutional clash between the Westminster government and the Scottish Parliament about plans to replace the Human Rights Act with a UK Bill of Rights. The report says a refusal by the Scottish Parliament to pass a motion of consent could foreshadow different human rights regimes in different parts of the UK.

To download the full report, visit the Bingham Centre website www.biicl.org/bingham-centre/devolution

Report on the Rule of Law and Foreign Direct Investment

A new joint study by the Bingham Centre, the BIICL Investment Treaty Forum and Hogan Lovells examines which factors multinational corporates consider in selecting where to invest internationally, examining especially how legal environment and rule of law considerations affect FDI decisions.

The report can be downloaded at www.biicl.org/bingham-centre/projects/corporatedecision

The Bingham Centre is the Secretariat for New All-Party Parliamentary Group

A new All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on the Rule of Law was established in June 2015 by members of both Houses of Parliament at Westminster. The Bingham Centre is to act as the Secretariat for the new APPG.

Former Attorney-General The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP will chair the APPG on the Rule of Law.

The Group will aim to promote parliamentary and public discussion of the rule of law as a practical concept. The APPG's first substantive meeting will be held on 14 July and will discuss non-violent extremism and the rule of law, this being particularly topical with the government's legislative programme to include a new Extremism Bill. The APPG plans to hold 3-4 meetings on topical issues each year.

Over 35 parliamentarians are already members of the APPG on the Rule of Law and they reflect the truly cross-party nature of the APPG. A full list of parliamentary members can be found at the Group's web page <http://binghamcentre.biicl.org/appg-rule-of-law>

Its Vice-Chairs are The Lord Pannick QC (Co-Chair), and Joanna Cherry QC MP, The Rt Hon Sir Edward Garnier QC MP, The Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Jesse Norman MP, Sir Keir Starmer MP, Emily Thornberry MP, and The Rt Hon Lord Woolf.

The Bingham Centre's Research and Training Coordinator, Swee Leng Harris, will lead the Centre's work as the APPG's Secretariat and is the registered Public Enquiry Point for the APPG.

The Global Rule of Law Exchange

In December 2014 the Bingham Centre, in partnership with and supported by global law firm Jones Day, launched the Global Rule of Law Exchange.

The Exchange seeks to address key challenges posed by global development and its relationship to the rule of law. It will encourage debate and practical outcomes, and generate a series of research papers published on its own website (www.ruleoflawexchange.org). The Exchange also includes a programme of events, including: Seminars in Europe (London) and the United States towards the end of 2015; a round table discussion and an annual lecture in the United States organised together with a leading academic organisation towards the end of 2015 or early 2016; and an annual conference in a developing country. We expect the conference will be organised in Brazil in Spring 2016. Details of these events will be communicated in due course.

As part of its work, the Exchange is keen to foster empirical and comparative knowledge on what works and what does not in rule of law interventions, encourage discussions on their impact, as well as to identify good practice, research gaps, and ways forward. To this end, it launched a call for practice notes for practitioners and academics in both the legal and development professions. The shortlisted papers will be published at a later stage.

For more information or to get involved with the Exchange, please contact Mathieu Tromme, Project Lead and Senior Research Fellow on m.tromme@binghamcentre.biicl.org / +44 (0)20 7862 5150

The Prevention of Sexual Violence in Nepal

In late 2014 the Bingham Centre was approached to provide assistance on a Nepalese law reform project. Researchers at Kathmandu Law School were undertaking a project on the prevention of sexual violence in Nepal. As part of their work they were seeking resources on the law in England & Wales and on the ways that harmonization of laws with international human rights standards may apply in the prevention of sexual violence. In early February 2015 the Centre delivered a research guide for the Nepalese team.

The guide was written by Lawrence McNamara, Swee Leng Harris and former intern Laila Hamzi. The project was funded by the British Embassy in Nepal. The Bingham Centre is grateful to Ashursts for providing pro bono research assistance.

Measuring Policy on Access to Justice and Taxation in the United Kingdom

The Bingham Centre has conducted research, on behalf of the Open Society Foundations (OSF), on how the UK Government measures policy outcomes in relation to access to justice and aspects of taxation concerning anti-avoidance schemes. The report identifies the indicators used by the UK Government to measure the success or failure of these policies with the purpose of assisting in the development of indicators in the areas of access to justice and taxation for use in international advocacy by the OSF.

In the field of access to justice, research findings show that court activities and performance in the UK is measured primarily through quantitative indicators. These, however, only provide the institutional perspective on the effectiveness of the system and tell a limited story about individuals' experience of the justice system, or indeed, the rationale behind any changes in the institutional picture.

In the field of taxation, the report concludes that, although the UK has developed a fairly sophisticated anti-avoidance strategy, which comprises measures that are constantly being reviewed and updated, the policy on tax transparency is in its infancy, and clear domestic policies or indicators in this regard still need to be developed.

Analysing the research results against the objectives and the language of the Sustainable Development Goals that are currently being negotiated at the UN (in particular Goal 16 on access to justice as well as many of the targets which sit beneath it), there remains some work to be done, particularly around the development of tax transparency indicators and in relation to greater use of qualitative data such as that based on experience and perception surveys.

The paper is co-authored by Julinda Beqiraj, Justine Stefanelli and Naina Patel. It can be downloaded at www.biicl.org/bingham-centre/projects/taxation

Constitutional Reform in Myanmar

The Bingham Centre's 2014-2015 project on constitutional reform in Myanmar, funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, engaged Members of Parliament in Myanmar across the political parties, providing training and capacity building on constitutional reform and the rule of law.

The underlying philosophy and approach of the project was that while there are international standards for constitutionalism, democracy and the rule of law, there are different options for how those standards can be implemented. These different options were presented to Myanmar's MPs to enable them to choose the most appropriate manner of implementation.

Following a 'clinic' and scoping visit in October 2014, led by Naina Patel (the Centre's Director of Education and Training) and Alex Goodman (a Research Fellow at the Centre), a Symposium took place in January 2015, though this had had to be rescheduled from November 2014 due to a sudden decision for a parliamentary recess.

Despite this challenging context, the Centre still managed to meet with one-in-six of all the elected members of the Burmese Parliament over the two trips, including two meetings with Aung San Suu Kyi, Chair of the Committee for the Rule of Law and Stability. 48 members of Parliament attended the symposium and the project reached a good cross-section of political parties and seniority within Parliament.

A number of members of Parliament gave very positive feedback that they felt better equipped to tackle the debates and issues relating to the constitution. In addition, the establishment of relationships between the Bingham Centre and those who attended the meetings is a significant achievement in itself. Over its time of engagement with Myanmar, the Bingham Centre has established extensive networks and built strong relationships there.

For more information about the project please contact Swee Leng Harris
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The Importance of the Rule of Law in Promoting Development Singapore Rule of Law Symposium 2014

The Bingham Centre announces the publication of a volume of edited papers from the 2014 Singapore Rule of Law Symposium, a one-day conference organised by the Centre in conjunction with the Singapore Academy of Law and made possible by the generous support of the global law firm Linklaters.

The conference, held in Singapore's Supreme Court brought together senior judges, scholars and lawyers from the worlds of business and private practice. Specialist papers on topics such as rule of law-oriented technical assistance by development banks, aspects of the proposed UN Sustainable Development Goals, business and human rights norms, and investment treaties were complemented by more general reflections on the links between the rule of law and economic progress, social development and political stability.

The published volume includes four thematic sections on development, business and finance, investment law, and judicial reflections and keynotes. Among the authors are past and present Chief Justices from Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Kingdom, government ministers and the former UN legal counsel.

To download a PDF version of the book or order a copy, please visit www.biicl.org/bingham-centre/pastevents/singapore

The Rule of Law and Access to Justice in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

This September, the UN General Assembly will adopt a set of goals and targets that will drive international aid and development for the next 15 years: the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The current draft document on the SDGs (preamble and Goal 16) confirms that securing the rule of law is a goal worthy of pursuit by the international community. The Bingham Centre has monitored and commented on the negotiations taking place at the UN on the SDGs, with a focus on the rule of law and access to justice.

Following up on a working paper that critically addresses the removal in July 2014 of the rule of law from the draft of the UN's proposed SDGs and its replacement by access to justice, the Bingham Centre has participated in two UN public consultations.

In its consultation response to the UN Secretary-General's Synthesis Report on the SDGs the Centre welcomes the inclusion of "justice" as one of the six essential elements of the post-2015 agenda identified by the Secretary General and advances suggestions as to how the rule of law should be most appropriately located within the development agenda.

In the consultation response to the Sustainable Development Solutions Network – Global Public Consultation on Indicators and a Monitoring Framework for the SDGs – the Centre gives its contribution to the debate on the identification of effective global indicators capable of measuring progress in the realization of the SDGs, especially as regards Goal 16 which is to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

A short, general comment piece on these developments was published in the *New Law Journal* in February 2015, coinciding with the Global Law Summit in London.

These documents are co-authored by Dr Julinda Beqiraj, Research Fellow and Dr Lawrence McNamara, Senior Research Fellow and Bingham Centre's Deputy Director and can be downloaded at www.biicl.org/bingham-centre/projects/developmentagenda

India and the Post-2015 Agenda: Shaping the Connections between Law and Development

India is the world's largest democracy and has recently dethroned China as the fastest-growing big economy, but it continues to face significant development challenges. However, such traits, together with its rich, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-religious and multi-lingual society, mean that India has a crucial role to play in the drafting and implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The Bingham Centre, together with Advocates for International Development (A4ID), held a conference in New Delhi in February 2015 to promote discussion of the rule of law in relation to the international development agenda, and consider lessons to be learned from India. The focus and timing were built around the UN move towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This event brought together high-level speakers including Mr Harish Salve, Former Solicitor General of India and Supreme Court Advocate, Mr Venkatesh Nayak from the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Professor Dr Ajay Shah from the Indian Institute for Public Finance and Policy and Professor Sir Jeffrey Jowell Director of the Bingham Centre.

A number of key themes were explored during the conference, ranging from the current state of international negotiations, transparency and accountability in government and the targets and indicators that might be adopted when measuring the rule of law.

One such theme explored improving the situation for women and children. Both are particularly vulnerable groups within India and the rule of law requires that the law should protect people equally, without discrimination. Only when women and children enjoy equal protection through the rule of law can they prosper economically and participate in social and economic development. The rule of law has worked to assist in reducing the abuse and exploitation of such groups in India through amendments to the criminal law addressing sexual violence, and the introduction of new legislation such as the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act. Important and useful methodologies have also been devised for monitoring the effectiveness of such legislation.

The full conference report can be downloaded from the Bingham Centre website www.biicl.org/bingham-centre/publications/working-papers-conference-reports

The Appointment, Tenure and Removal of Judges under Commonwealth Principles: A Compendium and Analysis of Best Practice

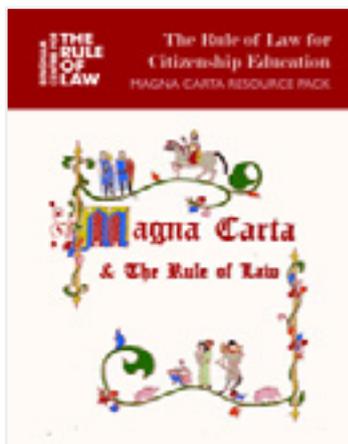
An independent, impartial and competent judiciary is essential to the rule of law. Achieving and sustaining this raises a number of important questions:

- who should appoint judges, and by what process?
- what should be the duration of judicial tenure and how should judges' remuneration be determined?
- what grounds justify the removal of a judge and who should carry out the necessary investigation and inquiries?

The Bingham Centre was commissioned by the Commonwealth Secretariat to undertake an in-depth study of how the 53 Commonwealth member states deal with these matters in their legal and constitutional frameworks. Key findings of our research include the increasing use of independent judicial appointment commissions; the preference for permanent rather than fixed-term judicial appointments; the fuller articulation of procedural safeguards necessary to inquiries into judicial misconduct; and many other developments with implications for strengthening the rule of law.

These findings form the basis for recommendations on best practice in giving effect to the Commonwealth Latimer House Principles (2003), the leading Commonwealth statement on the responsibilities and interaction of the three main branches of government. The study was carried out by the Centre Director, Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC, and Associate Senior Research Fellow, Dr Jan van Zyl Smit. The *Compendium* was launched by the Commonwealth Secretariat in July 2015 and will be available for free download from the Centre's website.

The Rule of Law for Citizenship Education



Since Autumn Term 2014, the Bingham Centre has been rolling out in schools its innovative classroom resources introducing Key Stage 3 students (aged 11-14) to rule of law principles within the framework of the national Citizenship curriculum. The project encourages students to analyse the workings of the justice system and topical legal issues through a rule of law lens. The materials have gained very positive feedback from both teacher and pupil users, and trials of the materials will continue in the 2015-2016 school year.

With the kind support of the Magna Carta 800th Trust, the Bingham Centre has produced an additional set of resources on Magna Carta and the Rule of Law that will be printed and available for download on the Centre's website in July 2015. The new resources provide a historical context for rule of law principles, examining the enduring values contained within Magna Carta that we still strive for today and that serve as a foundation for our modern justice system. Students will consider for example, the rudiments of fair trial principles, access to justice and proportionality in sentencing.

The Bingham Centre invites schools that are interested in receiving free rule of law materials to contact the project Research Fellow Xiao Hui Eng at x.eng@binghamcentre.biicl.org or visit the project website at www.binghamcentre.biicl.org/schools

Recent Events

Detention, Interrogation and Security – Oversight and Accountability

When late last year the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) published parts of its 6,700 page report on the CIA's detention and interrogation programme, it shed light – remarkable light – on how the 'war on terror' had been conducted by the US for some time.

It very rightly prompted questions for this country. The most immediate and top level question was, if that is what the US did, what did Britain do? But one need barely scratch the surface of the matter before encountering some difficult questions about method – how do we find out what Britain did? – and about scrutiny – are there lessons to be learned about oversight and accountability?

To this end, in March 2015 the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law convened a public event that asked an expert panel to consider these issues. Headlining the event was Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC, until recently Chair of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (ISC). He was joined by two lawyers, Sapna Malik from Leigh Day and Clare Algar from Reprieve (both of whom had represented Guantanamo detainees), and John Gearson, former Ministry of Defence adviser and now Professor of Security Studies at King's College London. Sir Daniel Bethlehem QC, former principal Legal Adviser to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, chaired the event.

The panel was asked to consider three issues: the extent to which the SSCI Report contributes to our own body of knowledge about detention and interrogation programmes, the appropriate response for the UK Government and Parliament to the findings of the Report, and mechanisms for accountability and oversight of UK counter-terrorism law and practice.

The discussion brought out a number of important issues, including: the ways that torture affects both the tortured and the torturers; there are substantive questions that remain to be answered in the UK; there was little agreement about the best method for finding the answers to those questions; context does not mitigate or excuse lapses in oversight, accountability or legality, but an examination of context is important because it helps us understand policymakers at the time; and while the ISC or an inquiry should be able to look effectively at what happened in the past, there is not presently an adequate mechanism for operational oversight of current on-going activity.

The analysis, 'CIA interrogations: What have we learned in the UK?' by Centre researchers Justine Stefanelli and Lawrence McNamara exploring these themes and the event more closely was published in the UK Human Rights Blog on 3 April 2015.

The event report can be downloaded at www.binghamcentre.biicl.org/documents/528_bingham_centre_event_detention_report_-_final.pdf

'Thoughtcrimes?' – An Academic and Practitioner Workshop

Coinciding with the UK government's announcement that new counter-extremism laws will be proposed, the Bingham Centre hosted a closed workshop on 14 May 2015. The half-day workshop, titled 'Thoughtcrimes?', was convened by Professor Robert Gleave of the Institute for Islamic and Arab Studies at the University of Exeter, hosted by the Bingham Centre, and supported by the ESRC-funded Partnership for Crime, Conflict and Security Research. It brought together around 20 practitioners and academics to look at how the latest law and security research might inform practice, to test those academic ideas against practitioner experience, and to consider the issues that arise in the proposals forecast by the government. Sessions were chaired by Professor Gleave and by the Bingham Centre's Deputy Director, Dr Lawrence McNamara.

Shortly after the workshop, Robert and Lawrence published an analysis of the proposals, identifying the questions and issues that will arise for consideration in the legislative debates ahead: 'Non-violent extremism: some questions about laws and limits', UK Human Rights Blog, 22 May 2015.

International workshop on Judicial Appointments Commissions: Procedure and Practice

University of Cape Town, April 2015

The demand for greater independence, transparency and legitimacy in the process by which judges are selected has led many jurisdictions in recent years to establish a dedicated Judicial Appointments Commission (or in some jurisdictions, a Judicial Service Commission). However, the operation of such bodies is far from straightforward and attention is increasingly turning to aspects of practice and procedure that are crucial to achieving their promised benefits for the rule of law. These include clear and comprehensive criteria for judicial office; the use of tests and other forms of evaluation; a fair process of shortlisting and interviewing; appropriate measures to promote judicial diversity; standards of conduct for commissioners; complaints mechanisms; and guidance on the interaction with government or parliamentary bodies which sometimes have a role at the final stage of the process.

The Bingham Centre has collaborated with the University of Cape Town, in a study funded by the Claude Leon Foundation, to bring together an international network of experts to examine these issues. This expert workshop, held in Cape Town in April 2015, examined experiences in Canada, England and Wales, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria and South Africa. The Bingham Centre was represented by Centre Director, Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC, and Associate Senior Research Fellow, Dr Jan van Zyl Smit.

Following this workshop, the participants are finalising a set of “Cape Town Principles” which aim to offer guidance on the issues examined at the workshop in a way that is relevant to the work of commissions in practice. Further consultations have been held on these draft Principles with the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Commonwealth Magistrates’ and Judges’ Association, and the Judicial Appointments Commission for England and Wales. The final version of the “Cape Town Principles” is expected to be published this summer.

The Kenyan Judicial Vetting Process



The Kenya Judges and Magistrates Vetting Board is charged with a task that is unique in the Commonwealth, namely, to review all existing members of the Kenyan judiciary and determine their suitability to serve under a new, rights-based constitution adopted in 2010. Vetting is one of a number of measures designed to dismantle authoritarian forms of governance and to address corruption and other systemic problems in the justice sector.

The members of the Judges and Magistrates Vetting Board visited the Bingham Centre on 10 April 2015, and took part in a panel discussion generously hosted by White & Case LLP. Panellists included the chairman of the Vetting Board, Sharad Rao, the Deputy Chief Justice of Kenya, Justice Kalpana Rawal, and Sir Stephen Sedley, a former member Lord Justice of Appeal. The meeting was chaired by

Michael Beloff QC and produced an illuminating discussion of the challenges of conducting the vetting exercise in a way does not undermine judicial independence but rather strengthens it.

Forthcoming Events

The Bingham Centre runs a dynamic and topical programme of events throughout the year, reflecting the Centre's research work and activities. Our events attract high profile speakers, many of whom are leaders in their field. Below are details of our forthcoming events.

Breaking BREXIT: Coping with a UK withdrawal from the EU in Practice

15 July 2015, 14:00-19:00

In view of David Cameron's pledge to hold a referendum on EU membership before the end of 2017, this event will consider the practical impact of a BREXIT on legal relationships and the constitutional structure of Britain.

Freedom of Information: Extending Transparency to the Private Sector

28 September 2015

Joint event with the new Information Law and Policy Centre (ILPC) at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS). The Scottish Information Commissioner, Rosemary Agnew will deliver the keynote address and the event is sponsored by Baker & McKenzie.

This Way, That Way, the Other Way? Directions for Human Rights in the UK

19 October 2015

Further information can be found on the Bingham Centre website at www.binghamcentre.biicl.org/events

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Update: The Bingham Appeal

The Bingham Appeal Phase 2 has made good progress since its launch in May 2013. Since then £1,774,000 has been donated or pledged in the UK and through our affiliated organisation The International Rule of Law Project Inc. in the United States. These pledges and donations from law firms, corporations, philanthropic funders and individual donors internationally are helping to ensure the sustainability of the Centre.

We are extremely grateful to all our donors and would like to thank the following organisations for their recent pledges: The Sigrid Rausing Trust, The David and Elaine Potter Foundation, The Kohlberg Foundation, Allen & Overy, Baker & McKenzie and White and Case. We have also received very generous donations from individuals in the UK and the US including most recently Kate Bingham, Paul Saunders, Steve Kobre and Phil Kessler.

We would also like to thank those donors who have supported specific projects or programmes, in particular, Jones Day for The Global Rule of Law Exchange and Hogan Lovells for the Foreign Direct Investment Project.

We are delighted that the \$100,000 target for the matched funding challenge has been reached in the UK. A US donor will match our donations with a further \$100,000 once the US target is also reached. The US donations now total \$84,000 and the deadline for pledges is the end of September 2015 with all the donations to be paid in full by June 2017.

We are also delighted to announce that Linklaters was given our Supporter of the Year award at the BIICL Annual Grotius Lecture in March. Linklaters have been a generous supporter since 2010. They were one of the first providers of core funding for the Bingham Centre and have recently extended their funding for a further four years. They also sponsored a conference in 2014.

We need to raise £4.7M by 2020 in order to respond to the growing demand for the Centre's work. In addition to working with our existing donors, the development team is constantly looking for new donors, volunteers and partners. If you are able to help, please contact Sarah Taylor, Development Director, on 020 7862 5433 or email s.taylor@biicl.org

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