



**British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law**

**Practitioner workshop on International Arbitration**

**Tenth Annual Review of the Arbitration Act 1996**

**31st January 2007**

**09:00 to 18:00**

**Location:**

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TL

Since the Arbitration Act entered into force on 31 January 1997, English courts have rendered well over 800 arbitration related decisions which Professor Robert Merkin has referred to as “*a mass of complex and contradictory case law*”. The tenth Annual Review organised by the BIICL aims to review the application of the statute by the courts and to identify current trends in arbitration law.

**Programme**

**8.15 am**                      **Registration and coffee**

**9.00 am**  
**Opening:**

Professor Pierre Tercier  
President, International Chamber of Commerce

Professor Sir Roy Goode QC  
University of Oxford

**9.30 am**  
**Session 1:**

**Procedure**

Chair                      Professor Sir Roy Goode QC

Speakers                Alan Redfern  
One Essex Court  
Independence and disclosure: essential requirements for an  
impartial tribunal?

Ian Glick QC  
One Essex Court  
Serious Irregularities

Pierre Tercier  
President, International Chamber of Commerce  
10 Years of Arbitration at the ICC Court Under the Arbitration Act  
1996

**11.00 am**                      **Coffee**

**11:30 am**  
**Session 2:**                      **Enforcement of arbitration**

Chair                      Lord Slynn of Hadley

Speakers                Judith Gill  
Allen & Overy  
Subject matter jurisdiction

Professor Robert Merkin  
Barlow Lyde & Gilbert  
Threshold Questions – Who should decide: Arbitrators or the Courts?

Professor Ewan Mckendrick  
University of Oxford  
Interpreting Pathological Arbitration Agreements

**1.00 pm**                      **Lunch**

**2:30 pm**  
**Session 3:**                      **Jurisdiction**

Chair                      Professor Pierre Lalive

Speakers                Sophie Nappert  
Denton Wilde Sapte  
Limitations on *compétence-compétence*

Graham Dunning QC  
Essex Court Chambers  
Separability: How separate is “distinct”?

Stewart Shackleton  
Eversheds LLP  
Party autonomy and arbitral jurisdiction

Professor Brian Hutchinson  
University College Dublin  
Group of Companies doctrine and the common law

**4.00 pm**                      **Coffee**

**4.30 pm**  
**Session 4:**                      **Applicable Law**

Chair                      Lord Justice Rix

Speakers                Michael O’Reilly  
Paradise Chambers  
Should s 69 be Abolished?

Professor Loukas Mistelis  
Queen Mary University  
Section 69 from a Comparative and an International Viewpoint

Larry Shore  
Herbert Smith  
The Enduring Significance of the Lex Arbitri

**6.00pm**                      **Close**

**Dinner 8:00pm**                Addresses by:    Professor Pierre Lalive

Professor Sir Roy Goode QC