

Second Annual Conference

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN STATE IMMUNITY

Wednesday 10th October 2007

at Lincoln's Inn, London

**Hosted by Queen Mary, University of London, Eversheds and British
Institute of International and Comparative Law**

The conference will participate in the CPD scheme

Conference Programme

Conference Chair

Lady Hazel Fox QC

8.30am

Registration and coffee

9.00am

Opening: Immunities: How alive are they?

Addresses :

Lady Hazel Fox QC and Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Queen Mary, University of London

9.15am

Session 1: Bringing Suit Against States and State Officials

Chair: Professor Christian Tomuschat, Professor of international Law, Humboldt University Berlin

Topics

- service of process and time limits
- mandatory or substantial compliance
- pre-judgement attachments and disclosure
- State representatives acting in that capacity
- scope of consent to jurisdiction
- employment and service contracts
- proceedings affecting State's rights and interests
- waiver of immunity by conduct

Speakers

- Sir Michael Wood KCMG
- Professor Gerhard Haffner, Vienna University
- Professor Brigitte Stern, University of Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne

10.30am

Coffee Break

11.00am

Session 2: State Enterprises

Chair: Sir Arthur Watts KCMG QC, 20 Essex Street Chambers

Topics

- extension of consent by State enterprises to the State
- ownership and control
- piercing the corporate veil
- agreement to arbitration

Speakers

- Mr Stewart Shackleton, Partner, Eversheds, London and Paris
- Ms Philippa Casey, Partner, Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw, London
- Mr Alejandro Escobar, Latham & Watkins, London

12.15pm

Session 3: International Entities

Chair: Professor Catherine Redgwell, University College, London

Topics

- arbitration
- interaction between state and diplomatic immunity
- waiver
- employment contracts

Speakers

- Professor Maurice Mendelson QC
- Professor Eileen Denza, University College, London
- Professor Dan Sarooshi, University of Oxford, Essex Court Chambers, London

1.15 pm

Lunch

2.15 pm

Session 4: Enforcement of Judgements and Awards

Chair: Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Queen Mary, University of London

Topics

- State property
- fraudulent conduct by a State
- seizing of assets
- consent to enforcement

Speakers

- Mr Khawar Qureshi, QC, Serle Court Chambers
- Mr Romesh Weermantry, Queen Mary, University of London
- Honourable Charles N. Brower, Arbitrator, 20 Essex Street Chambers

3.15 pm

Coffee Break

3.45 pm

Session 5: Human Rights

Chair: Dr Phoebe Okowa, Queen Mary, University of London

Topics

- torture
- serious violations of human rights
- civil claims

Speakers

- Professor Bill Bowring, Birkbeck College, University of London
- Professor Craig Barker, University of Sussex
- Professor Malcolm Shaw, University of Leicester, Essex Court Chambers, London,

5.00 pm

Closing

Lady Hazel Fox QC

5.15 pm

Drinks and canapés in the Crypt

7pm

Dinner in the Old Hall

Guest Dinner Speaker:

His Excellency Professor Tullio Treves, Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,
Professor of International Law, University of Milan

Information and Registration Form

CPD

The Conference has been accredited by the Law Society of England and Wales. If CPD accreditation is required by delegates for other organisations, we will be pleased to supply a Certificate of Attendance. Please request this on the application form.

Fees

A fee of £300 incl VAT (for registration on or prior to 26 September 2007) or £350 incl VAT (for registration after 26 September 2007) covers conference attendance and materials, two coffee breaks and the cocktails reception. Registration is completed with payment. A separate fee of £75 will be charged for the dinner.

Venue

Old Hall, London WC2A 3T www.lincolnsinn.org.uk

Cancellation/substitutes

In the event of you cancelling your attendance at any time after your application has been accepted, a cancellation charge of £75 will apply. You may send a substitute in your position if you notify us at least five days in advance of the conference.

Details

First name: _____ Family name: _____
Title: _____
Position: _____ Company: _____
Address: _____
City/Postcode: _____ Country: _____
Tel: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____

Conference registration

Certificate of Attendance required
Registration on or prior
to 26 September £300
Registration after 26 September
£350
Dinner £75
Total £ _____

Method of payment

Cheques must be in £ sterling made payable to Queen Mary, University of London.

Credit Card (will incur a two per cent charge) Debit Card Cheque

Details

Card number: _____ Issue No.: _____
Expiry date: _____ Authorisation code: _____

Name of cardholder

Billing address (if different from above):

Signature:

Date:

Please return the registration form and your payment to:

Mrs Janette Monk, Department of Law, Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS, UK
Tel: +44(0)2078825139 Fax: +44(0)2089818733

[Email: j.a.monk@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:j.a.monk@qmul.ac.uk)

Initiative on Commercial Law and Public International Law

Following its 2006 inaugural conference on treaty interpretation, this is the second annual conference organised under the auspices of the Initiative on Commercial Law and Public International Law. The aim of the Initiative is to facilitate an exchange of views and opinions among judges, academics, practitioners and students on the increasingly important and complex relations between commercial law and public international law.

Specific objectives of the Initiative are:

- to promote awareness of practical legal solutions that public international law may offer in commercial and economic relations
- to monitor and explore the growing use of public and international norms in economic and commercial relations
- to encourage the study of issues of public international law and commercial relations

In pursuit of these objectives, a continuing activity of the Initiative will be to organise a conference each year on a relevant topic.

The Initiative Committee:
Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice
Mr Stewart Shackleton
Mrs Janette Monk