Third Annual Conference
Current Issues in Human Rights’ Law and Practice

Monday, 8 December 2008
Royal College of Surgeons, 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

12pm

Chair: His Excellency Judge Christos Rozakis, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights

Topics
- Security Council’s and EU blacklists before the European Courts: freedom, security or both?
- International law, EU law and the fight against terrorism. The Judiciary in distress
- Human rights, trade and the environment – approaches in the European Court of Justice

Speakers
- Professor Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos, University of Athens
- Professor Takis Tridimas, Queen Mary, University of London, Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Matrix Chambers
- Mr Maurice Sheridan QC, Matrix Chambers

8.30am
Registration and coffee

9am
Opening addresses
Professor Maurice Mendelson QC, Blackstone Chambers
Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Queen Mary, University of London

9.20am
Session 1: The European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, The UK Human Rights Act: 10 Years On

Chair: James Crawford SC, FBA, Director of the Lauterpacht Centre, University of Cambridge, Whewell Professor of International Law and a Fellow of Jesus College, University of Cambridge, Matrix Chambers

Topics
- Judicial Deference and Restraint under the HRA: Why Judges can swim at the very deep end of the pool (without risk of drowning)
- The UK Human Rights Act: 10 Years On
- Should human rights law apply extraterritorially? A critical appraisal of what the leading HRA case on extraterritoriality – Al Skeini – had to say on this question
- Human Rights and Investment Arbitration

Speakers
- Professor Dominic McGoldrick, Director of The International & European Law Unit, University of Liverpool
- Dr George Letsas, UCL
- Professor Conor Gearty QC, LSE, Matrix Chambers,
- Dr. Ralph Wilde, UCL
- Professor Ursula Kriebaum, University of Vienna

11.30am
Coffee Break
1.15 pm
Lunch

2.30 pm
Session 3: Human Rights, Commercial Law and Due Processes

Chair: Professor Gudmundur Alfredsson, Advisor to the Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Professor of International Law, University of Lund

Topics
• Corporations Actions Abroad and Human Rights Responsibilities

Speakers
• Mr Stewart Shackleton, Partner, Eversheds
• Professor Robert McCorquodale, Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law
• Professor Gunther Handl, Tulane University
• Mr Tim Eicke, Essex Court Chambers

4.15 pm
Tea

Session 4: Human Rights and Terrorism
Chair: Professor Geir Ulfstein, University of Oslo

Topics
• Torture and other crimes of interrogation: issues of individual responsibility

Speakers
• Clare Ovey, Head of Division, European Court of Human Rights
• Professor Philippe Sands QC, UCL, Matrix Chambers
• Mr Raza Husain QC, Matrix Chambers

6.15 pm
Closing Remarks
Mr Stewart Shackleton, Partner, Eversheds
Dr. Phoebe Okowa, Queen Mary, University of London

7.00 pm
Dinner

After Diner Speaker:
Mr Ben Emmerson, QC Matrix Chambers
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 £150 (for registration on or prior to 1st December 2008) or £200 (for registration after 1st December) covers conference attendance and materials, two coffee breaks and lunch. Registration is completed with payment.

Membership rate applies for BIICL members (£90 for registration on or prior to 1st December 2008 and £120 for registration after 1st December 2008)
Student rate £30
Dinner - £50

Venue
Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields www.rcseng.ac.uk/about/find.html

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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.

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