CONFERENCE ON CORPORATE COMPLICITY IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
15 AND 16 DECEMBER 2009,

The conference will discuss the legal implications of corporate involvement in human rights violations directly perpetrated by their joint venture partners in zones of weak governance. Discussion will centre around 4 themes:

- International Law and corporations
- The legal risks associated with corporate complicity in human rights violations (with a focus on the notable October 2009 judgment in *Presbyterian Church of Sudan v. Talisman Energy*)
- Soft Law mechanisms and whether or not they represent a developing legal framework regulating corporate responsibility for human rights
- Human rights due diligence and the corporate responsibility to respect human rights.

The conference will also present the tentative conclusions of the joint Lauterpacht Centre for International Law/first Africa research project on corporate complicity in human rights violations based at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law: (http://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/projects/corporate_complicity_project.php)

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

**Professor James Crawford SC**: Whewell Professor of International Law at Cambridge University, Senior Counsel at Matrix Chambers and Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

**Jeremy Carver**: President of the British Branch of the International Law Association, partner at Clifford Chance LLP, member of the steering committee of the OECD National Contact Point which monitors the adherence to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises by British corporations.

**Ingrid Gubbay**: Of-Counsel at Hausfeld LLP and member of the legal team acting for the plaintiffs in *Khulumani v Barclay National Bank Ltd.*, 504 F. 3d 254 (2d Cir. 2007).

**Professor Sarah Joseph**: Professor of Law and Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights at Monash University. Her teaching and research interests lie in international human rights law and constitutional law. She has published a number of books including *Corporations and Transnational Human Rights Litigation*.

**Ms Rae Lindsay**: Partner and co-head of International Law at Clifford Chance LLP (London)
WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Business executives, academics, representatives of legal and financial advisory firms, civil society and any other interested parties.

The cost of the conference is £75.00 and includes dinner at Clare College, Cambridge University and lunch at the Cambridge University Faculty of Law.

Directions to the venue are available at: http://www.law.cam.ac.uk/about-the-faculty/how-to-find-us.php

Registration is essential, please contact Miss Vuyelwa Kuuya 01223 748 988 and vk264@cam.ac.uk as space is limited.