The Commission Recommendation on Collective Redress

14 October 2013, 14:00-18:30
British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Charles Clore House, London WC1B 5JP

Programme

14:00-14:10  Welcome and introduction

14:10-14:50  Chair: Diana Wallis, President of the European Law Institute and former Vice-President of the European Parliament

Topic 1: Why a Commission Recommendation? What next?

- Jacek Gartska, European Commission
- Comments: John Sorabji, the Legal Adviser to the Master of the Rolls.

Discussion

14:50-15:50  Topic 2: Injunctive, compensatory and follow-on actions

- Kate Wellington, Which?
- Professor Astrid Stadler, University of Konstanz, University of Rotterdam.

Discussion

15:50-16:15  Coffee break

16:15-17:15  Chair: Alexander Layton QC, 20 Essex Street

Topic 3: Funding and costs (loser pays principle, no contingency fees etc.)

- David Burstyn, Omni Bridgeway, Litigation Funder

Topic 4: Information on collective redress

- Vincent Smith, Sheppard & Smith, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- Diana Wallis, President of the European Law Institute and former Vice-President of the European Parliament

Discussion

17:15-18:30  Topic 5: Opt-in versus opt-out debate

- Alexander Layton QC, 20 Essex Street
- Georg Kodek, University of Vienna and Austrian Supreme Court
- Helene van Lith, Sciences Po, Paris
- Rob Murray, Mishcon de Reya

Discussion

18:30  Reception