



**British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law**

## Events

**Mon 31 March 2014  
16.00-19.00  
Followed by a  
reception**

### **Location**

British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law,  
Charles Clore House,  
17 Russell Square,  
London WC1B 5JP

**2.5 CPD hours have  
been applied for.**

## Litigating Commercial Claims in the UK – Why or Why Not?

BIICL has been commissioned by the Ministry of Justice to conduct a survey on factors influencing the decisions of litigants to bring commercial disputes to London based courts. This survey will assist the Ministry in developing an evidence base on the drivers behind decisions to bring commercial litigation and where to seek redress.

Within that context, the advantages and disadvantages of litigation in the UK will be assessed in depth. The assessment will include the reasons for choice of court agreements in favour of English courts and choice of law clauses in favour of English law; the competitiveness of English courts as compared to other jurisdictions and arbitration; and the impact that increased court fees might have on the UK as a forum for the litigation of commercial claims.

This event is intended as a forum for discussions for lawyers, judges and litigants. The speakers will introduce the above mentioned subjects, raising a variety of questions which will then be opened up for debate amongst all participants.

This event will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

### **Speakers include:**

- **Charles Dougherty QC**, 2 Temple Gardens
- **Simon James**, Clifford Chance
- **Jonathan Kelly**, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
- **Paul Lomas**, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- **Edward E. Poulton**, Baker & McKenzie
- **Matthew Weiniger**, Herbert Smith Freehills

This event has been convened by Dr Eva Lein, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

### **Registration**

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