Objective

This conference will meet the requirements of lawyers to stay informed on the latest developments in legislation, jurisprudence and best practice regarding commercial dispute resolution taking into account European private international and business law.

Key topics

- Recent case law in the area of European civil procedure, private and business law
- Best practice in applying commercial litigation and conflict of laws rules
- Forthcoming changes after the entry into force of the new Choice of Court Convention in June 2015, the recast of the Insolvency Regulation in summer 2015, the revision of the Small Claims Procedure 2015, and the Regulation establishing a European Account Preservation Order procedure

Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice dealing with civil litigation and dispute resolution; in-house counsel; business, company and banking lawyers; representatives of business organisations; notaries; academics.

Speakers

Robert Bray, Head of Unit, Secretariat, Committee on Legal Affairs, DG Internal Policies, European Parliament, Strasbourg / Brussels

Professor Gilles Cuniberti, University of Luxembourg

Raquel Ferreira Correia, Counsellor, Lisbon

Emilia Fronczak, Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg (tbc)

Sarah Garvey, Counsel and Head of KnowHow in the Litigation Department, Allen & Overy LLP, London

Jens Haubold, Partner, Thümmel, Schütze & Partner, Stuttgart

Professor Jan von Hein, Director of the Institute for Foreign and International Private Law, University of Freiburg

Brian Hutchinson, Arbitrator, Mediator, Barrister, GBH Dispute Resolution Consultancy; Senior Lecturer, University College Dublin

Professor Xandra Kramer, Erasmus University Rotterdam; Deputy Judge of the District Court of Rotterdam

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08:45 Arrival and registration

09:10 Welcome
Angelika Fuchs / Jan von Hein

Chair: Jan von Hein

I. SETTING THE SCENE

09:15 Commercial dispute resolution in the recent case law of the CJEU

09:45 Discussion

II. LITIGATION STRATEGY AND TACTICS

10:00 Commercial litigation or alternative dispute resolution (ADR)? Current trends
Brian Hutchinson

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Prorogation of jurisdiction under Brussels Ia and the new Choice of Court Convention: a practitioner’s perspective
Alexander Layton

12:00 The substantive validity of jurisdiction and arbitration clauses
Gilles Cuniberti

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

Chair: Alexander Layton

III. APPLYING COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND CONFLICT OF LAWS RULES IN PRACTICE

14:00 Contractual disputes under Brussels Ia and Rome I (including sales contracts, prospectus liability and distribution agreements)
Raquel Ferreira Correia

14:30 Discussion

14:45 Tort litigation (including product liability, copyright infringement, counterfeiting and competition law)
Emilia Fronczak

15:15 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

IV. MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

15:45 The interplay of Brussels Ia with optional instruments
- Enforcement Order
- Payment Order
- Small Claims Procedure
- European Account Preservation Order
Xandra Kramer

16:15 WORKSHOP
How to obtain a judgment abroad faster and more easily: practical guidelines to choose the right path
Xandra Kramer

17:45 End of the first conference day

19:30 Wine tasting and dinner

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V. NEW LEGAL ACTS

09:00 Freezing of bank accounts: current issues and forthcoming changes under the European Account Preservation Order (EAPO)
Sarah Garvey

09:30 Discussion

09:45 The recast of the EU Insolvency Regulation 2015
Jens Haubold

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

VI. FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

11:00 The further development of European civil procedure, conflict of laws and e-justice
Robert Bray

11:30 Discussion

11:45 ROUND TABLE
Coherence, consolidation and codification: the road ahead for European private law
Moderator: Jan von Hein
Robert Bray / Gilles Cuniberti / Raquel Ferreira Correia / Xandra Kramer / Alexander Layton

13:00 End of the conference

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