

# Conference: The Rome I Regulation - New Choice of Law Rules in Contract

We are pleased to announce the:

**Journal of Private International Law Conference**

**The Rome I Regulation: New Choice of Law Rules in Contract**

**Friday 19th September 2008**

**Herbert Smith, Exchange House, London**

The full programme, also set out below, can be found on our **dedicated conference page**. The speakers are all internationally recognised experts in the fields of private international law, insurance e-commerce and IP, and financial services. The keynote speech is to be delivered by The Honourable Mr Justice Richard Plender, Royal Courts of Justice.

Details on fees and booking can be found here – if you wish to attend, I suggest booking with all due speed as places *are* limited.

***The conference is kindly sponsored by Herbert Smith, the University of Birmingham, the University of Aberdeen and the University of Southampton.***

## **Programme**

9.30am – 10.00am **Registration and Coffee/Tea**

10.00am – 10.15am **Opening and Keynote Address**

**The Honourable Mr Justice Richard Plender, Royal Courts of Justice,**  
*‘Towards a European Private International Law of Obligations’*

10.15am – 11.30am **The General Framework**

*(Chair: Professor Paul Beaumont, University of Aberdeen)*

**Raquel Correia**, Legal Adviser and JHA Counsellor, Portuguese Permanent

Representation to the European Union

**Andrew Dickinson**, Clifford Chance LLP, London; Visiting Fellow in Private International Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

**Dr Michael Hellner**, University of Uppsala

**Oliver Parker**, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Justice

11.30am – 12.00pm **Coffee/Tea Break**

12.00pm–1.00pm **Insurance**

*(Chair: Adam Johnson, Partner, Herbert Smith LLP)*

**Richard Lord QC**, Brick Court Chambers

**Professor Robert Merkin**, University of Southampton

**Louise Merrett**, Trinity College, University of Cambridge; Fountain Court Chambers

1.00pm – 2.15pm **Lunch**

2.15pm – 3.15pm **E-Commerce and IP**

*(Chair: Professor Gerrit Betlem, University of Southampton)*

**Richard Fentiman**, Queens' College, University of Cambridge

**Dr Julia Hörnle**, Queen Mary, University of London

**Professor Paul Torremans**, University of Nottingham

3.15pm – 4.30pm **Financial Services**

*(Chair: Professor Jonathan Harris, University of Birmingham; Brick Court Chambers)*

**Professor Michael Bridge**, London School of Economics, University of London

**Professor Francisco Garcimartin Alférez**, University of Madrid Rey Juan Carlos

**Dr Joanna Perkins**, Secretary of the Financial Markets Law Committee

**Charles Proctor**, Partner, Bird & Bird; Honorary Professor, University of Birmingham

4.30pm – 5.00pm **Coffee/Tea Break**

5.00pm – 5.30pm **Panel Discussion**

*(Chair: Murray Rosen QC, Partner, Herbert Smith LLP)*

5.30pm **Drinks Reception**

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