

First Issue of 2010's *Revue Critique de Droit International Privé*

The last issue of the *Revue critique de droit international privé* was just released. It contains three articles and several casenotes.

The first article is a survey of judicial cooperation within the European Union in civil matters (*La coopération judiciaire en matière civile dans l'Union européenne: bilan et perspectives*). It is authored by Fernando Paulino Pereira, who is in charge of judicial cooperation at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union. No abstract is provided, either in French or in English.

In the second article, Laurence Usunier, who lectures at the University of Luxembourg, wonders how useful the Hague Convention on Choice will be (*La Convention de la Haye du 30 juin 2005 sur les accords d'élection de for. Beaucoup de bruit pour rien ?*). The English abstract reads:

On June 30, 2005, the member states of the Hague Conference of Private International Law adopted the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements. At first sight, one may be disappointed by the outcome of the lengthy negotiations carried out in the Hague. As a matter of fact, there is a huge gap between the ambitions of the initial project - a worldwide convention on jurisdiction and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters - and the subject matter of the Convention which was finally concluded - business-to-business choice of court agreements. However, a thorough study of the Convention scheme reveals that it is far from useless, as it seems to fulfill its main goal, as limited as it may be: making choice of court agreements as effective as possible.

Finally, the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law has produced the third article which discusses the opportunity for the Conference of producing principles for international contracts (*Choix de la loi applicable aux contrats du commerce international : des principes de La Haye ?*). No abstract is provided, either in French or in English.

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