

LAWYERS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Arab Lawyers' Union

AN INTERNATIONAL LAW TRAINING PROGRAMME BEIRUT, LEBANON, 19 – 23 MAY 2003

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Please note that this is a provisional programme that does not include the Arab speakers yet.

Monday 19 May 2003

10:00 Welcome

1. Secretary General of the Arab Lawyers' Union, Farouk Abou Eissa,
2. President of the Beirut Bar Association, Raymond Chédid
3. President of the Tripoli Bar Association, Boutros Faddoul
4. Minister of Justice
5. Head of European Commission Delegation, Patrick B. Renauld
6. Head of International, the Law Society, Alison Hook
7. Lebanese Co-ordinator, Omar Zein

10:50 Coffee break

International Trade Agreements and Trade Law

11:00 Plenary Session 1

Access to the EU market: what the Euro-Med Partnership means to you and how it fits into the domestic legal framework

Rainer Bierwagen, Partner, Kemmler Rapp Boehlke, Brussels

Globalisation: opportunity or threat

Alison Hook, Head of International, the Law Society of England and Wales

Questions from the floor

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Parallel workshop sessions 1 to 4

- A. The special advantages to Lebanon of the trade relationship with the European Union
Alison Hook, Head of International, the Law Society of England and Wales
- B. Preferential access to the EU market; rules of origin, quotas and other legal issues related to trade barriers
Christian Pitschas, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Berlin
- C. Introduction to the WTO: dispute settlement in the WTO
Edwini Kessie, Counsellor, Ministerial Sessions Division, World Trade Organisation, Geneva

- D. Changes to the legal framework in Lebanon which would encourage international trade
Rainer Bierwagen, Partner, Kemmler Rapp Boehlke, Brussels

15:45 Coffee break

16:05-17:20 Parallel workshop sessions [re-run of sessions 1 to 4]

17:30 English Legal Terminology 1

An introduction to legal English - Legal connotations - Legal vocabulary "A"
Peter Judge

18:30 Close

Tuesday 20 May 2003

International Legal Practice, Transactions and Skills

9:30 English Legal Terminology 2

Contract vocabulary exercises - Further legal connotations
Peter Judge

11:00 Coffee break

11:20 Plenary Session 2

How commonly used commercial contracts are drafted in the English language
John McHugo, Solicitor, Partner Trowers & Hamblins, London

E-Commerce: legal issues involving use of the internet for business
Dr. Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London and consultant to Baker & McKenzie

Questions from the floor

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Parallel workshop sessions 5 to 8

- A. Examining a commonly used commercial contract
John McHugo, Solicitor, Partner Trowers & Hamblins, London
- B. E-Commerce: Opportunities and Risks for the Legal Profession
Dr. Ian Walden, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London and consultant to Baker & McKenzie
- C. Working with the modern business client
Simon McCall, Solicitor, Director of Sherwood PSF Consulting Limited, Principal Tutor at Nottingham Law School
- D. Practising law: a profession, a business or both?
Julian Boardman-Weston, Director of Sherwood PSF Consulting Limited, Principal Tutor at Nottingham Law School,

15:45	Coffee break
16:05-17:20	Parallel workshop sessions [re-run of workshop sessions 5 to 8]
17:30	English Legal Terminology 3
	The Woolf reforms to simplify legal English - converting jargon into plain English - Legal vocabulary "B" <i>Peter Judge</i>
18:30	Close
20:00	EU/Embassy reception (tbc)

Wednesday 21 May 2003

The Law Firm; Women Lawyers

9:30	English Legal Terminology 4
	Working with property transactions – a law firm exercise. <i>Peter Judge</i>
11:00	Coffee break
11:20	Plenary Session 3
	Law firms: why they are formed; how they operate <i>Julian Boardman-Weston, Director of Sherwood PSF Consulting Limited, Principal Tutor, at Nottingham Law School</i>
	Lawyers working together: partnership; sharing fees and responsibilities; delegating tasks <i>Simon Young, Solicitor, Head Law Group UK</i>
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Parallel workshop sessions 9 to 12
	A. Law firms: how to get started <i>Julian Boardman-Weston, Director of Sherwood PSF Consulting Limited, Principal Tutor at Nottingham Law School</i>
	B. Charging clients: improving profitability; developing client relationships <i>Simon McCall, Solicitor, Director of Sherwood PSF Consulting Limited, Principal Tutor at Nottingham Law School</i>
	C. Partnership agreements <i>Simon Young, Solicitor, Head Law Group UK</i>
	D. Women lawyers <i>Diane Burleigh, Solicitor, Secretary General Institute of Legal Executives</i>
15:45	Coffee break
16:05-17:20	Parallel workshop sessions [re-run of workshop sessions 9 to 12]

17:30 **English Legal Terminology 5**

English legal system – Quiz - Legal Vocabulary “C”
Peter Judge

18:30 **Close**

20:00 **Human Rights roundtable (tbc)**

Thursday 22 May 2003

The Rule of Law - International Standards for Judges, Lawyers and Prosecutors; Fair trials

09:30 **English Legal Terminology 6**

Lawyers in Yellow pages - Further legal vocabulary
Peter Judge

11:00 **Coffee break**

11:20 **Plenary Session 4**

The independence of the judiciary; and the significance of the International Criminal Court
Professor Alan Miller, Solicitor, Director of McGrigor Donald Rights, Glasgow, Visiting Professor at University of Strathclyde, Scotland

The role and independence of prosecutors
Professor John Jackson, Barrister, Director of Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Queen's University, Belfast

Questions from the floor

13:00 **Lunch**

14:30 **Parallel workshop sessions 13 to 16**

A. The role and independence of defence lawyers
Professor Ed Cape, Solicitor, Professor of Criminal Law and Practice, University of West of England

B. Fair trials; and the significance of the International Criminal Court
Professor Alan Miller, Solicitor, Director of McGrigor Donald Rights, Glasgow, Visiting Professor at University of Strathclyde, Scotland

C. The independence and impartiality of prosecutors and judges
Professor John Jackson, Barrister, Director of Institute of criminology and Criminal Justice, Queen's University, Belfast

D. The independence of the tribunal: special courts
Philip Leach, Solicitor, Senior Lecturer in Law, London Metropolitan University

15:45 **Coffee break**

16:05-17:20 **Parallel workshop sessions [re-run of workshop sessions 13 to 16]**

17:30 **English Legal Terminology 7**

Review of the week - How to take English legal language further – Legal Vocabulary “D”
Peter Judge

18:30 **Close**

Wednesday 16th October

International Human Rights

09:45 **Plenary Session 5**

International systems of enforcement
Professor Christine Bell, University of Ulster

How international human rights principles can be used by lawyers at a national level; Rights protection during states of emergency
Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh, Lecturer, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway

Questions from the floor

11:25 **Coffee break**

11:45 **Parallel workshop sessions 17 to 20**

- A. Role of lawyers in using treaty based mechanisms
Dr. Joshua Castellino, Lecturer, Irish centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
- B. Role of lawyers in using non-treaty based mechanisms
Professor Christine Bell, University of Ulster
- C. Strategies and resources for lawyers dealing with alleged human rights violations
Philip Leach, Solicitor, Senior Lecturer in Law, London Metropolitan University
- D. International human rights principles in a domestic EU context: some case studies
Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh, Lecturer, Irish centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway

13:00 **Lunch**

14:30 **Parallel workshop sessions [re-run of workshop sessions 17 to 20]**

15:45 **Coffee break**

16:05 **Closing session and presentation of certificates**

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