

The Commercial Court 125th Anniversary Seminar Series: October - December 2020

The Commercial Court, as part of its 125th Anniversary celebrations, is pleased to have been able to arrange a series of virtual seminars linking judges, practitioners and academics on a range of “hot topics” within commercial law.

The series comprises:

Seminar 1: Arbitration and the Courts: A Constructive symbiosis.

Wednesday 7 October 2020, 5pm – 6.30pm

- Chair: Flaux LJ.
- Panel: Cockerill J, Professor Rob Merkin QC (Professor of Law at the Universities of Exeter and Reading; Special Counsel Duncan Cotterill) and Duncan Matthews QC (Twenty Essex Chambers).
- Topics (see event flyer below):
 - o The scope and availability of court powers in aid of arbitration under sections 44 and 67-70 of the Arbitration Act 1996;
 - o When injunctive relief will be granted;
 - o The shifting approach to determining the proper law of an arbitration agreement;
 - o Whether it is time to review the test for appeals on points of law.
 - o Jurisdictional challenges: how is jurisdiction defined; can jurisdiction be separated from substance; is full rehearing the correct approach?

Seminar 2: State Immunity and Commercial Law: An ever-decreasing sphere?

Tuesday 17 November 2020, 5pm - 6.30pm.

- * Chair: Males LJ.
- * Panel: Butcher J, Professor Dapo Akande (Co-Director of the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict; Professor of Public International Law at the University of Oxford and Essex Court Chambers) and Professor Philippa Webb (Twenty Essex Chambers and King’s College London).
- * Topics: Sovereign immunity and the Commercial Court; non-justiciability, act of state, immunity and exceptions to immunity.

Seminar 3: Commercial Contracts: A thing apart?

Wednesday 2 December 2020, 5pm - 6.30pm.

- * Chair: Lord Leggatt.
- * Panel: Foxton J, Professor Louise Gullifer QC (Hon) FBA (Rouse Ball Professor of English Law at the University of Cambridge) and Philippa Hopkins QC (Essex Court Chambers).
- * Topics: the continuing status of special rules of construction of exemption clauses, the interpretation of standard forms and implied terms and good faith in relational contracts.

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