



## TASK FORCE PROGRAMME – BUDAPEST, 25 OCTOBER 2018

### SPEAKERS

**MARC GELEIJNS** is President of the International Task Force Civil Law Common Law, studied Greek and Latin Languages and Cultures and Notarial Law at the State University of Leiden (the Netherlands). As a candidate civil law notary, he worked with two big law firms in Rotterdam, Amsterdam and a short while in New York.

He was appointed a notary in his native town Roosendaal in 2001. He is a member of the General Council of the UINL and an affiliate member of the "Institut de recherches et d'études notariales européen", IRENE.

He is also the representative for the Dutch Notarial Professional Organisation with the International Union of Notaries (UINL) in its European Affairs Commission.

**MICHAEL LIGHTOWLER, LL.B** is a Vice-President of the International Task Force Civil Law - Common Law. He has practised as a Notary Public in England since 1990; has served on the Council of The Notaries Society of England and Wales for many years and was President in 2011/13. He continues to represent the Society on a broad range of subjects both at home and internationally, and has published many articles on professional practice. He is especially interested in the application of modern technologies to ancient professions, and has directed the Society's digital programme since 2000. In recent years, he has made numerous presentations on this topic at conferences and other events in many different countries. He plays an active role in raising the profile of the profession with undergraduates and regularly visits universities around the country. Michael is also an Honorary Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Notaries.

**MATHIJS TEN WOLDE, LL.M.** Dutch Private Law and LL.M. Notarial Law [University of Groningen], PhD [University of Groningen], full professor Private International Law and private Law [University of Groningen]. Director of the Ulrik Huber Institute. Mathijs acts as legal counsel to civil law notaries, estate planners and banks in cross border cases. Before he became a full professor he practised as an assistant civil law notary in Amsterdam from 1993 to 1999 (Loeff Claeys Verbeke). Professor Mathijs ten Wolde published more than 150 articles and over 40 books. He is a member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

*In his presentation, Mathijs ten Wolde will discuss the consequences of the shift from the Hague Convention on Matrimonial Property Regimes 1978 to the EU Regulation on matrimonial property regimes. How will the new EU Regulation affect notarial practice?*

**LUC WEYTS** is Emeritus and Honorary Professor at KU Leuven University and Honorary Professor at the Jan Ronse Institute for Corporate and Financial Law. In the International Union of Notaries, he was President of the Young Notaries Commission for several years, and is currently member of the General Council representing Belgium. He teaches at the World Notarial University in Buenos Aires and Rome. He is currently an honorary notary. He has published various works including "Corporate Law Clauses for the Notarial Profession".

*In his presentation, Luc will speak about the impact of the Matrimonial Property Regulations in Belgium. This contribution will cover the typical notarial aspects about these two European regulations. It is a study about how important the European legislator consider the intervention of*



*the notary in this field by explaining and taking in account which national law system will organize the matrimonial regime or living together contract when partners have a different nationality*

**TAMAS BALOGH** is a legal adviser of the Notary Institute of the Hungarian National Chamber of Civil Law Notaries. He provides comprehensive legal advice to the Hungarian civil law notaries on private international private law and international procedural law, particularly in succession matters. He worked for nine years in the Department of Private International Law of the Ministry of Justice of Hungary. As a government delegate, he regularly attended working group meetings of the Council of the EU. In 2011, during the Hungarian EU Presidency, he was the vice-president of the working group responsible for the elaboration of the European Succession Regulation.

*In his presentation, Tamás will first outline the Hungarian domestic legislation on matrimonial property regimes and then he will discuss the possible impacts of the Regulation in Hungary, in a Member State not participating in the enhanced cooperation.*

**RAINER HAUSSMAN** provides comprehensive advice on international private law and procedural law, particularly on international matrimonial regime law and inheritance law, but also on German inheritance law, mainly as to the drafting of dispositions by will and shareholder agreements relating to corporate succession.

Prof. Hausmann is the author of numerous standard works on international private law and procedural law, as well as on inheritance law. He studied law at the universities of Würzburg, Berlin (FU / "Free University") and Munich. From 1971 he worked as scientific assistant at the International Law Institute of the Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich. There, he qualified as a professor in 1986 and then he acted as substitute professor in Regensburg and Heidelberg and as extraordinary professor in Erlangen-Nuremberg. Concurrently, he worked as attorney at law with a big law firm in Munich until a post was offered to him as full professor at the chair of civil law, international private law and procedural law as well as comparative law at the University of Constance (Konstanz). There, he taught from 1990 until 2009. Since then, he has been working as expert and arbitrator and since 2014 he started to work as attorney at law in Munich again.

*In his presentation, Prof. Hausmann will speak about the impact of the Matrimonial Property Regulations in Germany.*

**IAIN ROGERS** is a scrivener notary, translator and educator based in West Sussex, England. He studied languages at the University of Cambridge, specialising in Russian language and history, obtaining a first-class degree in the summer of 1995 and was awarded the Mallinson prize for academic achievement in language learning. He then joined Cheeswrights, Notaries Public in London where he was a partner from 2002 to 2014. He now focusses on educational activities and continues to be associated with Cheeswrights as a consultant.

Iain has taught notarial practice for well over ten years and is currently the course convenor for the second (final) year of the Notarial Practice Course at University College London. Iain lectures on and teaches notarial practice nationally and internationally; he has also acted as examiner or moderator for notarial practice examinations in a number of foreign jurisdictions.

*Iain will address common problems encountered by notaries in common-law jurisdictions relating to matrimonial property regimes and nuptial agreements.*



**DIANNE MILLEN**, an Associate in the Morton Fraser Family Law team, Dianne specialises in advising on the financial and child-related issues, which arise when couples separate. She has recently worked with clients with connections to England, Canada, Dubai, New Zealand and Pakistan, including expats. She also advises clients on international adoption applications.

Dianne also advises the relatives of adults who can no longer make decisions for themselves. Last year she acted in a widely reported appeal case, which clarified the law in relation to such applications.

Prior to becoming a solicitor, Dianne had a successful career in research and project management in academia and the public sector, including extensive experience of presenting and chairing sessions at conferences in the UK and across Europe. Dianne is a qualified coach and a mentor for young lawyers. She is also Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for Fife Gingerbread, a charity that supports vulnerable and disadvantaged families.

*In her presentation, Dianne will outline how the Scottish statutory matrimonial property regime deals with the division of assets on divorce and enables judicial fairness and innovation. She will also briefly review how this interacts with the law of succession. Although there are no “opt in” property regimes in Scots law, she will discuss the attitude of the Scottish courts to pre- and post-nuptial agreements and consider the potential impact of the EU Regulations.*

**MICHAEL BULA**, B.A. [French & Italian], LL.B. [Melbourne University], Grad. Dip. Notarial Practice [Victoria University], Barrister & Solicitor [Victoria, ACT, NSW & Vanuatu], Notary Public [ACT, Victoria & Vanuatu], professional French↔English NAATI [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (Australia)] translator, Chevalier dans l’Ordre National du Mérite of France. Michael is currently Vice-President and former President of the Society of Notaries of Victoria, Executive Governor responsible for International Relations on the Board and Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Notaries; and Individual Member of the International Union of Notaries.

His firm is Michael Bula Solicitors, International Lawyers and Notaries, established in 1985 where he practises in international law and as a notary with emphasis on France and French-speaking countries of Europe, Africa and the South Pacific as well as Italy. He speaks French and Italian with sound notions of Spanish and Portuguese. He is Legal Counsel to the French and other Embassies and Consulates and Melbourne French Theatre Inc. He is also a casual sessional lecturer in notarial studies at Victoria University and Honorary Consul General for Senegal in Australia.

*In his presentation, Michael will address the Australian Interface to the EU Regulations*

**RICHARD HOGWOOD** graduated from Oxford University (1997). Upon qualification in 2001, he practised initially as a corporate tax lawyer at Slaughter and May before moving to Speechly Bircham (now Charles Russell Speechlys) as a private client tax and trusts lawyer (and subsequently as a family lawyer). He joined Stewarts in May 2011.

Richard focuses particularly on negotiating the financial aspects of divorce (and civil partnership dissolution), separation and preparing pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements. Often, these matters will have an international element and, with pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements especially, Richard is accustomed to liaising with lawyers in several different jurisdictions and is regularly involved in cases involving complex tax and trust issues.



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Richard has authored several articles for professional journals and has been quoted many times in the national and international press. He has also presented at a number of conferences both in the UK and abroad, often on the topic of pre-nuptial agreements.

*Richard will explore matrimonial property regimes and the approach of the English courts to the division of assets upon divorce. He will also look at pre and post-nuptial agreements and how foreign agreements and foreign elections of marital property regimes are treated in England. He will also deal with claims on death and finally, the likely impact of BREXIT.*