



Society of Construction Law

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Law Conference 2008

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Welcome Address from the Conference President

The Right Honourable Lord Justice Anthony May

President United Kingdom Society of Construction Law



"The UK Society of Construction Law is proud to host the 2008 International Construction Law Conference in London.

Following the excellent inaugural conference held in Singapore in 2006 organised so expertly by the Singapore Society of Construction Law, the UK Society of Construction Law was delighted to be asked to host the second biennial international conference in October 2008.

This two day conference will bring together leading construction experts from many different jurisdictions to exchange ideas on a wide range of highly relevant topics. The first day focuses on forms of contractual relationship, building information modelling and approaches to the analysis of delay. Issues arising from the management of major international projects span the two days during which an array of speakers from all over the world will give the conference the benefit of their personal experience. The main focus of the second day will be dispute resolution through a provocative examination of the comparative advantages of the main methods used to resolve international and domestic disputes. We are fortunate that so many leading international authorities on these subjects have agreed to lead discussion as speakers and as chairmen of the various sessions.

No less enticing will be the social programme for the conference which will give a great opportunity for participants to meet colleagues from their own and other countries in surroundings which include Tower Bridge with its stunning views of London by night, the award winning 250 year old Brewery, and the Ironmongers' Hall, home to one of the great Livery Companies of the City of London.

We are honoured to have with us at this conference representatives of the prestigious American College of Construction Lawyers who also offer an additional programme of their own which delegates can attend.

On behalf of the UK Society of Construction Law, I offer you a warm welcome to London and our best wishes for what I am sure will be an outstanding Conference."

The Right Honourable Lord Justice Anthony May

President United Kingdom Society of Construction Law

Introduction to the Conference

The UK Society of Construction Law is delighted to host the second biennial International Construction Law Conference in London in October 2008.

This major two day conference, to be held between **5th and 7th October 2008**, will create the opportunity for construction lawyers and professionals from all over the world to meet professionally and socially in London in order to exchange ideas on issues of interest and importance to the industry worldwide.

To assist this exchange of ideas, a distinguished line up of speakers from around the world has been assembled to lead discussion on a range of topics of current importance. Speakers include lawyers, industry professionals, expert witnesses, arbitrators, adjudicators, mediators, and academics from Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, Australia, New Zealand and America.

The Conference days will be opened by Lord Justice Anthony May and Mr Justice Vivian Ramsey, both distinguished construction lawyers and now leading members of the English judiciary. Other distinguished judges involved in the conference proceedings include Sir Philip Otton (formerly a Lord Justice of Appeal), Mr Justice Robert Akenhead and His Honour Humphrey Lloyd QC.

A summary of the programme for the Conference and details of speakers and chairmen follow in this brochure. The full Conference programme is available on **www.sclinternational.org**

About the UK Society of Construction Law

The Society of Construction Law was founded in the UK in 1983 to promote education, study and research in the field of construction law and related subjects for the public benefit both in the UK and overseas.

The Society now has over 1,800 members from all sectors of the construction industry, making it the largest organisation in this country dedicated to construction law. The Society is uniquely valuable for its multi-disciplinary membership within the construction field.

The Society is run by a Council of 20 elected members. It holds frequent meetings and other events in London and around the UK, publishes regular highly regarded papers, supports other educational bodies, sponsors an annual essay prize and generally promotes interest in construction law.

A fantastic social programme has been organised around the Conference with events to be held in spectacular settings in London to include:



Evening Cocktail Reception at Tower Bridge

On 5th October, an Evening Cocktail Reception will be held at Tower Bridge, the world famous lifting bridge which spans the River Thames. The venue provides stunning views of the River Thames and the City of London by night.

The Reception is likely to start at 7pm - the precise timing will be confirmed.

Gala Dinner at The Brewery

On 6th October, the Conference Gala Dinner will take place at The Brewery, which is one of London's largest events venues and has won a number of prestigious awards. It is over 250 years old, was "designed by famous architects, built by craftsmen, advanced by engineers and visited by royalty." **The Gala Dinner commences at 6.30pm.**



SCL President's Reception at the Ironmongers' Hall

On 7th October, the UK Society of Construction Law will hold its biennial President's Reception at the Ironmongers' Hall. The Ironmongers' Hall is home to one of the 12 great livery companies of the City of London. The Hall's Banqueting Suite is the venue for this Reception, hosted by the President of the UK SCL. It is famous for its wood panelling and stained glass windows, and for featuring in one of the Harry Potter films! **The Reception starts at 7pm.**

Conference Programme

Day One: Monday 6th October 2008

Conference Opening: 09.00	President of UK Society of Construction Law, The Right Honourable Lord Justice Anthony May, Court of Appeal - London
Welcome by the Chairman of Day 1	Tomas Kennedy Grant QC - Arbitrator and Mediator - New Zealand

Session (1) New Contractual Relationships

Chairman	Anthony Morgan - Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, programming and delay expert witness - London
Trends in new contract forms	Professor Phillip Capper - Professor of Engineering law, King's College London; Partner, White & Case - London
Contractual innovation and challenges in emerging economies	Chris Dering - Principal Counsel, Bechtel UK - London
New World Bank Contract	Peter Caldwell - Arbitrator, Consulting Engineer - Hong Kong

Session (2) Building Information Modelling

Chairman	Christopher Noble - Partner, Noble & Wickersham - Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
How it works	Howard Ashcraft - Partner, Hanson Bridgett - California/Nevada, USA
The Legal Perspective	Patrick O'Connor - Partner, Faegre & Benson - Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
The UK Perspective	Professor Roger Flanagan, Professor School of Construction and Management Engineering, Reading University - Reading, UK

Session (3) How Should Delay be Analysed?

Chairman	His Honour Humphrey LLoyd QC - retired Judge in the Technology and Construction Court and former President SCL, now Arbitrator - London
Dominant Cause	Jeremy Winter - Partner, Baker & McKenzie - London
Methods of analysis and how they are viewed by the US Courts	John Tieder - Partner, Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald - USA
The problems with reliance on technology	David Barry - Programming Specialist, expert witness - UK

Session (4) Big projects, big issues: Managing Major Infrastructure Projects (Part 1)

Chairman	Niels Kraunsoe – former Director Hong Kong Airport Authority, now Mediator - Hong Kong
An alternative approach -The Northern Gateway Alliance, New Zealand	Robert Jones - Operations Director, Leighton Contactors - New Zealand
Dubai	Peter Shaw – Consultant, Key & Dixon - Dubai
The San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge	Robert Smith – Shareholder, Akerman Senterfitt Wickwire Gavin; Adjunct Professor, University of Wisconsin - Madison, USA
Close of Day 1	Sir Philip Otton – retired Court of Appeal Judge, former President SCL, now Arbitrator – London

Day Two: Tuesday 7th October 2008

Opening of Day 2: 09.00	The Honourable Mr Justice Ramsey, Technology & Construction Court - London
Welcome by the Chairman of Day 2	Richard Harding - Barrister, Keating Chambers - London

Session (5) Big projects, Big issues: Managing Major Infrastructure Projects (Part 2)

Chairman	Victoria Russell - Partner, Fenwick Elliott - London
Singapore Airport Terminal 5	Chow Kok Fong - CEO Changi Airport International - Singapore
	John Boultswood - Turner & Townsend, seconded to BAA T5 Commercial Director
Beijing Olympics	Susan Ning - Partner, King & Wood, adviser to the Chinese government for the Beijing Olympic Games - Beijing

Session (6) Debate: ADR - Dispute Review Boards, Mediation and Conciliation

Chairman	Pierre M. Genton - founder PGM Engineers & Economists, Chairman ICC Dispute Board Task Force - Lausanne, Switzerland
in favour of Dispute Review Boards	Peter HJ Chapman - Past President DRBF, Arbitrator - UK
in opposition to Dispute Review Boards	Doug Oles - Partner, Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker - Seattle and Anchorage, USA
in favour of Mediation	David Cornes - Commercial Mediator - London
in opposition to Mediation	John Riches - Arbitrator and Adjudicator, - London
in favour of Conciliation	Sundra Rajoo - President of the KL & Selangor SCL, Arbitrator - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
in opposition to Conciliation	Anthony Speaight QC - Barrister, 4 Pump Court - London

Session (7) Debate: Adjudication - should it be encouraged?

Chairman	Tony Bingham - Barrister, 3 Paper Buildings - London
in favour of Adjudication	Caroline Cummins - Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna Solicitors - London
in favour of Adjudication	Professor Doug Jones AM - Partner Clayton Utz - Sydney
in opposition to Adjudication	Dr Colin Ong - Managing Partner, Colin Ong Legal Services - Brunei
in opposition to Adjudication	Paul Starr - Partner, Mallesons Stephen Jaques - Hong Kong

Session (8) Debate: Arbitration - is it the best form of dispute resolution?

Chairman	The Honourable Mr Justice Akenhead, Technology & Construction Court - London
in favour of Arbitration	Vera Van Houtte - Partner, Stibbe - Brussels
in favour of Arbitration	Dominic Helps - Partner, Shadbolt & Co - London
in favour of Arbitration	Professor Antonio Crivellaro - Arbitrator and Professor of International Trade Law, University of Padua - Padua, Italy
in opposition to Arbitration	Philip Jeyaretnam SC - Senior Counsel, former chairman Singapore SCL - Singapore
in opposition to Arbitration	Paul Darling QC - Barrister, Keating Chambers - London
in opposition to Arbitration	Teresa Cheng SC - Senior Counsel and President Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Hong Kong
Close of Conference	John Tackaberry QC - Barrister and Arbitrator, 39 Essex Street Chambers - London

Supporting Societies of Construction Law

The Conference is supported by:

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Hong Kong Society of Construction Law
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American College of Construction Lawyers

We are particularly delighted to announce the involvement in the Conference, as speakers and participants, of the American College of Construction Lawyers (ACCL). Founded in 1990, the ACCL is one of the leading legal associations in America.

On Sunday 5th October 2008, the ACCL will present a supplementary program on International Construction Law Fundamentals from a US Perspective. This program will be held in the sumptuous surroundings of the Guoman Tower Hotel on St. Katherine's Way, next to the Tower of London and Tower Bridge.



Topics to be covered will include:

- Project Delivery Systems
- Contract Negotiating and Drafting
- Securing Payment and Performance
- International Dispute Resolution

Speakers will include leading US and UK practitioners and judges, with extensive experience in international construction law and practice.

The ACCL would be delighted to entertain delegates attending the Conference at their program.

About the Venue

The Grange City Hotel is a spectacular new luxury 5 star hotel, with unique panoramic views over the City of London. It is located close to the historic Tower of London, and is the venue for the conference proceedings.

Grange City Hotel

8-14 Cooper's Row, London, EC3N 2BQ

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http://www.grangehotels.com/grange_city_hotel/index.htm

Reservations for accommodation may be made by contacting the Central Reservations Office of the Hotel, by these numbers, and by quoting reference 051008D

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The location of the Hotel, other conference venues and stations are shown on the map below.





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Registration Details

The cost of the SCL Conference is £650. There is a £100 discount for early booking before 30th June 2008, and a £50 discount for SCL and ACCL members bringing the price down to £500 for SCL and ACCL members who book before 30th June 2008.

The SCL Conference price includes one free ticket to the Cocktail Reception and Gala Dinner. Single day booking may be made at a cost of £400 per day, excluding dinner. **The Cocktail Reception** is open to guests of Conference delegates at an additional cost of £30. **The Gala Dinner** is also open to all SCL and ACCL members and their guests not attending the conference at a cost of £75 per head. Tables of 10 are available. **The President's Reception** will be open to all SCL members, Conference attendees and their guests at an extra cost of £30 per head. **The ACCL Conference** is open to all SCL conference attendees and all SCL members at an extra cost of £35 per head.

REGISTRATION BOOKING FORM

Name:

Name & Address of Organisation:

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Designation:

SCL Membership No. ACCL (Please tick)

Telephone No.:

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1	Full Attendance at two day SCL conference	@ £650	_____
2	Confirm attendance at Cocktail Reception	Yes / No*	
3	Confirm attendance at Gala Dinner	Yes / No*	
4	Discount for early booking. Applies to all bookings made before 30th June 2008	@ (£100)	()
5	Discount for SCL and ACCL Members	@ (£50)	()
6	Attendance For Monday only	@ £400	_____
7	Attendance for Tuesday only	@ £400	_____
8	Additional guests at Cocktail Reception on 5th October	@ £30	_____
9	Additional places at Conference Gala Dinner on 6th October	@ £75	_____
10	Attendance at President's Reception on 7th October	@ £30	_____
11	Additional guests at President's Reception on 7th October	@ £30	_____
12	Attendance at the ACCL Conference on 5th October	@ £35	_____

TOTAL PAYMENT

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PAYMENT

Bookings may be made online at www.sclinternational.org Alternatively, please return this form together with a cheque payable to "**Society of Construction Law (UK)**" to Frances Whitehead, Society of Construction Law (UK), 114 Pettits Lane, Romford, Essex RM1 4EJ. Queries regarding registration may be addressed to **Frances Whitehead** on telephone number **+44 1708 731476** or email franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk

CANCELLATION

The SCL Organising Committee is committed to staging a successful conference; however it reserves the right to cancel or postpone the SCL Conference in which case a full refund will be offered. Should you wish to cancel your booking once made a refund of 50% will be given up to 1st September 2008 after which no refunds will be given.

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