

18 July, 2016

Dear Member,

## Evening Meeting at Watson Farley & Williams: Tuesday 26 July, 2016 at 6.00 pm

The CLA will be holding an evening meeting on **Tuesday 26 July** at **Watson Farley & Williams LLP**, 15 Appold Street, London EC2A 2HB. Registration for the event will start at 6pm followed by the lecture at 6:15pm.

Alan Dashwood and Piet Eeckhout have kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

## "Brexit means Brexit: but what might Brexit mean? The EU treaties and practical legal options for re-engagement by the UK"

In its initial event on Brexit, the CLA will adopt a pragmatic rather than a theoretical approach. The first assumption will be that the UK and the remaining Member States will seek a path for the world's fifth (or sixth) largest economy to re-engage in a meaningful way with the Single Market. The second assumption is that the price will be some form of re-engagement by the UK with the EU Treaty freedoms.

What legal tools are available to deliver such realpolitik? Our speaker and panellists will shed light on the available options to the UK Government and the EU institutions. They will cover the EU legal framework for secession and association, and outline possible consequences for trade law, intellectual property and antitrust. We hope the session will begin to frame the legal alternatives available to restore a pragmatic and mutually acceptable relationship with the EU project in a manner consistent with the democratic reality check delivered by the UK voting public.

**Professor Sir Alan Dashwood KCMG CBE QC** was Professor of European Law at the University of Cambridge from 1995 to 2009 and is now Professor Emeritus. He is a Fellow, now Emeritus, of Sidney Sussex College, of which he was formerly Vice-Master. In January 2012 he became a part-time Professor of Law at City University. He is also a Barrister in Henderson Chambers, a Bencher of the Inner Temple and took Silk in 2010. He specialises in the law of the European Union, and appears regularly in proceedings before the Court of Justice of the EU. Before election to his Chair at Cambridge, he was a Director in the Legal Service of the Council of the EU. He was the founding Editor of European Law Review and was one of the Joint Editors of Common Market Law Review until December 2008. He is a co-author of Wyatt and Dashwood's European Union Law, the sixth edition of which appeared in 2011, and contributes frequently to legal periodicals. At the invitation of the FCO, he led a team of Cambridge lawyers in drafting a model EU Constitution, as a contribution to the work of the Convention on the Future of Europe. He was appointed CBE in 2004 and KCMG in 2013 for services to the development of European Law.

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**Professor Piet Eeckhout, Professor of EU Law, UCL** studied law (lic.iur.) and European law (lic.Eur.iur – equivalent to LLM) at the University of Ghent, Belgium, where he also obtained his PhD degree. Before joining King's College London in 1998 he taught at the University of Ghent and at the University of Brussels (VUB). Between 1994 and 1998 he worked in the chambers of Advocate General Jacobs at the European Court of Justice.

Professor Eeckhout was Director of the Centre of European Law, at King's College London, between 1998 and 2012, when he joined UCL. He is co-editor of the Yearbook of European Law, and of the Oxford EU Law Library (both Oxford University Press). He is an associate academic member of Matrix Chambers, London.

Professor Eeckhout is a leading authority in EU law and international economic law. He is the author of EU External Relations Law (2nd ed, Oxford University Press 2011). In 2004 he delivered the General Course at the Academy of European Law, Florence, and in 2006 he was General Rapporteur at the biennial FIDE (Federation of European Law Associations) Conference.

## Our panellists include:

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**Emily Mackenzie** is a barrister at Brick Court Chambers. Emily's practice spans administrative, public international, commercial and EU law. She has considerable expertise in complex public law and human rights issues, pharmaceutical regulation and Francovich damages in particular. Emily regularly appears as an advocate, both led and unled, including in the High Court, Court of Appeal, CJEU and in arbitral proceedings.

**James Flynn QC** is a barrister at Brick Court Chambers. James is one of the most prominent Competition and EU litigators at the London Bar. His wide experience at the Bar builds on his years of practice at a magic circle law firm in London and Brussels together with his work as a Legal Secretary at the European Court of Justice. He has led teams in some of the most high profile cases in London in recent years, acting for BMI in the Private Healthcare Market Investigation in relation to procedural fairness in CMA investigations; Aer Lingus in its long-running dispute over Ryanair's shareholding; Sky in the Pay TV litigation; Asda in the successful appeals against the OFT's Tobacco decision; and for Cardiff Bus in the first follow-on damages action to come to trial. In addition, James has a substantial Luxembourg practice where recent appearances include acting for Samsung in the CRT cartel appeals and Lloyds Banking Group in the Interchange fees litigation. Notable past cases include the leading case on legal privilege in competition proceedings (Akzo Nobel) and the landmark Microsoft appeal. His considerable experience of competition damages cases, embraces follow-on and standalone actions in the High Court.

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Nicholas Saunders is a barrister at Brick Court Chambers and practices in commercial, competition and intellectual property law. He was appointed standing counsel for the UK government on intellectual property in 2014 and regularly advises and appears in the higher appeal courts and before the CJEU.

The session will be followed by refreshments.

There will be no charge for this event. Registration should be made in the usual way via the 'New Events' section of the CLA website. Please note: non-members registering should complete the online registration form in its entirety and then select 'pay by cheque'. This will enable the system to register your attendance without paying. One CPD point will be available.

On-line registration will close on Monday 25 July. Tickets will not be issued for this event.

With kind regards,

**Sharon Horwitz** Secretary

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