



# Procedural Law Unit Annual Symposium

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European Civil Procedure After Brexit: delays and need to speed-up, technology in justice and ADR

Thursday, 15 December 2022  
09:00 - 16:00  
Cine Studio, University of Nicosia



In memory of Konstantinos Kerameus



# 2nd Annual Symposium

## Mission


One of the stated objectives of the Symposium is to function in the long run as an annual forum where research findings, papers, important issues and developments concerning justice in Cyprus, the EU and internationally are presented, discussed and analysed, and thereby forwarded to the relevant policymaking centres.

## Summary of last year's event

Last year's event, targeted at suggestions and actions to improve civil justice in Cyprus, revealed the findings of a study conducted by the Procedural Law Unit of the University of Nicosia and included panel discussions with a multitude of high key, national and international governmental officials, policy analysts, academics, and practitioners.

## The theme and topics this year

The 2022 Symposium aims to build on the previous year's efforts and hopefully attract even greater interest and attention from all stakeholders in Cyprus and abroad. The general theme for this year's conference is “European Civil Procedure After Brexit: delays and need to speed-up, technology in justice and ADR”. It will take place on the **15th of December 2022**, at the Cine Studio of the University of Nicosia, in memory of Professor Konstantinos Kerameus.

- **Co-organiser: Cyprus Bar Association**
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  - **The event will be livestreamed and there will be interpretation from Greek to English**
  - **The papers and findings of the event will be published.**
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# Programme

## **09:00 - 09:30 Registrations**

## **09:30 - 10:00 Welcome Addresses**

- Stefi Dracou, Minister of Justice
- Nicos Tornaritis, Chairman of Parliament Committee on Legal Affairs
- George Savvides, Attorney General
- Louisa Christodoulides Zannetou, Law Commissioner
- Christos Clerides, Cyprus Bar Association President
- Achilles Emilianides, Dean of the School of Law, University of Nicosia

## **10:15 - 10:30 Keynote speech**

- Gilles Cuniberti, University of Luxembourg

## **10:30 - 11:30 Panel 1: Recent reforms of the administration of civil justice in Cyprus**

- Adamantia Manta, Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support European Commission
- Tigran Karapetyan, Head of Transversal Challenges and Multilateral Projects Task Force · Council of Europe
- George Erotocritou, Director of Reform and Training Supreme Court
- Marcos Dracos, Lawyer
- Ronald Lenz, Director MENA HiIL

**Moderator:** Nicolas Kyriakides

## **11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break**

## **11:45 - 12:45 Panel 2: New Technologies and their intersection with civil procedure & ADR**

- Nicolaos Katiforis, University of Athens
- Masood Ahmed, University of Leicester
- Athanassios Skontzos, Max Planck Institute on Procedural Law
- Arunima Shrikhande, Lawyer
- Ioannis Kastanas, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Nicosia
- Nikolas Chatziavraam, Zygos

**Moderator:** Anna Plevri



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**12:45 - 13:30 Lunch Break**

**13:30 - 14:30 Panel 3: EU Cross Border Transactions: Problems, Potentials and Solutions**

- Wannes Vandebussche, Ghent University
- Adriani Dori, Erasmus University Rotterdam/Building EU Civil Justice
- Sokratis Tsachiridis, Lawyer, Mediator
- Alexander Layton, KC
- Alexandros Gavrielides, Lawyer
- Theano Mavromoustaki, Office of the Attorney General

**Moderator:** Nicolas Kyriakides

**14:30 - 14:45 Coffee Break**

**14:45 - 15:45 Panel 4: The Post Brexit Era: Implications for EU Procedural Law and Arbitration**

- Kyriaki Noussia, University of Reading
- Nick Tamvakis, Lawyer, PhD Cand
- Nikos Koulouris, EUC
- Marco De Benito, University of Madrid
- Agis Georgiades, Lawyer

**Moderator:** Anna Plevri

**15:45 - 16:00 Closing Remarks: Anna Plevri/Nicolas Kyriakides**





# PAST SPEAKERS



**Nicos Tornaritis**  
Chairman of the Parliamentary  
Committee on Legal Affairs



**Stephie Dracou**  
Minister of Justice Minister  
and Public Order



**Dr Christos Clerides**  
President of the Cyprus Bar  
Association



**Prof Dr Achilles K.  
Emilianides**  
Professor of Law and Dean  
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**Rafaella Hadjikyriacou**  
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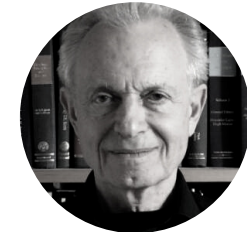
**Dr Nikos Koulouris**  
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European University of  
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**Dr Erlis Themeli**  
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Erasmus School of Law,  
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**Dr Nikitas Hadjimichael**  
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**Prof Adrian Zuckerman**  
Emeritus Professor at  
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**Dr Wendy Kennett**  
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Dr John Sorabji, Associate Professor, Faculty of Laws, UCL SLASH



David Rosenberg  
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Lord Dyson



Christa Christensen, former Director of Training for Tribunals at the Judicial College from 2016 to 2020



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Dr Elizabetta Silvestri  
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Dr Marcos Dracos  
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