



# 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

**Louiza Christodoulidou-Zannetou**, Law Commissioner

**Christos Clerides**, President, Cyprus Bar Association

**Achilles Emilianides**, Professor, Dean of the School of Law, University of Nicosia

**10:00 - 10:15 Keynote speech**

**Gilles Cuniberti**, Professor of Comparative Law and Private International Law, University of Luxembourg

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

**Moderator: Nicolas Kyriakides**

**Adamantia Manta**, Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support European Commission, “EC’s contribution to the reform of the administration of courts in CY”

**Tigran Karapetyan**, Head of Transversal Challenges and Multilateral Projects Task Force · Council of Europe, “CoE’s contribution to the justice reform in Cyprus”

**George Erotocritou**, Director of Reform and Training Supreme Court, “Η Μεταρρύθμιση των Δικαστηρίων και η Δημιουργία Ανεξάρτητης Υψηλής για τα Δικαστήρια”

**Ronald Lenz**, Director MENA HiiL, ‘Mobile Justice’ - a new community legal aid model developed in South East Tunisia”

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



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## **11:45 - 13:00 Panel 2: New Technologies and their intersection with civil procedure & ADR**

**Moderator: Anna Plevri**

**Nikolaos M. Katiforis**, University of Athens, "Η εφαρμογή της Τεχνητής Νοημοσύνης στο πεδίο απονομής της πολιτικής δικαιοσύνης ως συνταγματική πρόκληση. Η αξιοποίηση αλγορίθμων διαμορφώσεως βαθμίδων του ποσού της αποζημιώσεως σε περίπτωση αδικοπραξίας" (The application of AI in the field of civil justice as a constitutional challenge. The use of algorithms for the calculation of tiers of the amount of compensation in the event of a tort)

**Masood Ahmed**, University of Leicester, (on line participation), "[A]DR and digitisation within the Civil Justice System of England and Wales"

**Athanassios V. Skontzos**, Max Planck Institute on Procedural Law

**Arunima Shrikhande**, Lawyer, "The Metaverse of Civil Justice in Europe". A brief description: it is a comparative analysis of AI and technology integration in civil procedure in Germany, England & Wales, and Estonia»

**Ioannis Kastanas**, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Nicosia "Αναγκαστική Εκτέλεση εις βάρος του Δημοσίου. Σπουδή στο άρθρο 199 ΚΔΔικον"

**Nikolas Chatziavraam**, Zygos

## **13:00 - 13:30 Lunch Break**

## **13:30 - 13:45 Survey on the quality of civil justice in Cyprus**

**Christina Kokkalou**, IMR

## **13:30 - 14:45 Panel 3: EU Cross Border Transactions: Problems, Potentials and Solutions**

**Moderator: Nicolas Kyriakides**

**Wannes Vandebussche**, Ghent University "The EU framework on cross-border service of documents revisited"

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**Adriani Dori**, Erasmus University Rotterdam/Building EU Civil Justice (on line participation) “Challenging borders through EU convergence: The unexpressed potentials of integration policies”

**Sokratis Tsachiridis**, Lawyer, Mediator, “Η ευρωπαϊκή διαταγή δέσμευσης λογαριασμών ως (νέο) μέσο διασυνοριακής είσπραξης απαιτήσεων”

**Alexander Layton KC**, “A perspective from the UK”

**Alexandros Gavrielides**, Lawyer, “Cross border recognition and enforcement of provisional measures”

**Theano Mavromoustaki**, Office of the Attorney General, “Ευρωπαϊκή Διαταγή Δέσμευσης Λογαριασμού -5 χρόνια μετά”

**14:45 - 15:00 Coffee Break**

**15:00 – 16:00 Panel 4: The Post Brexit Era: Implications for EU Procedural Law and Arbitration**

**Moderator: Anna Plevri**

**Kyriaki Noussia**, University of Reading (on line participation), “Arbitration Act 1996 and appeals mechanism – the modern function of s.69 AA 1996 and is there a need for a reform in the post Brexit era?”

**Nick Tamvakis**, Lawyer, PhD Cand (on line participation), “Εναλλακτική Επίλυση Διαφορών (ADR) & Blockchain - Μια αλληλένδετη σχέση από νομική άποψη” / Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) & Blockchain - An interrelated relationship from a legal perspective (PPT)”

**Nikolaos Koulouris**, Associate Professor, EUC “HOW BREXIT IS AFFECTING THE PENDING CASES BEFORE THE EUROPEAN COURTS”

**Marco de Benito**, IE University, “Untimely concordance: the discreet approximation of civil and arbitration proceedings.”

**Agis Georgiades**, Lawyer, “Η επιστροφή των αντι-αγωγικών διαταγμάτων/ The return of anti-suit injunctions”

**16:00 Closing Remarks: Anna Plevri/Nicolas Kyriakides**