



Florence Conference (13-14 December 2010)

â JUDICIAL COOPERATION AMONG STATE COURTS IN EUROPE AND THE U.S. (A COMPARATIVE APPROACH)â

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 13 DECEMBER

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09.00 Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â **Welcome from conference organizers**

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09.15 Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â **â New Directions in Judicial Cooperation:
Instruments of Cooperationâ**

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Moderator:Â Professor Fabrizio Cafaggi

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- **The initiative of the European Network: Hon. Prof. Dr. Irmgard Griss,**
President of the Supreme Court of Austria and President of the Network

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- **The role of the U.S. Conference of Chief Justices of State Supreme Courts: Hon. Christine Durham,** Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah and Immediate Past President of the Conference of Chief Justices

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Questions and Discussion

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11.00 Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â **Other models of cooperation**

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Moderator: Hon. Prof. Dr. Irmgard Griss, President of the Supreme Court of Austria and President of the Network

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- **The Role of the European Institutions: Mr Fernando Rui Paulino Pereira,** Head of Unit, responsible for judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters, Chair of the Council Working Group on e-Law and e-Justice

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- **The American Law Institute and its influence in the context of "soft" law unification: Prof. Lance Liebman,** of Columbia Law School and Director of the American Law Institute

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- **The Role of the Uniform Law Commission: Hon. Shirley Abrahamson,** Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Wisconsin

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- **Cooperation between state and federal courts in the U.S.: Mr Robert Katzmann,** Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, for the 2nd Circuit

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Questions and Discussion

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13.45 Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â **Constitutional and other impediments to judicial cooperation**

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Moderator: Mr Ernesto Lupo, First President of theÂ Supreme Court of Cassation of Italy

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- European perspective: The Hon. Mr Justice John L. Murray, Chief Justice of Ireland

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- U.S. perspective: Hon. Margaret Marshall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

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Questions and Discussion

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15.30Â **â  Constitutional and other impediments to judicial cooperationâ   continued**

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Moderator:Â Professor Oscar Chase

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- U.S. perspective: Prof. Geoffrey Miller, NYU School of Law

Questions and discussionÂ from the floor

TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER

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09.00Â **â  Governance and processes of judicial cooperation; existing and proposed modelsâ  **

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Moderator: Mr Branko Hrvatin, President of the Supreme Court of Croatia

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- European experience and perspective: Ms Pauliine Koskelo, President of the Supreme Court of Finland

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- **U.S. experience and perspective: Hon. Wallace B. Jefferson**, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and President of the Conference of Chief Justices

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- **Judicial Cooperation in the U.S. an historical survey: Mr Russell Wheeler**, Brookings Institution

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Questions and Discussion

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10.45 **Cooperation/harmonization imposed by higher authority**

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Moderator: Professor Troy McKenzie

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International human rights norms:

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- **European perspective:**

The European Court of Justice: Mr. Geert Corstens, President of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands

The European Court of Human Rights: Prof. Dr. Klaus Tolksdorf, President of the Federal Court of Justice of Germany

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- **U.S. perspective: Prof. Burt Neuborne**, NYU

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- **The U.S. Supreme Court and the doctrine of preemption: Prof. Catherine Sharkey**, NYU

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11.45 **Concluding Remarks and future directions**

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Moderator: Hon. Margaret H. Marshall

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- **Observations by Hon. Jonathan Lippman**, Chief Judge of the State of New York

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- **Observations by Mr Andr s Baka**, President of the Supreme Court and of the National Council of Justice of Hungary Â

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Comments from the floor

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