



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER
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SYMPOSIUM ON
THE 2010 UNIDROIT PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL
CONTRACTS: TOWARDS A "GLOBAL" CONTRACT LAW

Friday, October 28, 2011 9:00 am
Gewirz 12, 600 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington D.C.

UNIDROIT's Principles of International Commercial Contracts, first adopted in 1994 and revised in 2004, are widely used in international contracting and arbitration practice as well as by domestic courts and international arbitral tribunals to interpret and supplement both contractual provisions and relevant domestic law. The most recent amendments were adopted in 2010 and given final approval by UNIDROIT's Governing Council in May 2011.

This symposium will provide an overview of the Principles from a trans-Atlantic perspective, with particular focus on the most recent revisions (which concern restitution in case of failed contracts, illegality, conditions, and plurality of obligors and obligees). The speakers and roundtable participants include experts on the Principles and more generally in the field of international commercial transactions and dispute resolution.

The Symposium will be of particular interest to private practitioners and corporate counsel involved in drafting and negotiating international commercial contracts as well as in litigating or arbitrating disputes arising thereunder. Those who teach international commercial transactions will find it especially timely and useful.

It will also offer a unique opportunity to learn about UNIDROIT's overall agenda and achievements. UNIDROIT's Secretary-General, José Angelo Estrella Faria, will present the keynote.

No fee will be charged for attendance, but seating is limited. Pre-registration is strongly advised at <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/forms/index.cfm?formid=641>.

A buffet lunch will be provided. The Georgetown Journal of International Law plans to publish symposium papers. The Georgetown International Arbitration Society will assist. A closing reception will afford an opportunity to continue discussions with speakers and others in attendance.

For those staying overnight, reduced hotel rates are available at several hotels within walking distance of the Law Center, which is itself a short walk from Union Station. Directions to the Law Center may be found at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/directions>. Regarding hotels see <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/cle/faq.cfm#otherhotels>.

The Symposium schedule is printed on the reverse side of this page.

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PROGRAM

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome: William M. Treanor, Dean, Georgetown Law
Professor Don Wallace and Visiting Professor David P. Stewart
- 9:30-10:00 a.m. The UNIDROIT Principles 2010: An International Restatement of
Contract Law
Michael Joachim Bonell, Professor of Law, University of Rome I
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. The UNIDROIT Principles 2010: An American Perspective
Henry Gabriel, Professor of Law, Elon University School of Law
- 10:30-11:00 a.m. Discussion
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30-12:00 p.m. The UNIDROIT Principles and the CISG: Two Complementary
Instruments
Alejandro M. Garro, Professor of Law, Columbia University
- 12:00-12:30 p.m. The UNIDROIT Principles and International Long-Term Contracts
Neil B. Cohen, Jeffrey D. Forchelli Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law
School
- 12:30-1:00 p.m. Discussion
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Luncheon Keynote
UNIDROIT Secretary-General José Angelo Estrella Faria
- 2:30-3:45 p.m. Roundtable (1): The Relevance of the UNIDROIT Principles in Disputes
- 3:45-4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00-5:15 p.m. Roundtable (2): Current Experiences and Prospects for the Future

Roundtable Participants:

- Lauro Gama, Jr., Professor of Law, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro
- Dr. Eckart Brödermann, Brödermann & Jahn, Hamburg
- François Dessemontet, Professor of Law, University of Lausanne
- Geneviève Saumier, Professor of Law, McGill University
- Hon. Bernard Fried, N.Y. State Supreme Court (Commercial Division)
- Matthew Kirtland, Esq., Fulbright & Jaworsky LLP, Washington
- Michael E. Burke, Esq., Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Atlanta and Chair of the
ABA's Section of International Law

- 5:15-6:30 p.m. Reception (sponsored by Winston & Strawn LLP)