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SUMMER PROGRAM FOR EUROPEAN LAWYERS,  
MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, UNIVERSITY LECTURERS,  
ACCOUNTANTS AND GRADUATES IN LAW

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRACTICE, IV EDITION - WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD (UK)

**MONDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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The European Centre for Continuing Legal Education (ECCLE) invites you to the IV edition of the Summer Program in **International Legal Practice**, which is to be held in the unforgettable setting of Worcester College (Oxford) in September 2014.

### THE PROGRAM PROVIDES YOU WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- expand your knowledge in domestic and foreign law and practice;
- learn skills and techniques required to communicate effectively with domestic and foreign clients and colleagues.

Inspired by the common law tradition of **learn-by-doing**, the Oxford Program engages you in a number of interactive learning experiences that significantly enhance the knowledge of global professionals.

The Oxford Program seeks to advance your professional development in key areas of legal practice, including litigation, contract and tax law.



## THE RIGHT PROGRAM FOR YOU

The Oxford Summer Program will enable you to work in an international context and to put theory into practice by participating in **mini-group exercises**, **simulations** and **micro-projects**. It also provides a dynamic environment for you to interact with professionals from a diverse range of backgrounds in order to exchange ideas, establish working relationships and create long-term business opportunities.

### The Program is designed for:

- practising lawyers and in-house lawyers;
- academic lawyers with an interest in civil & criminal procedure, evidence, and comparative law;
- judges and prosecutors practising in civil law jurisdictions;
- accountants and tax advisors;
- trainee lawyers and Young graduates in law & economics who intend to work in an international context.

All activities are held in English by **internationally renowned experts** (academic lawyers & practising lawyers from the European Union (EU) and the U.S.A). Experts in the 2014 Program were selected on the basis of their experience, professional profile and expertise on the subjects covered during the morning and afternoon sessions.

A **British linguist (Ms Claudia Ricci)** will also be available throughout the Program to assist you before, during and after classes in order to maximize your understanding of the subjects taught and further develop communication skills in professional English.

The 2014 Program is accredited for the continuing education of lawyers across Europe. The Program is the ideal pre-requisite for anyone wishing to attend and benefit from the **Study-Visit to Philadelphia & NYC** (which is held in the final week of April, every year).

## LEARN THE SKILLS YOU NEED

The 2014 Summer Program involves an intensive 6-day learning experience that will enhance professional development in key areas. A significant proportion of time is devoted to group work whereby participants have the opportunity to put theory into practice, through simulations, projects and case studies.

**The program offers more than 35 hours of professional training:**

- **Morning Sessions**

- **Language Practice (9.00-10.00)**: this is a 'warm up' language session and introduction in order to maximize your understanding and facilitate interaction with lecturers;
- **Comparative Legal Systems (10.00-12.30)**: an effective comparison of legal practice in the Continental European system and the U.S.A, focusing on sources of law, court systems, the respective roles of the judge and jury, client-lawyer relations and trial techniques.

- **Afternoon Sessions**

**Project Based Learning & Mini-groups (14.00-17.00)**: you and your colleagues will be divided into groups so as to engage you in a number of projects and activities aimed at simulating your typical day at work.

Upon request, **one-on-one coaching** is available in order to allow you to benefit from a further opportunity to review course materials, share experiences and obtain answers and clarifications.

## SCHEDULE

Morning Sessions: 9.00-12.30

Afternoon Sessions: 14.00-17.00

One-on-one coaching (optional): 17.00-18.00

*Legal Movie night: Wednesday ('The Rainmaker')*

## ACTIVITIES

- Opening & Closing Sessions
- "Language Practice" & "Comparative Legal systems"
- Project Based Learning & Mini-groups
- One-on-one Coaching (upon request)

### Video of past editions

Go the URL below and take a look:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=sr8beA0XMMA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sr8beA0XMMA)

	MORNING (9-12.30)	AFTERNOON (14-17)
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TUES.		
WED.		
THUR.		
FRI.		
SAT.		Farewell

## ACTIVITY #1 - LANGUAGE PRACTICE & COMPARATIVE LEGAL SYSTEMS

Morning Sessions (9.00-12.30) - Tuesday to Friday

### **Concept**

This activity guides you through an effective comparison of legal practice in the Continental European system and the U.S.A. It provides an overview of the U.S.A system focusing on the courts, the respective roles of the judge and jury, the appellate systems, and the court opinions. Analysis is always conducted from the point of view of legal practitioners (i.e. what tasks are to be performed at each stage, what makes client representation more or less effective, and how to deal with courts and clients). Focus is centred on the development of civil litigation from a comparative perspective (including the peculiar aspects of initial pleadings, discovery, pre-trial motions, trials and class actions). Through the combination of lectures, case studies, class discussions and video clips, this course maximizes the benefits offered to you in the true “*learn by doing*” style. Every morning, the course will commence with a “*warm up*” language session and introduction where you will be provided with authentic legal documents in order to maximize your understanding of various legal concepts and facilitate interaction.

### **Skills acquired throughout the course include:**

- enhanced ability to relate appropriately to different cultural, linguistic and legal systems (EU/U.S.A);
- enhanced confidence in discussing legal matters with foreign counterparts, particularly when legal concepts are significantly different;
- increased confidence in handling lawsuits in international contexts;
- broadening of client representation skills;
- greater recognition of appropriate standards of protocol and etiquette in common law systems (rules of ethics, attorney fees, costs of action etc.).

### **Instructor:**

**Prof. David Sonenshein** - Professor of Civil Procedure and Evidence (at Temple Law School, Philadelphia).

## ACTIVITY #2: PROJECT BASED LEARNING & MINI-GROUPS

Afternoon Sessions (14.00-17.00) - Tuesday to Friday

### *Concept*

The afternoon sessions allow you to participate in a number of skill-based activities aimed at simulating daily legal & business practice in small mini-groups. The focus is on the typical tasks performed by lawyers, judges and business professionals when dealing with foreign counterparts and clients. The aim is to minimize the risk of misunderstandings and confusion among professionals of different backgrounds and cultures.

### **Tasks include:**

- managing professional correspondence with foreign clients;
- reporting domestic law to foreign colleagues;
- studying foreign cases;
- reading legal and business newspapers;
- describing your domestic tax system to a foreign colleague/client;
- extracting information from authentic case-files;
- updating your LinkedIn profile for enhanced visibility.

### **Skills acquired throughout this activity include:**

- enhanced structuring of professional / legal correspondence;
- improved written and oral communication skills in a professional context;
- increased understanding of foreign law and practice;
- greater confidence in reporting problems to foreign clients and colleagues;
- greater confidence in reporting the state of the law to foreign clients and colleagues.

### **Instructors:**

**Dr. Stefano Maffei, Dr. Andreas Pottakis, Ms Beatrice Collier and Ms Claudia Ricci.**

## ACTIVITY #3: ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

### *Upon request*

**(17.00-18.00) - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

Providing you with a personal coach is one of the most effective ways to learn and improve skills. For those interested, one-on-one coaching offering maximum flexibility and real hands-on training is available with all of the expert lecturers during the Program.

Privacy and confidentiality are assured, and constructive feedback is provided in a non-competitive and constructive atmosphere.

These sessions are “*tailor-made*” and can focus on building a more professional CV, drafting sample correspondence, discussing a specific case or legal issue and providing an opportunity to obtain answers to specific questions Professional networking is also encouraged.

### **Instructors:**

**Prof. David Sonenshein, Dr. Stefano Maffei, Dr. Andreas Pottakis,  
Mr Shaul Brazil, Ms Beatrice Collier.**



## EXPERTS IN THE 2014 SUMMER PROGRAMME

**Prof. David Sonenshein** has had a distinguished teaching career in U.S. Schools of Law and in continuing legal education. Prof. Sonenshein currently teaches at Temple Law School and has received the Outstanding Professor Award a total of six times. He has taught Trial Advocacy, Evidence, Civil Motion Practice, and Deposition Practice at many of the largest law firms in the U.S. He is also the former Director of In-House training for the American Institute-American Bar Association (ALI-ABA).

**Dr. Stefano Maffei** is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Parma, Italy. He has been a registered attorney in Italy since 2003, and completed a Ph.D. in Law at the University of Oxford in 2005. A 2011 Fulbright Scholar and founder of the EFLIT program in Italy, Doctor Maffei has lectured extensively on Human Rights and Litigation in Europe, U.S.A, Turkey and the Middle East, as well as India and Iran.

**Dr. Andreas Pottakis** is the Deputy Director of the Academy of European Public Law. He studied Law at the Universities of Athens and Oxford, where he was awarded a Ph.D in EU Law. He has lectured at various European Universities, and more recently in Greece, where he has also pursued a career as a lawyer since 2001.

**Ms Beatrice Collier** works as a barrister in London. She was called to the bar in 2004 and her areas of specialization include administration, public and police law; immigration and



nationality. Ms Collier holds a BA in Law from Oxford University and is a member of the Middle Temple. She conducts lectures for solicitors and other professionals on all aspects of her practice.

**Ms Claudia Ricci** is a British linguist with over fifteen years experience in the fields of ELT, ESP and communication skills training. She has taught business and legal English in London, Italy and South Africa, working for an array of international companies, universities and private language schools and is also a Cambridge ESOL speaking examiner.



## OXFORD THE CITY OF DREAMING SPIRES

Oxford is known as the “*city of dreaming spires*”, a term coined by poet Matthew Arnold in reference to the harmonious architecture of the university buildings.

Oxford is a beautiful city of stunning architecture, history and culture. There are ancient and modern colleges, fascinating museums and galleries, peaceful parks, gardens and green spaces alongside all of the main high-street stores, coffee shops and restaurants...not to mention a thriving bar and club scene.

Community life is, in fact, the distinctive feature of Oxonian life, and summer in Oxford is vibrant with artistic, social and sporting events. Thus, participants have the opportunity to combine their ECCLE program with a range of **free time activities such as jogging in the University parks, visit to Museums and art galleries.**



## WORCESTER COLLEGE - A MEMORABLE STAY IN OXFORD

The University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world, is comprised of 39 Colleges and 6 Permanent Private Halls located across the city. The golden stone of the university buildings with their spires, towers and domes have shaped a graceful and timeless city, which no visitor forgets.

The summer program will take place at Worcester College, one of the most beautiful and prestigious colleges in Oxford. Founded in 1714, it is a happy blend of ancient and modern. The Library, Chapel and Dining Hall were created by some of Britain's finest 18th and 19th century architects. 26 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds provide a secluded environment, with shady lakeside walks and a large sports ground. Yet Worcester is very close to the train and coach stations, and only a few minutes' walk away from the city centre.

You will be accommodated in a single room with en-suite bathroom. If you plan to come with family members or partners, however, apartments are available in college for a small surcharge. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners are served in the college to facilitate and maximise the learning experience. Some evenings have been kept "open" for participants to sample the local cuisine, pubs and Oxford nightlife.

Dr. Stefano Maffei and Dr. Andreas Pottakis, lecturers in the Program, completed their doctoral degrees at Oxford, and will be able to offer an "insider's" view of what is and remains "The University" of the world.



## BEYOND THE PROGRAM: FREE TIME; NETWORKING AND SOCIAL SPIRIT

**Oxford** is extraordinary in the month of September.

You will enjoy Oxford life among the community of graduate students and will have a true opportunity to explore the University of Oxford and its Colleges.

Out of the seminar room, you will have even greater opportunities to socialize, network and practise what you have learnt.

A dinner with colleagues, or an evening watching a legal movie in English are enjoyable ways of continuing the camaraderie, practising the language and getting to know the culture of the common law.

**The program offers a variety of activities for your enjoyment** A welcome champagne reception, numerous cultural visits, video nights, dinner at the 'High Table', excursions and plenty of parties are a few of the events participants can look forward to.

Additionally, a number of **participants from the BRICS Countries** (Russia, China, India, Brazil and South Africa) will be invited to offer a presentation on their legal services to European participants, with a view to establishing future partnerships and learning more about business opportunities in these emerging markets.





## TUITION FEES

**Program fee:** 1,150 euros.

ECCLE operates a “*selective fee policy*” for the 2014 Summer Program in order to facilitate the participation of individuals from all European countries and to ensure that CLE training is easily accessible for those coming from low-income areas in Europe.

**Priority admission** and **reduced fees** are offered to:

- alumni of the **EFLIT** “English for Lawyers Program” ([www.englishforaw.it](http://www.englishforaw.it));
- members of the **European Lawyers Association** ([www.europeanlawyersevents.com](http://www.europeanlawyersevents.com));
- members of the **Hellenic LSE Alumni Association** ([www.1sealumni.gr](http://www.1sealumni.gr));
- graduates and students of the National University “**Odessa Law Academy**”;
- graduates and students of **Lithuania**;
- members of **GGI** (Geneva Group International - [www.genevagroup.net](http://www.genevagroup.net));
- the community of **Cypriot lawyers**;
- **trainee lawyers** and **accountants**
- **graduates under the age of 26.**

For **personalized quotes**, please send an email outlining your full name, profession, date of birth and nationality to [info@eccle.eu](mailto:info@eccle.eu)



## COST FOR ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

**Estimated cost per person** is 690 GBP (approx 850 euros)

**This amount includes:**

- accommodation in a single room with en-suite bathroom at Worcester College, Oxford;
- daily English breakfasts in the College Hall;
- daily lunches in the conference venue;
- champagne reception and welcome dinner on Monday (in the College gardens and College Hall);
- farewell dinner on Friday (in the College Hall);
- buffet dinner on Wednesday (movie night);
- guided walking tour of the city of Oxford and its University.



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND ACCREDITATION

### How to Express your Interest

If you are interested in the Program, please send an email with the text "Oxford YES" to [info@eccle.eu](mailto:info@eccle.eu)

Expressions of interest are not a commitment to participate.

### Enrolment

Enrolment will have to be finalised in July 2014.

### Accreditation

The 2014 Summer Program is accredited for the Continuing Legal Education of lawyers across Europe. If you are not sure about accreditation in your home country, please contact the ECCLE Staff; all necessary steps will be taken to ensure accreditation with domestic authorities.







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