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20 – 21 May 2006

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PROGRAMME

**Saturday 20 May**

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.    Continental Breakfast

9.00 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.    **Opening and Chairman’s welcome**
Professor Ian Fletcher, UCL

9.15 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.    **Working sessions**
(interspersed by morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, and delegate lunch)

9.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.    **Session I – The treatment of the consumer debtor under insolvency law: contrasting approaches**

Donna McKenzie Skene, Senior Lecturer, University of Aberdeen, and Professor Adrian Walters, Nottingham Trent University
“Consumer bankruptcy reform issues in Scotland, England and Wales”

Mike Norris, Director of Policy, U.K. Insolvency Service
“Personal insolvency reform in England and Wales – the changing face of the debtor”

Dr John Duns, Monash University
“Playing with other people’s money: gambling and bankruptcy”

10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.    Coffee Break

11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.    **Session I (continued) – The treatment of the consumer debtor under insolvency law: contrasting approaches**

Professor Jason Kilborn, LSU

Professor Karen Gross, New York Law School
“Pre-bankruptcy counseling and debtor education”
12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.  Session II – Cross-Border Insolvency Issues: the UNCITRAL Model Law and beyond. The emerging international framework.

Professor John Pottow, University of Michigan
“First experiences of the new Chapter 15 - early filings and outcomes”

Professor Bob Wessels, VRIJE University of Amsterdam
“The new US Chapter 15 and some European counterparts compared”

1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.  Lunch

2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.  Session II (continued) – Cross-Border Insolvency Issues: the UNCITRAL Model Law and beyond. The emerging international framework.

Professor Harry Rajak, University of Sussex
“Company Groups, Cross-Border bankruptcy and the EU’s Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings”

Professor Rosalind Mason, University of Southern Queensland
“Implementation of the Model Law in Australia”

Professor Janis Sarra, University of British Columbia
“Northern Lights: implications of Canada’s partial adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law”

3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.  Coffee Break

3.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.  Session II (continued) – Cross-Border Insolvency Issues: the UNCITRAL Model Law and beyond. The emerging international framework.

Professor Jay L. Westbrook, University of Texas
“Lynn LoPucki and International ‘Venue’”

Professor Ted Janger, Brooklyn Law School
“Universal proceduralism: choice of forum and choice of law in international bankruptcy, with reflections on the Westbrook-LoPucki dialogue”

Professor Lynn LoPucki, University of California, Los Angeles
“A Commentary and Response to Westbrook and Janger”

5.45 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.  Summing up and closure of Day 1

6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.  Drinks Reception
Sunday, 21 May

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m. **Session II (continued) – Cross-Border Insolvency Issues: the UNCITRAL Model Law and beyond. The emerging international framework.**

Professor Ian Fletcher, UCL
“Assembling the jig-saw: UK recognition and assistance following enactment of the UNCITRAL Model Law”

9.20 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. **Session III – Recent reforms to national insolvency laws: emerging policies and trends**

Professor Shinjiro Takagi, Chair of the IRC Commission, Japan
“Out of court workout restructuring in Japan and its international implications”

Professor Keith Yamauchi, University of Calgary
“Evolution, Revolution or Nothing At All: proposed reforms to Canadian bankruptcy and insolvency legislation”

Dr. Colin Anderson, Griffith University, Queensland, and Dr. David Morrison, University of Queensland
“Proposed revisions to Australian corporate insolvency legislation”

10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Coffee Break

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. **Session III (continued) – Recent reforms to national insolvency laws: emerging policies and trends**

David Brown, Senior Lecturer, Victoria University of Wellington
“Law reform initiatives in New Zealand: insolvency law and personal property security law”

Chris Symes, Senior Lecturer, Flinders University, Adelaide
“The emerging policies and trends on the regulation of practitioners, preference law and the distribution of estates in 21st century corporate insolvency law: Mere Repeats from the Past”

Professor David Burdette and Ms. Marissha Pillay, University of Pretoria
“Company Law Reform in South Africa and its Impact on Corporate Liquidations”

12.30 p.m. (Approx.) Conclusion of Meeting
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For the past two decades, Karen Gross has been a Professor of Law at New York Law School where she specializes in consumer finance and over-indebtedness. In addition, she is the President and CEO of an educational non-profit that designs, implements and studies programs to improve the financial literacy skills of consumers. She also serves as a consultant to non-profit organizations, including for United Way NYC, where she participated in an effort to coordinate financial literacy initiatives in New York City. A cum laude graduate of Smith College where she was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Professor Gross graduated cum laude from Temple University School of Law, having spent her final year of law school at the University of Chicago.

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Professor Gross speaks frequently in the U.S. and abroad on financial literacy, consumer finance, asset building in low income communities and bankruptcy related issues. She is also regularly invited to speak on television and radio and appears in the print media on issues affecting consumers. She has conducted empirical and historical research on women and money, worked with individual debtors as a volunteer lawyer at New York Legal Aid Society, and participated in several court appointed Gender Fairness committees, focusing on the role of women in the professions. She has served on numerous boards and chairs committees within professional and academic organizations. She is frequently invited as a distinguished lecturer and keynote speaker and has testified before local, federal and international governmental bodies, including most recently the New York City Council and the Federal Financial Literacy and Education Commission. She is the recipient of numerous awards and grants including the 1999 Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Award, the 2002 New York State Bar Association’s President’s Pro Bono Service Award and the 2004 AAUW Education Foundation Senior Scholars Special Commendation of Honor.
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