



**Cyprus Bar Association and Bar Council
of England & Wales**

English-Cypriot Law Day

Friday 3 June 2016

The event takes place at Hilton Hotel, 98 Archbishop Makarios III
Avenue, Nicosia, 1077, Cyprus

Agenda

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- 09.00 - 09.30 Registration and coffee
- 09.30 - 09.45 Welcome Speeches
Theodoros Ioannides - President of Cyprus Bar Association
Chantal-Aimée Doerries QC - Chairman of Bar Council
England & Wales
- 09.45- 10.00 Conference Opening
Mr. Myron Nikolatos – President of the Supreme Court
Mr. Ionas Nicolaou – Minister of Justice and Public Order
Mrs. Elena Zachariadou – Attorney of the Republic on behalf
of the Attorney General
- 10.00 - 11.00 *Session 1: Comparative analysis of the Brussels recast - issues
of jurisdiction and parallel proceedings*
Moderator:
Dr. Kypros Chrysostomides - Dr. K Chrysostomides & Co LLC
Speakers:
Alexandros Tsirides - Costas Tsirides & Co LLC
Konrad Rodgers - Boies Schiller & Flexner (UK) LLP
Shobana Iyer - Swan Chambers
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30 - 13.00 *Session 2: AML and white collar crime - the rise of a compliance
era and the importance of litigators to safeguard due process (panel
discussion)*
Moderator:
Amanda Pinto QC - 33 Chancery Lane, Chair of the
International Committee
Speakers:
Collingwood Thompson QC - 7 Bedford Row
Pavlos Panayi QC - Carmelite Chambers
George Z. Georgiou - George Z. Georgiou & Associates LLC
Nicos Georgiades - Georgiades & Pelides LLC
Andreas Michaelides - Michaelides & Michaelides
- 13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

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14.30 - 15.15

Session 3: Development in urgent interim relief (Chabra)

Moderator:

Chantal-Aimée Doerries QC - Chairman of the Bar Council

Speakers:

Rupert D’Cruz - Littleton Chambers

Alexandros Gavrielides - Scordis, Papapetrou & Co LLC
Advocates

15.15 - 16.15

Session 4: Registration and Enforcement of judgments in UK and Cyprus

Moderator:

Achilles Emilianides - Achilles & Emile C. Emilianides

Speakers:

Frederico Singarajah - Hardwicke Chambers

David O’Mahony - 7 Bedford Row

Laris Vrahimis - Eleni Vrahimi & Co

16.15 - 16.30

Coffee Break

16.30 - 17.30

Session 5: UK & EU law issues in a Cypriot context (panel discussion)

Moderator:

Hugh Mercer QC - Essex Court Chambers

Speakers:

Konrad Rodgers - Boies Schiller & Flexner (UK) LLP

Rupert D’Cruz - Littleton Chambers

Elena Konnari - Andreas Konnaris LLC

Michalis Kyriakides - Harris Kyriakides LLC

17.30 – 20.00

Networking cocktails by the pool

Chairman

Chantal-Aimée Doerries QC Bar Council of England and Wales



Chantal-Aimée Doerries QC is the Chairman of the Bar Council of England and Wales (“BCEW”) for 2016. She was called to the Bar in 1992, took silk in 2008 and was elected Bencher of Middle Temple in 2010. Practising from Atkin Chambers, Chantal has over 20 years’ experience of representing clients in commercial dispute resolution. She is recognised by the main independent legal directories as a leading silk for energy and natural resources, construction, international arbitration and professional

negligence. In addition to her domestic work, recent cases have involved disputes arising in the Middle East (Qatar, Dubai), Europe (Norway, Germany, Switzerland), Ukraine, South America (Peru, Costa Rica), Asia (Singapore, China, Indonesia). Most of her work is as advocate, but she also sits as arbitrator.

Chantal is a past Co-Chair of the IBA Forum for Barristers and Advocates and a past Chairman of the BCEW International Committee and of the Technology and Construction Bar Association. She is Co-Editor in Chief of the International Construction Law Review, a Co-Editor of the Building Law Reports, and a Contributing Editor of Hudson’s Building and Engineering Contracts.

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President

Theodoros Ioannides Cyprus Bar Association



Theodoros Ioannides was born in Nicosia. He graduated from Pancyprian Gymnasium in 1965. After he served in the army he went to Salonica and studied law. He graduated from the Aristotelion University of Salonica in 1972 and he returned to Cyprus practising law since then.

He owns a law firm and practices law in all fields. Since 2006 he has been elected as the President of Cyprus Bar Association. He is a member of the Nicosia Bar Association, the Legal Council, the Lawyer's Disciplinary Board, Lawyer's Pension Fund, and he is the head of the Cypriot delegation to the Councils of European Bar Associations (C.C.B.E.). He is a member of the European Bar Presidents, and a member in the International Bar Leaders Committee.

Since 1990 he has been the President of the GSP Board (Gymnastic Association Pancypria).

He is married to Eleni Ioannidou (french teacher) and they have two daughters, Maria (doctor) and Mikaela (lawyer).

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Speakers from
England & Wales

Speaker

Rupert D'Cruz Littleton Chambers



Rupert D'Cruz is a barrister at Littleton Chambers in London where he specialises in commercial litigation and international arbitration.

His main areas of practice are corporate and shareholder disputes; banking and finance; fraud and asset tracing (including emergency injunctive relief); sale of goods and international trade; commodity disputes; private international law and general commercial contractual

disputes.

Rupert has over a number of years been recognised in Chambers, Chambers Global and Legal 500 directories for his expertise in commercial litigation and international arbitration.

Rupert is Secretary of the British-Russian Law Association and the Bar Council's representative for Russia & the CIS. A significant part of his practice involves Russian & CIS-related disputes, which frequently involve a Cypriot angle.

Rupert also sits as an arbitrator for the LCIA in CIS related disputes.

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Shobana Iyer Swan Chambers



Shobana has over 16 years of experience in a wide range of commercial litigation and arbitration proceedings (both commercial and investment arbitrations) conducted under various institutional rules (including LCIA, ICC, ICSID, SIAC, WIPO and UNCITRAL) and ad-hoc arrangements.

She has extensive experience of working on complex cases, as part of a team involving directors, in-house counsel, solicitors, international lawyers and/or Queen's Counsels and is known for giving valued and candid advice with the commercial interests of the client in mind.

Shobana commonly works on challenging cases with an international element. She is frequently instructed directly by international lawyers on arbitration matters and urgent High Court proceedings including jurisdictional challenges and applications for interim relief under English law. Shobana has a wealth of knowledge in commercial practice & procedure, including obtaining/resisting injunctions, freezing orders and interim relief, as well as strategic advice.

- **2016** Elected Member of the Bar Council of England & Wales. Member of the IT Panel and plays an active role on key issues affecting the profession and the wider community in relation to the implementation of IT developments, Data Protection etc.
- **2016** ELA Arbitration Committee Member. Working on effective practices and procedures for arbitrating employment disputes.
- **2013** Tutor for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- **2004-2005** Appointed as a Judicial Assistant to the Court of Appeal, formally assigned to Lord Justice Brooke, Vice-President of the Civil Appeals Division. Also assisted the then Master of the Rolls Sir Anthony Clarke, and Sedley, Mummery and Jacob LJ.
- **2000** Awarded the Peter Duffy Scholar by the Bar European Group.

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Speaker

Hugh Mercer QC Essex Court Chambers



Hugh Mercer QC has a wide-ranging practice in public law, judicial review and commercial law especially where cases involve specialist issues of conflict of laws, foreign law and EU law. He has extensive experience in trial and appellate advocacy, especially in the UK Supreme Court, and is equally at home in arbitral tribunals.

He covers the entire field of EU, public and international law providing advocacy and representation not only before the Court of Justice

and General Court but also before a wide range of courts and arbitral tribunals both in the UK and, working with local counsel, in other EU states where his languages (French, German, Spanish and Italian) are useful.

He is Chairman of the CCBE EU Lawyers Committee (www.ccbe.eu), a committee which handles cross border regulatory issues affecting all EU Bars, and is on the Legal Experts Advisory Panel of Fair Trials International. He also co-authors a major commentary on the Brussels Regulation on jurisdiction and judgments, *European Civil Practice*. He has experience both as expert witness on English law and also as arbitrator, including as sole arbitrator.

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David has worked on the ground on cases in the UK, Dubai, Guernsey, Jersey, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand and the Turks and Caicos Islands. He has also travelled to and worked with the United States Department of Justice, Swiss investigating magistrates and prosecuting authorities in the Cayman Islands and the Isle of Man. He has been instructed in other cases involving Argentina, Australia, the British Virgin

Islands, Denmark, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kosovo, Mongolia and Ukraine. He has been called to the bar in Australia, the DIFC courts and the TCI. He has appeared as junior counsel in commission hearings in the Indian courts and in the Privy Council. He is currently instructed in a case in the European Court of Human Rights. He has worked with Swiss investigating magistrates and the USDOJ as well as public authorities in the developing world. In 2014 David was instructed by the UNDP to assist in its review of the draft Criminal Procedure Act for Sierra Leone. As well as representing clients in the UK, her work has taken her He has given and attended talks and seminars at a range of international bodies including the International Criminal Court ('ICC') and the International Anti-Corruption Academy ('IACA') in Vienna. He has spoken on corruption and international crime for the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime ('UNODC') at regional conferences in Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan.

David is recommended as a leading junior in 'Offshore: London' by Chambers and Partners UK and Global guides in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016: Clients are quoted as saying, "He is very intelligent, has a good grasp of the detail in a case and is very hard working"; "A dream to work with, he combines his first-rate legal intellect with real common sense and is always methodical, organised and responsive with his advice."

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Speaker

Pavlos Panayi QC Carmelite Chambers



Pavlos specialises in serious fraud and other financial/business crime. Advises pre and post-charge relating to money laundering, fraud and anti-corruption compliance. Founder & co-chair of the CLS. **Memberships:** FLA, Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association; CBA. Elected to Bar Council of England and Wales, 2007-2010.

Background in general criminal defence in complex and high-profile cases involving homicide, terrorism, organised crime and fraud.

Defends in serious frauds including tax/VAT frauds, missing trader frauds, boiler room, other misselling, market manipulation frauds, advance fee frauds, banking and mortgage frauds. Expertise in health and safety prosecutions resulting in death and serious injury. Advises pre-charge and during emerging criminal investigations to minimise/eliminate the risk of criminal prosecution, issues of money laundering, confiscation, legal professional privilege, the scope/legality of police and regulatory investigations. Represents board members, company officers, accountants, solicitors, mortgage brokers and property developers.

Has appeared in the leading cyber-crime cases in the UK: the Anonymous/Lulzsec prosecution of four international hackers prosecuted after a joint FBI/UK police investigation after the US and UK police, intelligence agencies and major international conglomerates had all been targeted. **Recent cases:** acting for directors of an international investment company after a joint UK & Nigerian police investigation into money laundering; appearing for director of UK & Spanish companies charged with fraudulently trading insurance products and anti-marketing services; defending a £15m proceeds of crime claim brought by the MHRA against a company selling unregulated medicines internationally.

Instructed for senior partner of an immigration solicitors firm alleged to have committed a £4m fraud on legal aid fund in pre-charge restraint and contempt of court litigation.

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Speaker

Amanda Pinto QC

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An expert in corporate crime, international financial wrongdoing, crime & money laundering, art loss and cases raising intricate cross-border questions, Amanda has built a niche practice in some of the most high-profile cases within the field, in particular fraud, insider dealing, proceeds of crime and corruption cases with an international dimension. She works at the interface between civil and criminal fraud. She advises both in the UK and internationally. *"An expert in the field of complex*

business crime...." Chambers and Partners UK 2016.

"Indefatigable, clever, has a great courtroom presence and is a real fighter"
Chambers and Partners UK 2015.

Appointed: part-time Crown Court Judge in 2003, QC in 2006 & Bencher of Middle Temple in 2014

Chair of the International Committee of the Bar Council January 2015-; Vice Chair 2010-2014

The UK's representative on the Council of the International Criminal Bar 2009-

Trustee of the Slynn Foundation (working with senior judges & justice structures around the world to improve justice systems and the rule of law and to enhance professional understanding of human rights, mediation and European Union law and practice)

Trustee of the Tate Members Council (on the Board of the membership scheme of the Tate Galleries)

Co-author of Pinto & Evans on Corporate Criminal Liability (3rd ed)

She has trained judges and lawyers in Europe, China, the Middle East and CIS. She has advised the UK Government, the EU and the Iraqi High Tribunal on legal issues, including the EU Roadmap on the Rights of the Accused, the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 and the UK Bribery Act 2010.

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Speaker

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Konrad Rodgers is Counsel in the London office of Boies, Schiller & Flexner (UK) LLP. His practice focuses on international commercial litigation and arbitration and banking litigation. Mr Rodgers has acted for a range of corporations, financial institutions and individuals on multi-jurisdictional civil fraud, banking, bondholder and restructuring disputes. He has also acted for sovereign governments on issues of sovereign immunity and public international law, with a focus on the contentious aspects arising out of sovereign debt restructurings.

Mr Rodgers has significant recent experience of English law disputes involving related proceedings in Cyprus, particularly those concerning enforcement action and various types of injunctive relief, including (i) representing Claimants who obtained a Freezing Order in Cyprus in support of a \$220 million fraudulent restructuring claim in LCIA proceedings and (ii) representing a Defendant who obtained the release of a Cypriot Freezing Order issued in support of English Commercial Court proceedings. Mr Rodgers is also familiar with Cypriot-law governed issues, including questions of trust structures, insolvency and shareholders' rights and with issues concerning the application of Cypriot law before the English Courts.

Mr Rodgers is published in a number of journals on trust structures, debt restructuring and banking law and his recent publications include "Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements" in *Business Law Review* and "Sham Trusts" in *Trust and Trustees Journal*.

Mr Rodgers graduated from the University of Oxford, Trinity College with a first class honours degree in law in 2005 and a Bachelor of Civil Law in 2006 and was awarded the Lady Astbury Memorial Prize and the Wyatt Rushton Scholarship. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in 2007 as a scholar.

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Speaker

Frederico Singarajah Hardwicke Chambers



Frederico's practice is in international dispute resolution. Before coming to the bar he worked as a paralegal, solicitor and solicitor-advocate.

He undertakes work in commercial litigation and international arbitration.

Frederico's experience is varied, having accepted instructions in areas such as shareholders' and partnership disputes, breach of contract, economic energies, aviation, finance, IP and technology and torts and civil fraud. He worked in shipping, insurance sectors.

His international practice focuses on Brazil and Latin America and expands into Ukraine, Hong Kong, Angola, Turkey, Italy, Norway and France, to name a few.

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Speaker

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Collingwood has specialised in both civil and criminal fraud since taking silk in 1998. He has prosecuted for all the main agencies (SFO, CPS, SOCA (now the NCA)) and advised the Attorney General of Jersey on fraud-related investigations, as well as defending clients charged on major fraud prosecutions instituted by these agencies. His practice areas include asset recovery, bribery and corruption, money laundering, restraint and confiscation, corruption, money laundering,

restraint and confiscation and criminal fraud litigation. He is highly regarded as a specialist in cases involving money laundering, both prosecuting and defending and is a frequent speaker at international conferences on the topic. Through his fraud practice he has developed an expertise in legal professional privilege, particularly in connection with search warrants and Production Orders. His practice is increasingly international, with appearances in courts in the Caribbean and, in particular, Hong Kong. He is ranked in Chambers and Partners as one of the leaders at the Bar in London Financial Crime.

As part of his fraud practice, Collingwood has been regularly instructed by claimants and defendants in asset recovery cases linked to fraud or corruption. He has considerable experience in working with forensic accountants to identify, trace and recover the proceeds of such offences. In particular, between 2004 and 2010 he was instructed by the Attorney General of Jersey to lead an investigation into the location of funds stolen from Nigeria by the late General Abacha and his associates; as a result, over \$200 million was traced through bank accounts, corporate structures and offshore trusts and successfully returned to Nigeria. More recently, he represented an English property developer facing a \$25 million claim filed by the Attorney General of the Turks and Caicos Islands arising out of alleged corruption in the grant of planning permission. He was able to assist in achieving a comprehensive settlement agreement involving a much lesser sum.

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Head of Policy: International

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After completing his undergraduate law degree at Bonn University in West Germany, Christian specialised in Public International Law and Human Rights law (obtaining an LL.M. at the University of London). Subsequently he spent several years working in the field of human rights, first for the United Nations in Haiti and then for human rights NGOs in London.

He joined the Law Society of England & Wales in 1999 as International Policy Executive (Europe) where he spent four years assisting, inter alia, with the implementation of the EU Lawyers Establishment Directive and negotiating practice rights for English solicitors in Eastern Europe, as well as running training programmes for lawyers in that region.

Since February 2003, he has been responsible for the international relations and policy of the Bar of England and Wales, developing and implementing strategies to promote the international interests of the Bar, advising on international regulatory developments, and devising and overseeing rule of law cooperation with legal professions abroad.

He is also an alumni “young leader” of the German Transatlantic Institute “Atlantik Brücke” (Atlantic Bridge) and was a member of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office’s Rule of Law Experts Panel from 2004-2008.

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Speakers from Cyprus

Speaker

Dr. Krypos Chrysostomides

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Dr. Kypros Chrysostomides, is the managing partner of Dr. K. Chrysostomides & Co LLC, and one of Cyprus' leading corporate and tax lawyers. He specializes in business law, human rights law, international and constitutional law, and has published on all these subjects.

During the early years of his career, Kypros was appointed a research fellow in Private International Law at the University of Bonn and later also worked at the European Commission of

Human Rights in Strasbourg. The 2015 edition of Chambers Global includes him among the leading lawyers for the areas of Dispute Resolution and Corporate/Commercial, acknowledging his 'experience' in former field of practice and his appointment to the ICC International Court of Arbitration, as well as his "deep expertise in corporate and commercial matters with a significant tax angle". Kypros is included among the most senior ranked lawyers in Chambers Europe 2016 for his expertise in Dispute Resolution and Corporate/Commercial work. Furthermore, he is listed among the 250 leading global tax lawyers in the 2015 edition of the Tax Directors Handbook.

He has been re-appointed as a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration from 2015-2018. Also a member of the CBA, the Greek Institute of International Law, the ILA, the IBA and the IFA.

Parallel to his legal career, he served as Government Spokesman of the Republic of Cyprus 2003-2006, in May 2006 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives, where he served as deputy chairman of the Home Affairs Committee. He was appointed Minister of Justice and Public Order in February 2008, since December 2008, has returned to full time practice with the firm. He has been decorated by the Republic of France in 1991 as an Officier de l' Ordre national du Mérite and as Chevalier in 2004, and by Greece in 2004 with the Grand Cross of the Order of the Phoenix.

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Speaker

Achilles Emilianides

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Prof. Dr. Achilles C. Emilianides is a practicing advocate, Professor of Law and Head of the Law Department of the University of Nicosia. He holds a PhD in Law from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is the President of the 'Centre of Scientific Dialogue and Research'. He has received the Anny Tsatsos award from the Centre of European Constitutional Law in Athens. He has also been appointed as an external legal advisor to the Attorney-General of the Republic of Cyprus with respect to Community private international law instruments. Major publications include: *Cypriot Succession Law* (Hippasus, 2nd, 2014), *Religion and Law in Cyprus* (Kluwer, 2nd, 2014), *Constitutional Law in Cyprus* (Kluwer, 2014), *Family and Succession Law in Cyprus* (Kluwer, 2012), *The New European Private International Law of Contracts* (2009 in Greek), *Cypriot Law of Public Procurement* (2007 in Greek), *Professional Law of Advocates* (2007 in Greek), *Parliamentary History of Cyprus 1964–1976* (2007 in Greek), *Beyond the Cyprus Constitution* (2006 in Greek), *The Cypriot Law of Marriage and Divorce* (2006 in Greek), *Bibliography of Cyprus Law* (2005), *The Parliamentary Co-existence of Greeks and Turks in Cyprus* (2003 in Greek).

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Speaker

Alexandros Gavrielides

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Alexandros Gavrielides is a commercial litigator with substantial experience in handling complex, high-value cases with a cross-border element involving allegations of fraud and efforts to locate, preserve and recover misappropriated assets. His other principal areas of practice include multi-jurisdictional disputes, company and shareholder disputes, disputes arising from the termination of agency and distributorship agreements and applications for the recognition and enforcement

of foreign judgments. He also regularly advises banks and other financial institutions on a wide range of matters.

Alexandros has particular expertise in applications for interim relief having successfully acted for clients in both obtaining and resisting interim relief in a number of high-profile cases. Inter alia, he acted as co-counsel for the Claimants, together with former Attorney-General Mr Alecos Markides, in the case of *Lasala and Zeidman as Co-Trustees of the AremisSoft Corporation Liquidating Trust v. Kyprianou and others* which was the first case in which the Cypriot courts granted a worldwide freezing order and ancillary orders for the disclosure of assets. More recently he has acted as counsel in Cyprus for BTA Bank of Kazakhstan and successfully applied for a series of extensive interim orders, including freezing orders, Norwich Pharmacal type disclosure orders and search orders, in support of multi-billion dollar proceedings brought by BTA against Mukhtar Ablyazov and other members of BTA's former management in England.

Alexandros obtained a First Class BA in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford in 1999 and a BCL in 2000. After successfully completing the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law and passing the examination conducted by the Legal Council of Cyprus with distinction ("Arista"), he joined Scordis, Papapetrou & Co LLC as an associate. He became a partner in 2004.

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Nicos has been in practice since 1988 and is a partner in Georgiades & Pelides LLC. He has a very strong litigation background having acted for foreign governments, international banks and financial institutions, insurance companies and other international corporate and private clients. He specializes in large scale international litigation and is considered one of the leading litigators in the urgent handling of cases involving the taking of interim measures including mareva type injunctions to freeze assets within the jurisdiction of the Cyprus courts. Nicos regularly advises in relation to complex cases involving shareholder disputes, corporate fraud, breaches of trust and fiduciary duty as well as a wide variety of general commercial disputes. He has advised the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission in relation to the most complex investigation carried out by the Commission in the affairs of public company listed on the Cyprus Stock Exchange. Nicos is a Barrister of the Middle Temple. He is a graduate of Queen Mary College of the University of London with a degree in law (LL.B.)."

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George Z. Georgiou is the Managing Partner of George Z. Georgiou & Associates LLC, a full service civil law firm based in Nicosia, Cyprus. George graduated in Law from Bristol University in 1999. In 2000, he was called to the Bar of England & Wales by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple and the Cypriot Bar in 2001. He is also an arbitrator (MCI Arb), a mediator, and a member of the RICS (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors). George is a civil practitioner specialising in all forms of local and international dispute resolution, as well as employment, pensions, land and commercial work. He is ranked as a Leading Individual in Chambers & Partners, Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal.

George regularly lectures in both English and Greek, in Cyprus and abroad, on all areas of Cypriot civil law. George was invited to be a speaker/coordinator at the following conferences in 2015: English Law Week, Moscow; 14th HR Management & Human Capital Conference, Nicosia; 6th Pensions & Provident Fund Forum, Nicosia; Bar Council Conference, London. He has written many articles and country specific chapters, which have been published in books, journals and on the internet.

George represents Cyprus on the Board of the European Employment Lawyers Association (EELA), the global law alliance Ius Laboris, and the Board of National Correspondents for the European Employment Law Cases journal. He is a member of the Cyprus Bar Association, the International Bar Association, the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, the European Circuit, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Chartered Institute of Surveyors, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, UK Employment Lawyers Association, the Cypriot Lawyers' Society, the British-Russian Law Association, as well as numerous bi-country business associations.

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Elena Konnari

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Elena graduated from the University of Bristol (UK) in 1999, having obtained an LLB (Hons). She then successfully completed the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law (UK) in 2000. Elena is a member of the Inner Temple in the UK.

Following completion of her studies Elena returned to Cyprus where she trained as a lawyer at the Attorney General's office in Cyprus for the period 2000-2001. In 2001 Elena successfully completed the Cyprus Bar Council exams, and thus qualified to practice law in Cyprus on the same year.

Elena began practising law in 2001 and continues since then to do so being the Managing Partner of Andreas Konnaris LLC. She mainly deals with Commercial Litigation, Arbitration and Construction. She has acted for high network individuals and companies in International Commercial disputes, which required the cooperation of lawyers from various jurisdictions, but mostly with lawyers from England, BVI, Jersey, Russia and Ukraine, where there was parallel litigation/arbitration.

She is a member of Limassol Bar Association Committee.

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Speaker

Michalis Kyriakides Harris Kyriakides LLC



Michalis Kyriakides is a commercial and corporate lawyer with substantial international and domestic litigation and arbitration practice. He works as a partner at Harris Kyriakides LLC in Larnaca, Cyprus.

Michalis was born in 1978. He graduated from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, where he was a scholar of the Greek National Scholarships Foundation. He obtained an LL.M.

at University College London, where he was a Bentham Scholar. In 2003 he gained a Master of Studies from the University of Oxford. He was admitted in the Cyprus Bar Association with distinction in 2004 and he is a member of its Company Law Committee. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and one of the first licensed insolvency practitioners in Cyprus.

Michalis has been advising national and multinational corporations, financial institutions and governmental organisations, acting on behalf of local and international clients before Cyprus Courts, national authorities and arbitration tribunals. He has also represented clients before the High Court of England and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). He is extensively involved in matters related to the banking, energy and telecommunications sectors.

Michalis Kyriakides is married to Elena and has two children, Emily and Alexandros.

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Speaker

Andreas Michaelides Michaelides & Michaelides



Andreas received his LLB from the University of Bristol in 1997 and he was admitted to the Cyprus Bar in 1998. He joined the firm of Michaelides & Michaelides, one of the oldest firms in Cyprus, as a trainee advocate in 1997 and he became a partner in 2004. He is currently the managing partner of the firm.

In 2012 he was elected President of the Limassol Bar Association and is currently serving his second term in that position. He is also a member of the Board of the Cyprus Bar Association and a member of the council of the IBA, representing the Cyprus Bar Association.

His main areas of practice are civil and commercial Litigation, arbitration and ADR, commercial and corporate Law, regulatory, governance and compliance.

He is an accredited mediator and in 2014 he was appointed as a member of the ICSID Panels of Conciliators and Arbitrators.

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Speaker

Alexandros Tsirides

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Work Experience

2009 - Present: Managing Director, Costas Tsirides & Co. LLC

Since 2009 Alexandros Tsirides has been the Managing Director of the law firm Costas Tsirides & Co. LLC. His practice concentrates mainly on civil litigation with emphasis on Commercial and Corporate issues. He also works as legal advisor to Commercial transactions and Corporate matters.

1999 - 2009: Associate, Costas Tsirides & Co.

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1998-1999: Cyprus Legal Council - Practising License Course Examinations

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In 2009 he was elected a member of the Board of the Cyprus Bar Association as a representative of the Nicosia Bar. He was reelected in 2012 and 2015. He is a member of the CBA representation to the CCBE and has been the coordinator or member of a number of subcommittees of the CBA Board responsible for issues such as the introduction of a compulsory continuing legal training scheme for CBA members and the CBA mediation training scheme for lawyers.

In 2002 he set up cylaw.org, a web service providing access to all Cypriot primary legal materials including all Cyprus case law and legislation. [Cylaw.org](http://cylaw.org) became the de facto source of primary legal information in Cyprus. Among others [Cylaw](http://cylaw.org) is the Cypriot case law provider to the common case law portal of the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union. In 2012, the service was taken over by the Cyprus Bar Association and Laris Vrahimis continues to be responsible for the running of the service and oversees the permanent staff of the service. He is also a member of the Board of the Cyprus Legal Information Institute that is responsible for running the service on behalf of the CBA.

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