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iii holds its first conference in Trump/Brexit era

The location of the International Insolvency Institute's (iii) annual conference this year could not be more topical – in London, whose status as a global restructuring hub has been the subject of intense speculation since the Brexit vote last year.



Attendees will also be well placed to debate the implications of Donald Trump's Presidency on the global economy, with so many US and overseas financial institutions working in the British capital.

Just this month iii announced that Judge Shelley Chapman of the Southern District of New York, US Bankruptcy Court has signed up for a showpiece mock trial at the London conference on 18-20 June.

Chapman will participate in a parallel hearing with Justice Richard Snowden of the High Court of Justice, England and Wales. Antony Zacaroli, QC of South Square will lead the representations to Justice Snowden and James Bromley of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton will lead the representations to Judge Chapman.

Justices Paul Heath of the High Court of New Zealand and Jonathan Harris of the High Court of Hong Kong will preside over the session, and Lord Justice David Richards will add his voice as a key commentator.

The conference is being co-chaired by Tony Bugg of Linklaters and Mark Phillips QC of South Square. It will also host a meeting of the Next Gen Programme at PricewaterhouseCoopers, courtesy of Mike Jervis and the

Judicial and Academic programmes at Freshfields, courtesy of Nick Segal.

Twelfth Night

The welcome reception and dinner will be held at the Tate Modern Gallery and the Legendary dinner is being held in The Middle Temple Hall, where we will be entertained by the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain who are performing extracts from Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

Middle Temple Hall is the venue where that play was first performed before Queen Elizabeth I in 1602.

The conference will be opened by a keynote speech from Lord Neuberger,

President of the UK's Supreme Court.

There will be an in depth analysis of the impact of Brexit on international insolvencies involving UK companies, looking at the UK, the EU, the US and other major jurisdictions.

There will also be a session involving simultaneous hearings in two jurisdictions concerning a primary insolvency and recognition. The forum will be taken by Judges from each of the jurisdictions.

In addition to debates focusing on recent legal developments there will be a session on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-border Insolvencies that will go into force shortly before the conference.

A tribute to Bruce Leonard, founder of iii

In January iii sent out the following announcement: "It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of our Founding Chair, Bruce Leonard."

The statement, signed off by iii President James Peck, continued: "The International Insolvency Institute (iii) represents the fulfillment of Bruce's ambitious dream to build the best organisation of its kind in the world. He was justifiably proud of that achievement. Our institutional prominence is the result of Bruce's effort. iii was his passion."

"Bruce dedicated himself zealously to the goal of improving international insolvency practice and was totally devoted

to our members," said Peck. He added that iii's executive committee plans to honour Bruce's

memory during the members' meeting at the annual conference in London.

As well as founding iii in 2000, Leonard was Past Chair and Director of The Insolvency Institute of Canada. He spent most of his career as a partner in the restructuring and insolvency practice of Cassels Brock & Blackwell in Toronto. In February 2015 he joined Miller Thomson in Toronto as a senior counsel in the firm's restructuring and insolvency group.



Bruce Leonard



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