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## Media Law Resource Center London Conference October 1-2, 2009 International Developments in Libel, Privacy, Newsgathering and New Media IP Law

Dear MLRC Members & Friends:

We are pleased to invite you to the Media Law Resource Center's London Conference 2009. On October 1-2, media defense lawyers from around the world will gather to participate in a series of discussions on developments in libel, privacy, and newsgathering laws and the challenges posed by the new digital media environment.

This year Lord Hoffmann of the House of Lords will deliver the keynote address; Justice Ruth McColl of the Supreme Court of New South Wales Australia will provide an Australian perspective on privacy law developments; and judges will add commentary to a group discussion on the Future of Free Expression. A panel of media law and press experts will discuss how the media is adapting to the challenges of the digital age. And in an exciting closing session a panel of UK legislators will preside over a mock parliamentary hearing on proposals for libel and privacy law reform – capitalizing on the real debate now underway in Parliament.

The London Conference also includes receptions for delegates on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>; and a special breakfast meeting on October 2 for in-house media counsel to discuss their unique practice and management issues.

Space at the Conference is limited, so we urge you to register early to ensure your place. A current program and registration form are attached.

The London Conference is a unique opportunity to meet colleagues from around the world. We hope you will join us in London!

*The MLRC London Conference is presented with the support of:*

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## Conference & Registration FAQs

- **Registration** – The registration fee for the London Conference is £350 for UK delegates. Registration fees are not refundable after August 15, 2009.
- **Conference Receptions** – Registration includes receptions on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Conference Attire** – There is no dress code for the conference, but most delegates wear business or business casual.
- **Conference Center** – Conference sessions on Oct. 1-2 are at Stationers Hall, located at Ave Maria Lane, London EC4. Location map available at [www.stationers.org](http://www.stationers.org)
- **In-house Counsel Breakfast** – The breakfast meeting on October 2 is open to in-house counsel only and will be hosted at or near Stationers' Hall.
- **CPD** – MLRC is applying to have the conference accredited under the rules of the Law Society of England & Wales.
- **Hotel Accommodations** – For delegates in need of hotel accommodations, MLRC has made arrangements with two nearby hotels. Conference delegates should contact these hotels directly.

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Booking reference: Media Law Resource Center (MLRC) Conference  
Conference Rates: £210 – 250 plus VAT

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# MLRC London Conference 2009 Program

*Current as of April 2009; subject to change*

## Wednesday September 30, 2009

### Delegates Reception

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Bloomberg News, Finsbury Square London

Sponsored by Bloomberg News

## Thursday October 1, 2009

Morning Sessions 9:30 to 12:00

### 9:00 Registration Welcome and Opening

#### Keynote Address: Lord Hoffmann, House of Lords

**Libel Law Developments:** Liability for third-party content and archived content on media web sites; reporting defamatory statements by sources; republishing defamatory allegations and the press's duty to investigate; Libel Terrorism Protection Acts in the U.S. and federal bills to make foreign libel judgments unenforceable.

Discussion Leaders:

Stephen Collins, Channel 4

Lynn Oberlander, The New Yorker

#### Lunch at Stationers' Hall

Afternoon Sessions 1:15 – 5:00 p.m.

**Newsgathering Challenges:** Reporting on terrorism – how the fight against terrorism has affected news reporting; limits on access to court proceedings and judicial information. Reporting on the courts – access to judicial proceedings and information, contempt of court and reporting restrictions, limits on Internet archives, updates on cameras in courts. Reporting on sports – combating restrictions on coverage of sports leagues.

Discussion Leaders:

Valerie Nazareth, BBC

Charles Tobin, Holland & Knight LLP

Break

**Speech by Justice Ruth McColl, New South Wales Supreme Court.** An Australian Perspective on Privacy Law Developments

**Privacy Law Developments:** Developments in the UK and Europe and echoes around the world. The Max Moseley case – sex, lies and public interest. Damages and injunctions in privacy cases, and forum shopping in Europe. Photographs and privacy – the right to be left alone in public.

Discussion Leaders:

Gary Bostwick, Bostwick & Jassy LLP

Liz Hartley, Associated Newspapers

#### Evening Reception Sponsored by Hiscox

## Friday October 2, 2009

Morning Sessions

### In-house Counsel Breakfast

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Discussion of in-house practice and management issues.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m

Delegates Breakfast at Stationers' Hall.

### The Future of Free Expression: A discussion on the impact of the Internet and new technologies on the protection for free expression.

Moderated by David Schulz, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz LLP and Mark Stephens, Finers Stephens Innocent LLP  
With comments from Justice McColl; Mr. Justice Tugendhat, Mrs. Justice Sharp, High Court of England & Wales (subject to their court schedules).

### Panel Discussion: Reinventing Media for the Digital Age

Alan Rusbridger, Guardian News & Media Editor-in-Chief  
Other panelists tbd

Moderated by: Kenneth Richieri, The New York Times Company

#### Lunch at Stationers' Hall

Afternoon Sessions 1:30 – 5:00 pm

**New Media IP Law Developments:** Copyright and trademark challenges in a new digital environment. Copyright climate change, including user generated content challenges, regulatory regimes, the application of extraterritorial law and damages, and more. Trademark evolution, including keyword advertising, secondary liability.

Discussion Leaders:

James Chadwick, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton

Geoffrey Hobbs QC, One Essex Court (invited)

#### Closing Session

### Mock Parliamentary Hearing: Proposals for Libel and Privacy Law Reform

A panel of UK legislators will preside over a hearing on proposals to reform libel and privacy law in the UK.

# MLRC London Conference 2009 UK Delegate Registration

I will attend

(name)

(firm/company)

(address)

(telephone / fax)

(email)

Check here if you will attend the In-house Counsel Breakfast on Oct. 2  
(for in-house media company lawyers only)

MLRC would like to include delegates' full contact details as part of the final Conference programme. These details would be used solely for informational purposes at the Conference and for no other reason. To limit your listing to name and affiliation only please check this box.

Registration fee for UK Delegates is £350.

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