

UNCITRAL and the Digest

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was created in 1966 by the U.N. General Assembly to further the harmonization of transnational commercial law. One of UNCITRAL's most successful products is the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), a multilateral commercial treaty that has now been adopted by some 60 nations accounting for a large proportion of world trade in goods.

With the appearance of more than 900 decisions applying the CISG from courts and arbitration panels around the world, the UNCITRAL Secretariat charged five CISG experts from a variety of regions with the task of creating a digest of CISG case law. The appearance of UNCITRAL's CISG Case Digest is expected to revolutionize the understanding and practice of international sales law.

The University of Pittsburgh's Center for International Legal Education is proud to sponsor a conference at which the Digest authors and other distinguished CISG scholars will address the results of this crucial initiative for uniform international commercial law.

DIGEST EXPERTS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTERS:

- **Franco Ferrari**, University of Verona, Italy
- **Peter Winship**, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- **Ulrich Magnus**, University of Hamburg, Germany
- **Harry Flechtner**, University of Pittsburgh
- **Claude Witz**, University of the Saarland, Germany (materials to be presented by Chancellor **John E. Murray, Jr.**, Duquesne University)

SCHEDULE

- 8:00** Registration
- 8:30** Welcome
- 8:45** Introduction: Jernej Sekolec
- 9:15** Arts. 1-13, 78, 89-101: Franco Ferrari
Joseph Lookofsky, Michael Bridge
- 10:30** Arts. 14-24, 66-77: Peter Winship
Maria Perales Viscasillas, Johan Erauw
- 11:30** Arts. 25-34, 45-52: Ulrich Magnus
Henry Gabriel, Alejandro Garro
- 12:45** Luncheon; Welcome by Mark A.
Nordenberg, Chancellor
Judgements Convention Update:
Jeffrey Kovar
- 2:30** Arts. 35-44, 79-88: Harry Flechtner
Paul Volken, Ronald Brand
- 3:45** Arts. 53-65: Claude Witz (by John Murray)
Filip De Ly, Peter Sarcevic
- 4:45** Concluding Comments: Harold Burman

Accommodations: A block of rooms has been reserved at:

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BEYOND the Digest

The Conference is designed to build upon the work of the UNCITRAL CISG Case Digest. The Digest describes the reasoning and results of existing CISG cases; the Conference will provide Digest authors the opportunity to critique and analyze those cases, as well as issues that have not yet arisen in the case law. Each presentation by a Digest author will be followed by commentary from distinguished CISG scholars, and opportunity for dialogue with all those attending.

CONFERENCE COMMENTATORS:

- **Jernej Sekolec**, Secretary, UNCITRAL
- **Joseph Lookofsky**, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Michael Bridge**, University College, London, UK
- **Maria del Pilar Perales Viscasillas**, Carlos III University, Madrid, Spain
- **Johan Erauw**, University of Ghent, Belgium
- **Henry Gabriel**, Loyola University, New Orleans
- **Jeffrey Kovar**, Assistant Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of State
- **Alejandro Garro**, Columbia University, New York
- **Paul Volken**, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- **Ronald Brand**, University of Pittsburgh
- **Filip De Ly**, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- **Peter Sarcevic**, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- **Harold Burman**, Office of the Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of State

Conference presentations will be published in a book that will be an essential companion to the Digest and that will establish the foundations for work with international decisions construing the CISG.

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