

**Searle Civil Justice Institute Public Policy Conference**  
***Third-Party Financing of Litigation: Civil Justice Friend or Foe?***  
**Royal Windsor Hotel Grand Place, 5 Rue Duquesnoy, 1000 Brussels, Belgium**  
**November 9-10, 2011**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

Introduction:

1:00 p.m.

*Duquesnoy Room, Ground Floor (all sessions)*

Geoffrey J. Lysaught, *Deputy Executive Director, Law & Economics Center*

Session 1:

1:15 – 2:30

**Third-Party Financing of Litigation: Separating Fact from Fiction**

Moderator: Geoffrey J. Lysaught, *Deputy Executive Director, Law & Economics Center*

George Barker, *Director, Centre for Law and Economics, The Australian National University*

Cento Veljanovski, *Managing Partner, Case Associates; IEA Fellow in Law and Economics; Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Regulatory & Market Analysis, University of South Australia*

Commentators

Jeremy Kidd, *Visiting Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law*

Joanna Shepherd Bailey, *Associate Professor of Law, Emory University School of Law*

2:30 – 2:45

Break

Session 2:

2:45 – 4:00

**European Perspectives: Potential Complications in Light of Civil Justice System Differences**

Moderator: D. Scott Hazelgrove, *Policy and Research Associate, Law & Economics Center*

Ianika Tzankova, *Professor of Comparative Mass Litigation, Tilburg Law School*

Jef De Mot, *Professor of Law, Center for Advanced Studies in Law and Economics at Ghent University*

Commentators

Hans-Walter Forkel, *Adjunct Professor, Technical University of Dresden*

Alexander Bruns, *Director of the Institute for German and Foreign Civil Procedural Law, Freiburg University*

4:00 – 4:15

Break

Session 3:  
4:15 – 5:30

**Impact of Third-Party Financing on Equality of Procedural Powers**  
Moderator: Geoffrey J. Lysaught, *Deputy Executive Director, Law & Economics Center*

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Michelle Boardman, *Assistant Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law*

5:30 – 6:30

Reception and Heavy Hors D'oeuvres,

**Thursday, November 10, 2011**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

Session 1:  
9:00 – 11:00

**Economic and Institutional Considerations: U.S. Perspectives**  
Moderator: D. Scott Hazelgrove, *Policy and Research Associate, Law & Economics Center*

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11:00

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