

Invitation

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2018

Zurich, Monday, 9 July 2018, 17:00

Collective Redress: Magic Wand or Nightmare in Dispute Settlement?

Keynote speaker: Prof. Christopher Hodges, Professor of Justice Systems, University of Oxford

Venue: Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd, Mythenquai 50-60, 8022 Zurich

Dear members,

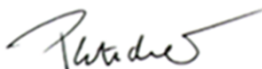
On behalf of our Chairman Thomas Wellauer, I am pleased to invite you to our **Annual Assembly 2018**. We will discuss on this occasion the possible introduction of a “Collective Redress System” in Switzerland.

In recent years collective redress procedures have spread across the globe, accompanied by hot controversy and normative debate. In Switzerland, the issue is one of the core elements in the proposed revision of the Civil Procedure Code. This new instrument could fundamentally change the handling of mass disputes e.g. between business and consumers. How would such a system work in practice? What are the experiences in other countries? What are the influences of new technologies and digitalisation on the handling of mass claims?

Our guest of honour, **Prof. Christopher Hodges**, has varied experience in this field and will give us his view on the latest developments worldwide as well as the opportunities and threats of such procedures. A panel discussion will follow with Swiss personalities specialised in this complex domain.

Again kindly hosted by Swiss Re, the Annual Assembly will take place on **9 July 2018, 17:00**. It will be an occasion to report on the activities of ICC in general, and to look ahead. We look forward to seeing you in July. Our assembly is open to representatives of members of ICC Switzerland and delegates in general. Please feel free to forward this invitation to colleagues. Non-members are also welcome to participate. Registration is compulsory.

Yours sincerely,



Thomas Pletscher
Secretary General

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PROGRAMME

17:00

Welcome Coffee

17:15

Introduction

Report ICC Switzerland and Outlook

Thomas Wellauer, Chairman ICC Switzerland, Member of the Executive Board of ICC International, Group Chief Operating Officer & Member of the Group Executive Committee, Swiss Re

Thomas Pletscher, Secretary General, ICC Switzerland

17:45

Keynote Address

„Collective redress: no alternatives to class actions?“

Prof. Christopher Hodges, Professor of Justice Systems, University of Oxford

18:15

Panel discussion

- Alexander Amann, Schwärzler Rechtsanwälte
He started 6000 claims in Switzerland due to the «VW Diesel-gate».
- Roman Baechler, Homburger AG
He specialises in complex proceedings before state courts and participates in an economiesuisse Task Force on the revision of the Swiss Civil Procedure Code.
- Michael Schöll, Federal Office of Justice
He is responsible for the revision of the Swiss Civil Procedure Code
- Sebastian Stolzke, Zurich Insurance Group
He is Chairman at the European Justice Forum working to promote fair, balanced, transparent and efficient civil justice laws and systems in Europe

Moderated by Erich Herzog, Deputy Head Department Regulation and Competition, economiesuisse, Chair of the economiesuisse Task Force on the revision of the Swiss Civil Procedure Code

19:15

Cocktail riche, kindly offered by Swiss Re

20:45

End

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SPEAKERS

Christopher Hodges

Christopher Hodges is Professor of Justice Systems and Fellow of Wolfson College, at the University of Oxford; Head of the CMS/Swiss Re Research Programme on Civil Justice Systems at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford;

From 2013 to 2016 he was Honorary Professor at the China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing and Guest Professor at Wuhan University, Wuhan. During the 1990s he was external Chair of the Legal Committees of UK and EU medical technology trade bodies. He is a Board Member of the UK Research Integrity Office, and chaired the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee for England.

Alexander Amann, Schwärzler Rechtsanwälte

Alexander Amann, Dr. iur., LL.M. (UCLA), is equity partner of Schwärzler attorneys at law, with offices in Liechtenstein and Switzerland. He is licensed to represent clients before Swiss, Liechtenstein, Austrian and European courts and administrative bodies. He specializes in cross border litigation and dispute resolution, especially in investors disputes, unfair competition/anti trust cases and intellectual property law.

Roman Baechler, Homburger

Roman Baechler is a member of Homburger's dispute resolution group since 2010. His practice focuses on state court litigation. Prior to joining Homburger, he served as a deputy judge at the District Court of Zurich. He obtained a PhD degree in law from the University of Zurich in 2007 and an LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School in 2014. He is qualified to practice before the Swiss bar since 2009.

Michael Schöll, Federal Office of Justice (FOJ)

Michael Schöll is a Vice-Director and General Counsel for private law with the FOJ (since 2015). Prior to joining the FOJ as Head of the Private International Law Unit in 2009, he was an associate with Bär & Karrer's international arbitration practice in Zurich. Michael Schöll holds a Dr.iur. degree from Basel University and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. He was admitted to practice in Geneva (2000) and New York State (2004).

Sebastian Stolzke, Zurich Insurance Group

Sebastian Stolzke is a Senior Legal Counsel with the corporate law department of Zurich Insurance Group in Zurich, Switzerland. He is responsible for litigation and investigation matters of Zurich Insurance on a group wide basis, with a focus on EMEA. Sebastian Stolzke is the chairman of the European Justice Forum since 2015. Prior to joining Zurich Insurance Group in 2010, Sebastian Stolzke worked for several years in the litigation and arbitration practices of Homburger, Latham & Watkins and Clifford Chance.

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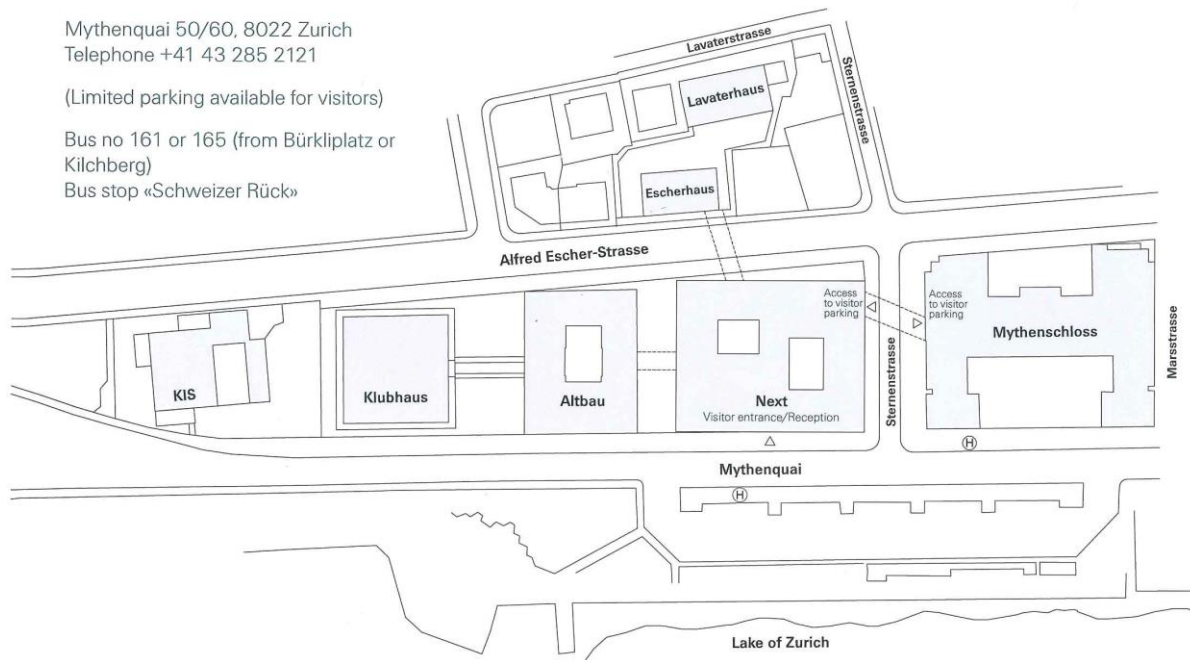


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(Limited parking available for visitors)

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Working language: English

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I will attend the annual assembly 2018

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the annual assembly 2018

I will attend the cocktail at 19:15

I will not attend the cocktail at 19:15

ICC Member represented: _____

Not yet member, I would like to receive a Documentation for membership

ICC Delegate in ICC Commission: _____

Participant information:

Title (Mr/Dr/Mrs/etc.): _____ Family name: _____

First/given name: _____

Position: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Zip/postal code: _____ City/state: _____

Country: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Registration fee: *free*

Remarks/questions for the discussions:

Date: _____ / _____ / Signature: _____