



**INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRACTICE
II EDITION**

SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR EUROPEAN LAWYERS, JUDGES AND ACCOUNTANTS

WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD, UK
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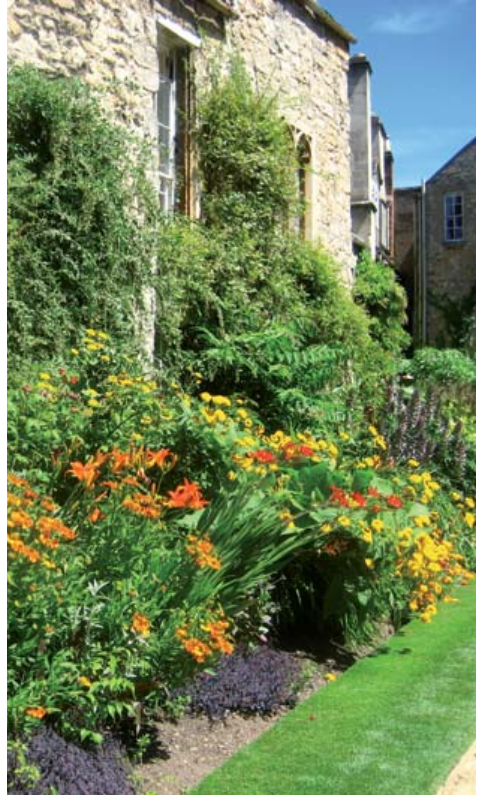
EXCELLENCE IN CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

The European Centre for Continuing Legal Education (ECCLE) welcomes you to II edition of the Summer Programme in “International Legal Practice”, to be held in Oxford in September 2012. ECCLE and its partners have once again combined their complementary skills to present this well proven and successful course which is designed to provide participants with a unique, useful and unforgettable experience.

ECCLE is committed to the advanced training of legal professionals across Europe. It runs law programmes and advanced seminars in several locations (Austria, Italy, United Kingdom, Eastern Europe) in an effort to enhance the skills of a truly global lawyer.

ECCLE programmes are made unique by a diverse mix of participants drawn from many countries and a variety of backgrounds. They are a venue for participants to interact in order to exchange ideas and create professional relationships and long-term business opportunities.

Established in 2009 in Cyprus, ECCLE is directed by European and U.S. academics and practitioners with extensive experience in the field of continuing legal & business education (CLE). Since its foundation, ECCLE has grown rapidly to include partnerships with associations of legal professionals, universities, educational organisations and national/local bars. Among its partners are the EFLIT “English for Lawyers” programme, Italy (www.englishforlaw.it), the Hellenic LSE Alumni Association (www.lsealumni.gr), GGI (Geneva Group International), the Temple University Beasley School of Law (Philadelphia) and the National University “Odessa Law Academy” (Ukraine).



“LEARN BY DOING” - ECCLE TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

*Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.
B. Franklin/Confucius*

Inspired by the tradition in common law countries of “learn by doing” in continuing education, the 2012 Summer Programme engages participants in a number of interactive learning experiences designed to enhance the skills of a global professional (lawyer, judge, accountant). There is really **only one way to learn how to do something, and that is to do it.**

ECCLE’s unique flexible format allows participants to personalize their participation by choosing from a number of tailor-made courses and activities.

ECCLE makes extensive use of videos, interactive discussions, simulations, group work and case files (which include legal deeds, court documents and briefs).

Participants in the 2012 Summer Programme will be provided with a course pack on enrolment. This will give them ample time to look through the materials in order to familiarize themselves with the subject matter and get the most out of their educational experience in Oxford.

THE 2012 SUMMER PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRACTICE

The 2012 Summer Programme is an intensive 6-day learning experience designed to enhance professional development in key areas of legal practice. A significant proportion of course time will be devoted to group work, where participants have the opportunity, through case studies and simulations, to put theory into practice.

The **morning sessions** consist of **Language Practice** (9.00-10.00), a warm up and introduction to prepare participants for the main session, and **Comparative Civil Litigation** (10.00-12.30).

In the **afternoon sessions** (14.00-17.00), participants are divided into groups and engaged in a number of skill-based activities aimed at simulating daily legal practice.

During office hours, **mini group/one-to-one coaching** can offer a further opportunity to review course materials, share experiences between participants and instructors and, more broadly, tailor the learning experience to the individual needs of each participant.

Overall, more than 35 hours of training are offered in the 2012 Summer Programme

All activities are held in English by **internationally renowned experts** (academic lawyers & practising lawyers from the Europe and the U.S.A.). Experts in the 2012 Summer Programme were selected specifically on the basis of their experience, professional profile and expertise on the subject covered during morning and afternoon sessions.

In addition to experts, a British **linguist** (Ms Claudia Ricci) will be available throughout the week to assist participants before, during and after classes, to maximise understanding of the subjects taught and further develop communication skills in professional English.

COURSE PLAN

Monday 3 September 2012 - Saturday 8 September 2012





SCHEDULE

Morning session: 9.00-12.30

Afternoon session: 14.00-17.00

Office hours: 17.00-18.00

ACTIVITIES

-  Opening & Closing sessions
-  "Language Practice" & "Comparative Civil Litigation"
-  Group sessions
-  Office hours

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning (9.00-12.30)	Enrolment					
Afternoon (14.00-17.00)						Farewell
Office hours (17.00-18.00)						

COMPARATIVE LEGAL PRACTICE – LITIGATION AND TRIALS

Concept

This course guides the participant through an effective comparison of legal practice in the U.S.A. and the Continental European system. It provides an overview of civil litigation looking at the courts, the respective roles of judge and jury, the appellate systems, and the court opinions (especially in case of dissents). Analysis is always be conducted from the point of view of legal practitioners (i.e. what tasks are to be performed at each stage, what makes client representation more or less effective, how to deal with courts and clients). Focus will be on the development of civil litigation from a comparative perspective (including the peculiar aspects of initial pleadings, Discovery, Pre-Trial motions, Trials and class action). Combining lectures, class discussions and case studies, this course maximizes the benefits to the participants in true “learn by doing” style. Active participation in the exercises and discussion session will be encouraged. Every morning, a “warm up” language practice is offered to participants in order to maximise understanding and facilitate discussion/interaction with the instructor.

Skills acquired by the participants:

- Enhanced ability to relate appropriately to the different cultural, linguistic and legal systems (Europe/USA);
- Enhanced confidence in discussing legal matters with a foreign counterpart, especially when legal concepts are significantly different;
- Increased confidence in handling lawsuits in international contexts;
- Broadening of client representation skills;
- More recognition of appropriate standards of protocol and etiquette in common law systems (rules of ethics, attorney fees, costs of action, etc.)

Instructor: Prof. David Sonenshein - Professor of Civil Procedure and Criminal procedure (at Temple Law School, Philadelphia) and CLE specialist

- Ideal for:**
- law graduates
 - lawyers & trainees
 - judges in civil law Countries

SCHEDULE
Morning (9.00-12.30)
Tuesday to Friday

SKILL-BASED TRAINING – LEGAL & BUSINESS PRACTICE IN ACTION

Concept

The afternoon sessions are designed to engage participants in a number of skill-based activities aimed at simulating daily legal & business practice. The focus is on the typical tasks performed by lawyers, judges and business professionals when dealing with foreign counterparts or clients. A needs analysis will be carried out in advance to tailor the activities to specific needs of the 2012 participants. Reporting the state of a case and the current state of domestic law, for example, is a frequent task required by professionals engaged in international transactions and litigation. Effective reporting requires the ability to produce simple but accurate briefs and memorandums. The aim is to minimize the risk of misunderstandings and confusion among professionals of different backgrounds and cultures. The topics for the 2012 programme are “International Contracts”, “European Human Rights Law”, “The Euro Debt Crisis” and “Legal and Business English”.

Additional activities include:

- managing professional correspondence with foreign clients;
- reporting domestic law to foreign colleagues;
- studying foreign cases;
- reading legal and business newspapers;
- drafting legal deeds and oral arguments on selected legal topics;
- estimating the economic value of a business/company

Skills acquired by participants:

- Enhanced structuring of professional / legal correspondence.
- Support to written and oral communication skills in a professional context
- More effective understanding of foreign law and practice
- Greater confidence in reporting a problem to a foreign client /colleague.
- Greater confidence in reporting the state of the law to a foreign client /colleague.

Instructors: Dr. Stefano Maffei - Dr. Andreas Pottakis - Claudia Ricci

Ideal for: All participants

SCHEDULE

Afternoon sessions (14.00-17.00)

Tuesday to Friday

OFFICE HOURS

SCHEDULE

Office hours (17.00-18.00)
Thursday and Friday

Providing course participants with a personal coach is one of the most effective ways to learn and improve skills. Through “learning by doing” the participant immediately applies, receives advice and guidance, and gains confidence and proficiency in their use of English and/or law while continuing with their course schedule.

For those interested, mini group or one-to-one coaching is available with all the course instructors during the programme. Privacy and confidentiality is assured, while offering maximum flexibility and real hands-on training. Constructive feedback in a non-competitive, non-threatening atmosphere is the core of ECCLE’s “One-to-One/mini group Coaching”.

These sessions can focus on building a more professional CV, drafting sample correspondence, the analysis of a specific case or legal issue or giving participants an opportunity to obtain answers to their specific questions and concerns.

Advantages for the participants:

- Achievement of personal goals
- Greater understanding of problematic areas

Instructors: David Sonenshein, Andreas Pottakis, Stefano Maffei

Ideal for: All participants



INSTRUCTORS IN THE 2012 SUMMER PROGRAMME

David Sonenshein has had a distinguished teaching career in U.S. Schools of Law and in continuing legal education. David currently teaches at Temple Law School and has received the Outstanding Professor Award at both DePaul and Temple Law Schools a total of six times. He has taught Trial Advocacy, Evidence, Civil Motion Practice, and Deposition Practice at many of the largest law firms in the United States. David is also the former Director of In-House training for the American Institute-American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) and received the Frances E. Rawle Award from ALI-ABA for outstanding achievement in Post-Admission Legal Education.



Stefano Maffei is a World Bank Consultant and a Lecturer in Law at the University of Parma, Italy. A registered attorney in Italy since 2003, he completed a Ph.D. in Law at the University of Oxford in 2005. A 2011 Fulbright Scholar, Stefano served as Visiting Professor at the University of the Pacific Mc George School of Law in 2008 and 2009. An expert on Continuing Legal Education in Italy, Stefano has lectured extensively on Human Rights and litigation in Europe, USA, Turkey and the Middle East as well as in Bangladesh and Iran.



Andreas Pottakis is the Deputy Director of the Academy of European Public Law.. Andreas studied Law at the Universities of Athens and Oxford, where he was awarded a Ph.D in EU Law. He has lectured at various European Universities, and lately in Greece, where he also pursues a career as a lawyer since 2001. He has considerable experience in organising and running vocational training and Inter-University courses in several countries in Europe and abroad as scientific director.



Claudia Ricci is a British linguist with over fifteen years experience in the fields of ELT, ESP and communication skills training. She has taught business and legal English in London, Italy and South Africa working in many international companies, universities and private language schools.

OXFORD - THE CITY OF DREAMING SPIRES

Take this opportunity to enjoy the incredible atmosphere of Oxford, **one of the most desirable places of study** for graduate students and professionals from all over the world. As a result, you will find a youthful and cosmopolitan atmosphere and plenty of things to see and do.

Oxford is a beautiful city of stunning architecture, history and culture. There are ancient and modern colleges, fascinating museums and galleries, plenty of parks, gardens and green spaces alongside all the main high street stores, numerous coffee shops and restaurants...not to mention a thriving bar and club scene. Oxford is known as the “city of dreaming spires”, a term coined by poet Matthew Arnold in reference to the harmonious architecture of the university buildings. The golden stone of the university buildings with their spires, towers and domes have shaped a graceful and timeless city, which no visitor forgets. Andreas Pottakis and Stefano Maffei – instructors in the 2012 Summer programme – took their doctoral degrees at Oxford, and will be able to offer you an “insider” view of what is and remains “The University” of the world.



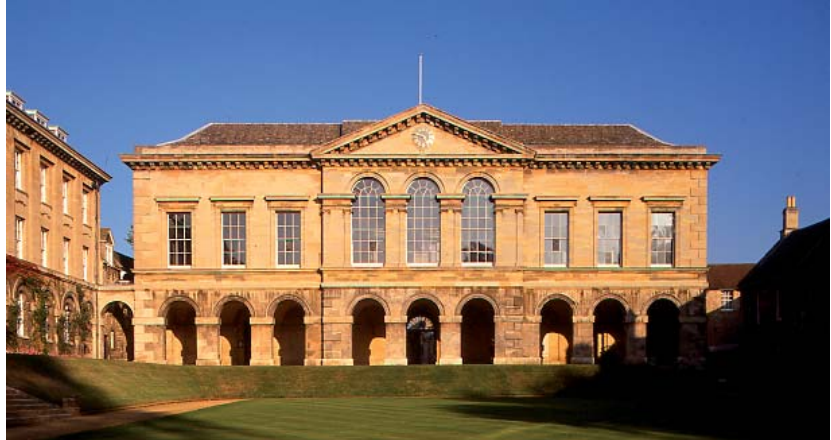
WORCESTER COLLEGE – A MEMORABLE STAY IN OXFORD

ECCLE has made suitable arrangements for your stay in Oxford, as Worcester College will serve as a venue for both study and accommodation.

As you may know, the University of Oxford – the oldest university in the English-speaking world – comprises of 39 Colleges and 6 Permanent Private Halls located across the city. Community life is in fact the distinctive feature of Oxonian life.

The 2012 Summer Programme event will take place at Worcester College. Worcester is one of the most beautiful colleges in Oxford: founded in 1714, it is a happy blend of ancient and modern. The Library, Chapel and Dining Hall were created by some of Britain's finest eighteenth and nineteenth century architects. The beautiful gardens and grounds, 26 acres in extent, provide a secluded environment, with shady lakeside walks and a large sports ground. Yet Worcester is very close to the train and coach stations, and only a few minutes' walk away from the city and university centres.

Depending on their needs, participants may choose a room for single occupancy or share a room with a colleague. Families and partners are welcome to come and enjoy late summer in the city of dreaming spires, while accommodated in one of the most beautiful colleges in the University. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners are served in the college to facilitate the learning programme. Some evenings have been kept free for participants to sample the local cuisine.



FREE TIME: NETWORKING AND SOCIAL SPIRIT

Participants can combine their ECCLÉ programme with a number of different **free time activities such as sports, arts and culture.**

Summer in Oxford is vibrant with artistic, social and sports events.

ECCLÉ students will enjoy Oxford life among the community of graduate students and will have a true opportunity to explore the University of Oxford and its Colleges. Out of the classroom participants will have even more opportunities to socialise, network and practise what they have learnt in the classroom: communication skills, informal conversation practice and so on. A dinner with friends and/or colleagues, or an evening watching an English film is an enjoyable way of continuing the camaraderie, practising the language and getting to know the local culture.

ECCLÉ offers a variety of activities for your enjoyment. A welcoming dinner party, numerous cultural visits, video nights, excursions and plenty of parties are a few of the events participants can look forward to.

A number of **practising lawyers from the BRICS Countries** (Russia, China, India, Brazil and South Africa) will be invited to offer a presentation of their legal services to ECCLÉ participants, with a view to establishing future partnerships and learn more about business opportunities in these emerging markets.



TUITION FEES & COSTS

Tuition Fees

Full programme: 1,150 Euro

ECCLE operates a “selective fee policy” for the 2012 Summer Programme in order to facilitate the participation of professionals from all European countries and to ensure that CLE training is also easily accessible for professionals from low-income areas in Europe.

Priority admission and reduced fees are offered to:

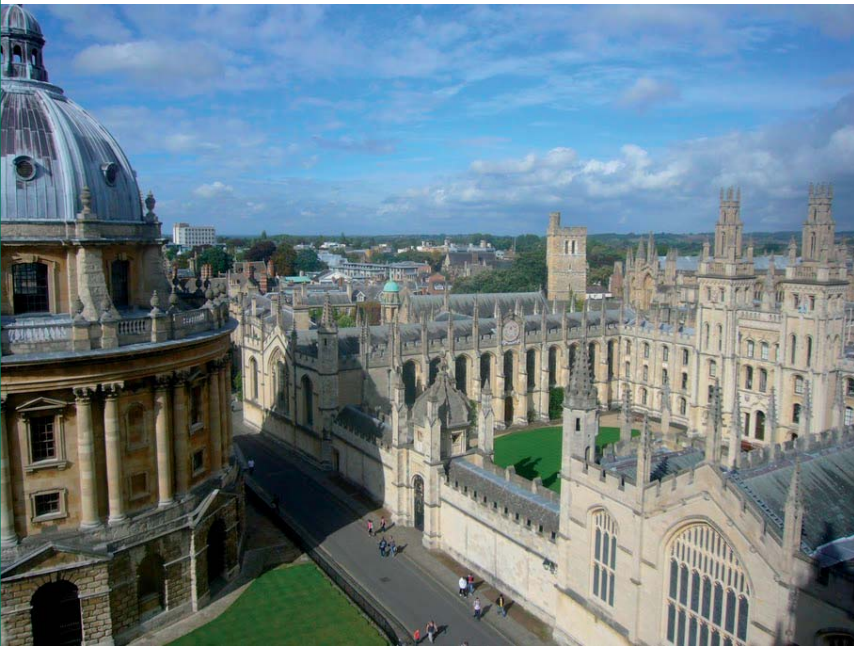
- Alumni of the EFLIT “English for Lawyers Programme” (www.englishforaw.it);
- Members of the European Lawyers Association (www.europeanlawyersevents.com);
- Members of the Hellenic LSE Alumni Association (www.1sealumni.gr);
- Graduates and students of National University “Odessa Law Academy”;
- Members of GGI (Geneva Group International - www.genevagroup.net);
- The community of Cypriot lawyers
- Trainees and fresh law graduates below the age of 26

Please request a **personalized quote** by sending an email to info@eccle.eu. Give your personal details (name surname, date of birth), nationality and profession.

Accommodation & Food

Estimated cost per person: 850 Euro in single room – 760 Euro in double room. The cost includes:

- accommodation in single or double room at Worcester College, Oxford
- daily English breakfast in College Hall and daily lunch in conference venue;
- champagne reception and welcome dinner on Monday (in College gardens and College Hall)
- farewell dinner on Friday (in College Hall);
- buffet dinner on Wednesday (movie night);
- guided tour of the city of Oxford.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND ACCREDITATION

Expression of Interest

Expressions of interest for ECCLE courses may be submitted individually or as part of “group travel packages” offered in your Home Country. You can send your expression of interest via mail to: info@eccle.eu.

Enrolment

Enrolment will have to be finalised in July 2012.

Accreditation

The 2012 Summer Programme is accredited for the Continuing Legal Education of lawyers across Europe. If you are unsure about accreditation in your home country, please contact the ECCLE Staff: all necessary steps will be taken to ensure accreditation with domestic authorities.

THE 2011 EDITION

What they said about us...

"A wonderful week of professional and human growth and enjoyable emotions. I hope to repeat this unforgettable experience soon!"

Piero Zancanaro, Italy

"A great experience with inspiring people in a place where you can breathe world culture. It opens your mind and leads to something new."

Erika Cavezzale, Italy

"Everything was perfectly organized: the afternoon sessions, the Warm-ups, the food, the accomodation, the entertainment programme. We had great time, met nice people, stellar professionals"

Yulia Yulinetska, Ukraine

"I've never enjoyed a course so much! The experiences gained here will remain with me throughout my career."

Leticia Parede, Spain



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