
Editorial

Why Another New Journal?

The role of law and lawyers in not simply reacting to, but also preparing and setting the pace of, change in commercial, political, and institutional affairs is something to which those familiar with the activities of the European Communities are accustomed. Indeed the central role of law and lawyers is a phenomenon perhaps more widely recognised in continental Europe than in certain of the traditions in the British Isles. International – perhaps particularly European – aspects of legal activity are now coming to play an important part in shaping the conduct of business, whether it be in the context of new market opportunities in the countries of Eastern Europe, the future of government intervention in industry as illustrated by controversies over State aids, or the pan-European development of commercial interests of both sides of industry. In all these and many more areas, an understanding of the legal framework for business on a European-wide basis is becoming ever more essential. As far as European Community law is concerned scarcely a month goes by without important initiatives or judgments being announced. The European aspects of law are now something no lawyer can afford to ignore.

Against this background the *European*

Business Law Review aims to provide a means of informing lawyers throughout Europe of developments of current and of long-term interest as well as offering authoritative and critical analysis of legal present and forthcoming problems of interest to business lawyers. While this *Review* is of the same stable as the *Business Law Review* which has become well-known in the United Kingdom over many years, its scope will be, as its name implies, far wider. With the support of a distinguished Editorial Advisory Board the editors have planned what they hope will be a cornucopia of coverage at the international (European Community, EFTA and OECD) level and at the level of the individual countries of Europe. While space does not permit a regular correspondence column, the editors are always pleased to hear from readers with suggestions or criticisms for what they hope will become an indispensable friend and trusted guide through the heady waters of change which lie ahead.

Laurence Gormley

FIDE

On 26 to 29 September, the International Federation for the Study of European Law is meeting in Madrid.

The Conference is organised by the Spanish Association for the Study of European Law and is being held at the Law School of the Madrid Complutense University.

The Invitation in the programme states: This is the first time that the FIDE has met in Spain. Although our country has only been a member of the European Communities for a short while, we believe that we have a profound interest in the construction of Europe, an interest which we have consequently placed in the organisation of the Congress and in welcoming and attending to our colleagues from abroad".

There are three topics with a broad range of interest for delegates. These are: "Application in the Member States of the directives on public procurement"; "Fiscal approximation. The 1993 Challenge" and "Company Mergers and Takeovers".

Your Consulting Editor, Laurence Gormley, will be present and also Fergal Martin from Graham & Trotman the publishers of our new journal. They look forward to meeting many readers at the conference.

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