



Association des Juristes Franco-Britanniques
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Franco-British Panel Discussion

Privacy Sans Frontières?

A lively cross-border analysis of legal battles to protect the reputations of companies and individuals, with unique insights from the Managing Editor of a leading tabloid newspaper

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2014, COMPLIMENTARY SEMINAR FROM 6-8 PM WITH DRINKS THEREAFTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME IN ENGLAND, 1-4 SUFFOLK STREET

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Privacy, Confidentiality and Data Protection are three causes of action frequently used in battles to prevent publication of information, whether in the form of pictures or text.

Recent cases have reinforced the necessity to plan cross-border strategies when dealing with these breaches in the digital age and to bear in mind the potential PR pitfalls faced by individuals and companies seeking to suppress publication. We will discuss some of these cases, such as:

- the so-called “Right To Be Forgotten” on Google;
- Paul Weller’s use of privacy laws after publication of paparazzi photos of his children;
- Adele’s use of the Data Protection Act to restrain publication of pictures of her son;
- international publication of pictures of the Duchess of Cambridge’s bare bottom, following previous publication of pictures of her topless, and pictures of Prince Harry naked;
- publication of pictures of François Hollande visiting his mistress, and Valérie Trierweiler’s publication of her explosive memoirs;
- the end of the super injunction? Trafigura;
- Injunctions “defeated” by Twitter and MPs – Ryan Giggs, Sir Fred Goodwin;
- Celebrity nude pictures hacking and anti-revenge porn laws in the USA.

Our panel of experts will discuss the different perspectives of English and French laws and explore practical issues - from the perspective of companies trying to protect their corporate reputations and that of their executives – and of individuals in the public eye trying to keep their and their families’ lives private. They will also examine the parallel reality of the symbiotic relationship between corporate PR and celebrities and the media and their seemingly contradictory efforts to exploit the law to control the media and the information they convey.

PANEL

Christian Curtil, Partner at Curtil Law, Paris;
Lucy Moorman, Partner at Simons Muirhead & Burton, London;
Stephen Abell, Managing Editor, The Sun Newspaper.

The event will be chaired by **Sir Michael Tugendhat**, former judge and President of the Franco-British Lawyers Society.

REGISTRATION

Registration is from 5:30pm with a prompt start at 6:00pm. The seminar is scheduled to end at 8.00pm with networking drinks thereafter.

This event is accredited for 2 hours of CPD points with the SRA, Bar Standards Board, Ilex and the *Ecole de Formation du Barreau*.

This event is free of charge and is kindly sponsored by Simons Muirhead & Burton. It will be followed by a drinks reception.

To register your attendance (places are limited), please contact the Administrator of the Franco-British Lawyers Society by email: fbls@outlook.com

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