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Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) is pleased to invite legal scholars to participate in its legal research symposium, to be held at the University of Cape Town on 10 & 11 September 2009.

The RICS is one of the most prominent, and longest established, professional institutions in the property and construction fields worldwide. Founded in 1868, it now has approximately 140,000 members in 120 countries. The Institution is committed to promoting academic research which supports the professional work of its members and particularly recognises the importance of legal research and scholarship in this context.

Legal Research Symposium

The legal research symposium will, once again, take place as part of the annual RICS research conference (known as the 'COBRA' conference) and is now a regular feature at these events. It builds on the successes of the legal research symposia at the most recent COBRA conferences in London, UK (2006), Atlanta, USA (2007) and Dublin, Ireland (2008).

It is being organised in partnership with the International Working Commission on Law & Dispute Resolution (CIB W113), and in association with the *International Journal of Law in the Built Environment*, published by Emerald Group Publishing. The Emerald Group is also sponsoring an award for the best paper presented at the symposium.

The symposium will take place at the University of Cape Town campus. A welcome reception will be hosted at the Two Oceans Aquarium on Cape Town Waterfront and the conference banquet will feature an African cultural evening at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

The symposium will address a broad range of legal topics which impact upon all aspects of

the design, management and use of the built environment and which therefore affect the professional lives of chartered surveyors. The interdisciplinary nature of COBRA conferences ensures that delegates have the opportunity to interact with other legal scholars as well as with delegates from the many other disciplines affecting the built environment.

Call for Papers

Contributions are invited for the 2009 symposium in Cape Town. These will take the form of scholarly written papers for presentation at the symposium by their authors. All contributions will be subject to prior peer-review and will also be published in the formal proceedings of the COBRA 2009 conference.

Contributions should address legal topics affecting the built environment, or the work or education of chartered surveyors. However, the scope of the symposium is deliberately wide and will accommodate the maximum possible range of subject areas and scholastic styles.

Papers may therefore adopt a black-letter approach or any other recognised form of legal scholarship. Theoretical, empirical, or socio-legal contributions are welcome as well as comparative studies of the law or practice in two or more jurisdictions. Papers may also address aspects of legal education or professional practice within a surveying or built environment context.

It is expected that all papers will be accommodated within one or more of the following themes:

- Property Law
- Construction Law
- Environmental Law
- Housing Law
- Planning Law
- Building Regulation & Control
- Mediation
- Adjudication
- Professional Liability & Ethics
- Legal Education in Property & Construction
- International & Comparative Law

Submission of Abstracts

Those wishing to contribute to the symposium are first invited to submit an abstract of their paper using the electronic template illustrated on the final page of this brochure. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and should summarise the purpose, content and conclusions of the paper. They should also identify the paper's title and include between 3 and 6 keywords for indexing purposes. Completed templates should then be submitted to: p.chynoweth@salford.ac.uk

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is: Friday 3rd April 2009.

Authors will receive confirmation of acceptance of their abstract within a maximum of 2 weeks of submission.

Submission of Final Papers

Subject to prior approval of their abstract, authors are invited to submit their final papers to p.chynoweth@salford.ac.uk for inclusion in the symposium.

The deadline for submission of final papers is: Friday 3rd July 2009.

Papers should generally be between 3,000 and 4,000 words in length but further details of the precise technical requirements will be circulated via the BEL-NET email list (www.bel-net.org) once these are published by the COBRA conference organisers.

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Useful Web Sites

Symposium homepage - www.cobra2009.com

International Working Commission on Law & Dispute Resolution – www.cib113.com

Journal of Law in the Built Environment - www.law-journal.net

Built Environment Law Network – www.bel-net.org

CIB W113 Meeting

The International Working Commission on Law & Dispute Resolution (CIB W113) will also hold a separate planning meeting during the symposium. All symposium delegates are most welcome to attend this meeting and to contribute to discussions about the Working Commission's future direction. The minutes of the previous meeting, held in Sri Lanka in February 2008, are available at: www.lawlectures.co.uk/bear2008/w113-minutes.pdf

Key Dates

- Friday 3rd April 2009 – Abstract deadline
- Friday 3rd July 2009 – Full paper deadline

Further Information

Please subscribe to the Built Environment Law Network's email list at www.bel-net.org to receive regular updates about the symposium.

Further information about the event can be obtained from:

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ABSTRACT

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	Environmental Law	
	Housing Law	
	Planning Law	
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