

# EDITORIAL

## *Articles in this issue*

This issue of the BILA journal contains 2 articles of particular interest deriving from BILA lunchtime lectures at Lloyd's: Richard Jacobs QC on Bermuda form arbitrations and Professor Rob Merkin on the (re)insurance implications of the Lehman insolvency.

Judith Summer's article discusses the legal (or non-legal) status of the FSA's Insurance Conduct of Business Sourcebook and how it influences mainstream insurance contract law. I have also included a review of her excellent recent book "Insurance Law and the Financial Ombudsman Service".

Finally I have written my own overview of the changes proposed by the European Commission to the Brussels Regulation. These changes, if implemented, will extend the Regulation to claims against non European defendants. There is scope for further more focused contributions by others on specific aspects of the jurisdiction rules, such as the proposed new doctrine of *forum necessitatis*, or on jurisdiction and arbitration rules in other major insurance markets.

## *BILA Journal article prize*

Starting in 2011, BILA will be offering a prize for the best article published in the journal. This is aimed at motivating newcomers to BILA.

The rules for the prize are as follows:

- to be awarded by the BILA Committee at the same time as the BILA book prize (in the Autumn).
- all articles published in BILA Journal since the award of the last prize to be considered, with the first prize in 2011 extending back to the June 2010 issue.
- to qualify, an article must have been written by an author:
  - who is not a member of the BILA Committee, or any BILA sub-committee, and
  - who has not previously written for the Journal or been a speaker at a BILA event.
- no application is necessary: all qualifying articles will be considered. The proposed successful author will be contacted in advance to check whether he/she accepts the prize.
- the prize will consist of a set of BILA glasses (normally awarded to speakers at BILA events) and a certificate evidencing the award of the prize.
- the Committee in its absolute discretion may decide that the prize shall not be awarded in any year. The decision of the Committee on any matter relating to the prize shall be final.

## *Thanks*

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