

EDITORIAL

Articles in this issue

Glen James of Slaughter and May has followed up his BILA lunchtime talk in April 2011 with a detailed analysis of the implications of the European Court's judgment in *Test-Achats*. In that case the Court ruled that treating men and women as different insurance risks was inconsistent with achieving the goal of equal treatment between the genders.

Nina Tulloch of Hogan Lovells International LLP highlights differences between England and Wales, on the one hand, and Scotland, on the other, in compensating people suffering from pleural plaques as a result of exposure to asbestos. Her article also discusses the judgment of the Court of Session on the constitutional status of the Damages (Asbestos-related Conditions) (Scotland) Act 2009.

Raj Parker and Christopher Robinson of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP discuss the Bribery Act 2010 and how it impacts on the insurance industry. Raj and Chris Newby, General Counsel at Chartis, are due to give a BILA talk on this topic on 17 June 2011.

Tony Kriesel of Meagher & Geer, PLLP, provides practical tips on instructing lawyers in US insurance coverage litigation, including the differences between state and federal courts.

Peter Bloxham's article demystifies the subject of with-profits insurance and how it will be affected by forthcoming regulatory initiatives.

Andrew Prynne QC and Paul Bugden of Clyde & Co, LLP each focus on specific issues in insurance litigation. Andrew discusses whether the parties to a liability insurance policy are bound by the terms of the judgment of a competent court in favour of a third party against the insured, when determining whether the liability is of a type that is covered by the policy. Paul considers when the limitation period for claims against reinsurers arises.

Finally there are two book reviews, each relating to comparative international studies. The first on directors' liability and indemnification is edited by Edward Smerdon and reviewed by Jacquetta Castle and the second on time bars in (re)insurance is edited by Paul Bugden and reviewed by me.

BILA Journal article prize

As mentioned in the last issue there is now an annual BILA article prize. The rules relating to the prize will be found inside the back cover.

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