



Quo Vadis civil justice?
Filling the gaps in civil justice in the U.S. and Europe
Spring 2021 -- A Three-Part Zoom Event

The third panel discussion: ‘Rethinking and redesigning civil justice systems – what works and why?’

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SPEAKERS:



Mary E. Bartkus is Special Counsel at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, based in New York City, concentrating her practice on international litigation and arbitration. Before joining Hughes Hubbard in 2017, Mary was Executive Director and Senior Counsel to Merck & Co., Inc., responsible for the company's international arbitration, and international litigation including the defense of international multijurisdictional and cross border class, group, and other multi-party litigation and investigations and other complex litigation in many jurisdictions on six continents. She also represented Merck in negotiating and implementing numerous transactions, including joint ventures, partnerships, research collaborations, in-licensing, and other agreements, supporting the research, development, and commercialization of the company's products.

Mary is a member of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution Panel of Arbitrators, a member of the AAA-ICDR Commercial and Life Sciences Panels of Arbitrators, and a member of the AAA-ICDR Life Sciences Advisory Council. She is Master of the Bench and a Director of the John C. Lifland American Inn of Court, which focuses on intellectual property and federal practice in the United States

District Court for the District of New Jersey. She is a member of the New Jersey and New York bars, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the District of New Jersey, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the District of Columbia; the United States Courts of Appeal for the Second, Third, Federal, District of Columbia, and Ninth Circuits; and the United States Supreme Court.



Manuel A. Gómez is a Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Global Engagement at Florida International University College of Law. He specializes in international dispute resolution, comparative civil procedure, and complex litigation. Professor Gómez is a founding Board Member of the Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS) and leads the Law School Liaison Committee of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar. He leads the Latin America & Caribbean Group and is a member of the Initiative on International Arbitration, Mediation and Blockchain-Based Transactions of the Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center (SVAMC). Professor Gómez is the Editor-in-Chief of the World Arbitration and Mediation Review (WAMR) and serves on the editorial board of other prominent journals. Professor Gómez is the author, editor or co-editor of numerous publications in the field of dispute resolution and governance and the globalization of the legal profession.



Christopher Hodges OBE is Professor of Justice Systems and head of the Swiss Re Research Programme on Civil Justice Systems, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford. He is a Supernumerary Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford. Author of many publications on comparative and European civil justice systems, access to justice, class actions, and funding and costs of litigation. Among his many appointments, professor Hodges was Erasmus Professor of the Fundamentals of Private Law at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Honorary Professor at China University for Political Science and Law in Beijing, Guest Professor at Wuhan University, and Adviser at European Law Institute and UNIDROIT joint project “From Transnational Principles to European Rules of Civil Procedure”.



Lorenz Ködderitzsch, Ph.D., LL.M., is an Assistant General Counsel with the corporate law department of Johnson & Johnson in Brussels. He is responsible for legal support of the consumer medical device franchises of Johnson & Johnson in EMEA. Lorenz Kodderitzsch has been on the board of European Justice Forum since 2006 (www.europeanjusticeforum.org) which supports empirical legal research into and advocates for fair and effective redress systems. Most recently he has been engaged with policy makers on issues of liability and no-fault compensation system of vaccines in the context the corona virus pandemic.

Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson in 2003, Lorenz Kodderitzsch worked for seven years in one of the leading German corporate law firms in Düsseldorf and Tokyo and was an associate professor of law at the State University of Kyushu in Japan for two years. Lorenz Kodderitzsch received his legal education at the Universities of Freiburg, Tokyo and Washington (Seattle).



Alexandra D. Lahav is the Ellen Ash Peters Professor of Law at the University of Connecticut School of Law. She is a nationally recognized expert on class actions, the civil justice system, and tort law. She teaches civil procedure, torts, complex litigation, professional responsibility, and related subjects. Her book, [*In Praise of Litigation*](#) (Oxford 2017), won the Pound Civil Justice Scholarship Award and received an Honorable Mention in the ABA Silver Gavel Award. She was a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (2019-2020) and has been a visiting professor at Columbia, Harvard and Yale law schools.



Nick May is the Assistant Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Southeast Regional Office in Atlanta. Nick supervises investigations and enforcement actions relating to unfair and deceptive business practices, including matters involving student debt scams, business opportunity schemes, and cases involving fintech and payment platforms. Previously at the FTC, Nick was an attorney in the Southeast and Western Regional Offices, where his work involved consumer protection issues related to for-profit schools and mobile billing platforms. Before joining the FTC, Nick worked as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and as an associate at King & Spalding LLP. He is a graduate of Pomona College and Vanderbilt University School of Law.



Graham Russell MBE is Chief Executive of the UK Office for Product Safety and Standards, part of the UK's Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) was created in January 2018 and regulates a wide range of products with a focus on their safety and integrity, from design to disposal. OPSS is the Government lead for standards and accreditation and market surveillance coordination as well as leading on good regulatory delivery including the Regulators' Code and operating Primary Authority (which gives 100,000 participating businesses access to assured advice).

Graham's career and experience has been as a regulator, first in local government where he led a number of regulatory services and created new regulatory functions responsible for animal health and welfare and claims management. After working with government teams supporting UK regulatory reform reviews, Graham was appointed the first chief executive of the Local Better Regulation Office (LBRO) and established LBRO as a pioneer in the concept of regulatory delivery. Graham led a range of initiatives to test new approaches to the effective delivery of regulation at a local level. Graham continued to lead the organisation through expansion of remit as the Better Regulation Delivery Office in 2012, Regulatory Delivery in 2016 before the creation of the Office for Product Safety and Standards in 2018.

He co-chairs the International Network for Delivery of Regulation with Professor Chris Hodges of Oxford University and together they have written a book on the delivery of regulation with colleagues from around the world.



Magdalena Tulibacka holds a PhD in Law (Westminster University, London) and a Magister Iuris degree in Polish Law (University of Nicolas Copernicus, Toruń, Poland). She trained as a post-doc under the direction of Professor Christopher Hodges at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, the University of Oxford. She is a Lecturer in Law at Emory Law School in Atlanta. She is also Programme Affiliate of the Swiss Re/CMS Research Programme on Civil Justice Systems at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, the University of Oxford.

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