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HCCH a|Bridged: Innovation in Cross-Border Litigation and Civil Procedure Edition 2020: Golden Anniversary of the HCCH 1970 Evidence Convention

The *HCCH a|Bridged* series was launched in 2019 with the aim of convening experts and stakeholders from different backgrounds, in a novel type of event, to discuss and debate on the very latest in cross-border litigation, civil procedure and dispute resolution.

Following the success of *HCCH a|Bridged – Edition 2019*, which revolved around *The HCCH Service Convention in the Era of Electronic and Information Technology*, the HCCH and the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union have come together to organise *HCCH a|Bridged – Edition 2020* in commemoration of the golden anniversary of the *Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters (HCCH Evidence Convention)*.

The meeting will be hosted entirely **online** on **Wednesday 2 December 2020, 14:15–17:40 Central European Time**. It will feature a keynote speech by **Prof. Dr. Michael Stürner “50 years of the HCCH Evidence Convention – Facilitating cross-border proceedings”**.

The first panel will be composed of Judges from different jurisdictions and will tackle the issue of “**Effective Taking of Evidence under Chapter I of the Convention: A Requesting State’s Perspective**”. The panel – which will be chaired by Judge Kerstin Empt, Higher Regional Court of Cologne, Germany – will discuss best practices with a view to obtaining evidence that can be effectively utilised in proceedings in the State of Origin where proceedings are pending.

The first panel will be followed by a short presentation showcasing the **Guide to Good Practice on the Use of Video-Link under the Evidence Convention**, and highlighting its practicality.

The second panel will be convened by Mr. Alex Blumrosen, partner at *Polaris Law*, and will discuss challenges and opportunities in the “**Taking of Evidence under Chapter II of the Convention**”.

HCCH a|Bridged – Edition 2020 will bring together international panelists and participants knowledgeable of and interested in the Evidence Convention in particular, as well as those interested in legal and judicial cooperation, and cross-border disputes in general.

Please note that the working language of *HCCH a|Bridged – Edition 2020* will be English only. Further details on the conference and the registration procedure will be announced shortly.



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