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We are delighted to present to you today



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Dr. Richard Frimpong Oppong was educated at the University of Ghana, Ghana School of Law, University of Cambridge, Harvard University Law School and University of British Columbia. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Thompson Rivers University, Faculty of Law in Canada. Prior to that, he was a Killam Post-doctoral Research Fellow at Dalhousie University, and a lecturer in law at Lancaster University. In 2012 held the post of Director of Studies (Private International Law) at The Hague Academy of International Law. He was part of the working group tasked by the Hague Conference on Private International Law to draft the Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts.



One of his principal research interests is private international law, with a special focus on Africa. He has published widely on the subject and is frequently consulted by law firms, international organizations, academics and students. His research has been funded by institutions such as the British Academy, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and the Killam Trusts. His forthcoming monograph is Private International Law in Commonwealth Africa (Cambridge University Press, 2013). The book, the first of its kind, is a detailed comparative study of and a practitioner's guide to private international law in Commonwealth Africa. It examines the law in fifteen countries, namely Botswana, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. His writings have been quoted by courts, including the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit and the South African Supreme Court of Appeal, and by numerous authors.



Dr Richard Frimpong Oppong will present:

Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Maintenance Awards in Commonwealth African Countries

The presentation will address the recognition and enforcement of foreign maintenance awards in the legal systems (common law and statutory) of the above mentioned Commonwealth African countries from a comparative perspective. Another focus would be the issue of transmitting awards issued in the above mentioned countries for enforcement abroad. It is also meant to be a reference guide – a first stop – on the law in the African countries. First of all, the issue of recovery of maintenance will be put in the socio-economic and historical context of the particular countries, followed by a country by country examination of the law on recovery of maintenance. The existing legal regimes are analysed by means of various criteria, their limitations are exposed and discussed, and proposals for reform are made. Finally the presentation explores the participation of the above mentioned countries in international conventions on recovery of maintenance.

We are very much looking forward to his presentation!

You are invited to share it together with us!

Together with speakers and participants from currently 22 countries from all over the world and representatives of central authorities from 15 European countries we are looking forward to an exciting and interesting conference.

We wish you a merry Christmas and all the best for 2013!

