

meeting on 7 May, are:

- the security of and support provided to a child on his/her return to his/her country of habitual residence and the value of undertakings and stipulation in that process;
- international adoption: the recognition of foreign adoptions (in the simple and full forms);
- the status of immigrant children in the UK (and conflicts between immigration law and practice and the welfare of the child);
- enforcement of custody and access orders in other countries, under the Hague and European Conventions;

## Some coming events

**Tuesday 12 May 5.30pm**

**PROFESSOR DERRICK WYATT QC**

Fellow of St Edmund Hall, Oxford

*EC Environmental law in English Courts*

**Thursday 21 May 5.30pm**

**PROFESSOR STEPHEN WEATHERILL**

Somerville College, Oxford

*Sport, money and the law: does the EC provide a neutral referee?*

**June 18 4.30pm**

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- child abduction in relation to Islamic law and issues relating to comity in decisions about residence and contact;
- comparison of the jurisdiction in different countries in respect of the right to the lawful removal of children;
- adequacy of safeguards in place to prevent the cross border movement of children for abusive purposes.

The group intends to publish its findings and recommendations in summer 1999. A full list of those participating and all other relevant details will be published in *Amicus Curiae* after the next meeting. For further information please contact Caroline Paul at the Institute (tel: 0171 637 1731).

**June 18 5.30pm**

**LORD MACKAY OF CLASHFERN**

*FIRST ANNUAL SALS LECTURE: Do the courts have a future*

**Thursday 23 July 5.30pm**

**THE RIGHT HON LORD JUSTICE MILLETT**

*Restitution: outstanding problems*

If you would like to attend any of these events or require further information, please contact: Juliet Fussell, Secretary, SALS, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5DR; Tel: 0171-637-1731; fax: 0171-637-5216; e-mail: sals@sas.ac.uk \*

# Obituary

## Professor Louis Loss (1914–1997)

Louis Loss, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law, Emeritus at Harvard Law School, died in Boston last December. He began his distinguished career as staff attorney in the Securities and Exchange Commission in its early New Deal days in 1937. He rose to be Associate General Counsel. He did much while there to shape its regulatory policies, especially in the area of 'insider trading'. Louis Loss had graduated from Yale Law School and, immediately after World War II, taught the first securities regulation course there as a visiting lecturer, while still with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). This experience led to an appointment as a Professor of Law at Harvard Law School in 1952, and to the great scholarly work which bears his name.

Although still active in many aspects of the work of the SEC, and the 'Homer' of the vast regulatory regime that it spawned, he remained essentially an academic and a legal scholar for the rest of his active life. Thus he famously turned down President Kennedy's offer to make him Chairman of the SEC in 1961. His outstanding achievement was, of course, what became the eleven-volume work with which his name will be for ever associated. Also of great importance was his work on the American Law Institute's 'Federal Securities Code'. Although its progress through Congress was eventually blocked, it has been well observed:

*'There has never been a piece of unenacted legislation treated with such respect by the courts as the 'Federal Securities Code'.*

Many of those who were postgraduate students at Harvard Law in the over three decades of his tenure at the Law School will remember Louis Loss with both profound respect and great affection. His course on Securities Regulation was a 'must' for anyone seriously interested in corporate law. For those coming from England who had had the fortune to experience Professor Gower's teaching at LSE, there was a recognisable similarity of style and approach in their courses. In both cases this involved intellectual rigour combined with a freshness and informality in style and presentation which made their lectures a pleasure to hear. They were, of course, good friends and it was, in later years, especially rewarding to meet them together when Louis visited London.

Louis Loss was always generous with his time and energy to both students and academics alike. He was, in the present writer's time of the Law School, one of the very few members of the Faculty regularly to entertain overseas postgraduate students in his home. Louis and his charming wife, Bernice, created a relaxed and friendly atmosphere which put their guests at ease. In later years, when visiting London, he would generously give his time to take a guest lecture to an undergraduate class – which probably failed to realise adequately his great eminence in the US.

The personal memories that abide are his friendliness, generosity and warm humour.

**Professor Tony Boyle**

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