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## BILL DALE

Sir William Dale's contribution to the rule of law in so many countries around the world, and in particular within the Commonwealth, has been prodigious by any measure of comparison. While in later years his concern was primarily with fostering better laws, at least in terms of their formulation and articulation, he had a long and very distinguished career as an advisor not only to the British Government, but countless others. The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies provided a home for Sir William's Government Legal Advisers Course, which over the last 30 or so years has trained legislative draftsmen and law officers from a host of jurisdictions.

In 1997, on the occasion of Sir William's ninetieth birthday, the Institute established the Sir William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies and the Sir William Dale Visiting Fellowship in Legislative Studies. Sir William was delighted to assume the helm as Director of the Centre and provide not only its inspiration but also continue to run his course. In particular, Bill was most concerned to broaden this course to include the stages in the legislative process prior to drafting and notably the preparation of instructions. He was also very eager to expand the scope of the course to take account of the legislative process of countries with civilian systems of law. In doing this he was much aided by the Centre's Research Fellow, Ms Helen Xanthaki and Professor Alessandro Pizzorusso, the Visiting Fellow in Legislative Studies. Sir William also embarked on a new edition of his book, *Legislative Drafting – A New Approach*, which had been published by Butterworths in 1977 and had become one of the leading works on the subject.

Each new group of law officers and legislative draftsmen who arrived at Charles Clore House for Sir William's course never failed to be amazed not only by the fact that Sir William was very much in control, but that he insisted on doing a considerable amount of the teaching himself. Although his health began to fail last year, it was only with reluctance that he decided during last summer to find a successor and contemplate taking rather more of a 'back seat'. His death on 8 February 2000 has deprived the Institute and, for that matter, the legal systems of so many different countries, of a great supporter and friend. Bill's death, although perhaps not unexpected, has nonetheless saddened us all and given even greater emphasis to the passing of an era.

The Institute must now ensure that Sir William's work continues through the Centre that proudly bears his name.

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