



INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRACTICE - STUDY VISIT

LONDON 2019

The city

London is the beating heart of Europe. The city, founded by the Romans on the river Thames, has been for centuries the most eminent center for culture, arts and legal studies. The United Kingdom, as a global colonial power, has influenced the language, the culture and the legal traditions of several countries around the world. The common law system and the jury system are indeed peculiarities of UK and Commonwealth. Furthermore, the Magna Charta, signed by King John in 1215, is one of the most prominent documents for English law and a milestone for the liberty of citizens.

The British capital is a combination of solid traditions and the most innovative trends. If from one side London preserves old traditions and ceremonials (with the very traditional attire worn by barristers in Courts, for instance), it also demonstrates its incredible dynamicity, as an international and multicultural metropolis, core of international business, finance and law.

This is why London is so fascinating: it attracts indeed the most talented legal professionals from Europe and beyond. The common law system, in one with the stunning combination of traditions and innovations, makes London a valuable destination for legal professionals from all around the world. In 2015, the UK and London celebrated the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, considered by many the first charter of Human Rights of the World.

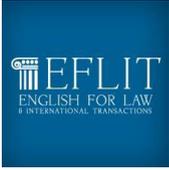
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Academic programme

Wednesday 30th October 2019

20.00-22.00 (2)

“Trials & Court System in the UK”

Lecture on the common law system, civil and criminal trials in British Courts, from a comparative perspective. Held jointly by **Prof. Stefano Maffei** and English Barrister **Ms Beatrice Collier** - at Corus Hotel, London

Thursday 31st October 2019

9.00-12.00 (5)

Observation of Jury trials in the Central Criminal Court of London – Old Bailey

Criminal court of first instance, trials by jury: observation of criminal cases and jury selection, under the guidance of Prof. **Stefano Maffei** and Ms **Claudia Ricci**.

The Crown Court sitting at the Central Criminal Court deals with major criminal cases from within Greater London and, in exceptional cases, from other parts of England and Wales. Trials at the Old Bailey, as at other courts, are open to the public, albeit subject to stringent security procedures.

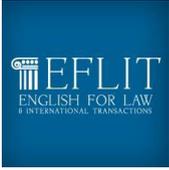
12.30-14.30 (6)

1-hour institutional visit to Brixton prison followed by lunch at the “Clink” – the prison restaurant run by prisoners as part of a unique rehabilitation program

15.00-17.00 (8)

Royal Courts of Justice - High courts and Appellate Courts in England

Guided tour of the Royal Courts of Justice, a court building in London which houses both the High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales. Observation of live hearings in the RCJ, under the guidance of Prof. **Stefano Maffei** and Ms **Claudia Ricci**



Friday 1st November 2019

9.30-11.30 (10)

The UK Supreme Court

Institutional **visit to the UK Supreme Court** – which is the court of last resort and the highest appellate court in the United Kingdom. This court replaced the House of Lords in 2009.

Legal professions in the UK: Barrister & Solicitors

14.00-16.00 (12)

“Barristers in the UK– Legal skills and professional conduct”

Tour of the Inns of Court in Central London followed by a Lecture on “How to become barristers, education and training of barrister, career path, role and peculiar rules of ethics”
The lecture is given by Mr **Mark Summers QC** - an experienced barrister with a long practice in extradition cases.

16.00–18.00 (14)

“Solicitors in the UK– Legal skills and professional conduct”

Lecture on “How to become solicitors, typical careers, role and rules of ethics”, to be held at Withers LLP.
The lecture is given by Ms **Suzanne Todd**, Partner at Withers LLP, a leading firm with expertise in all areas of civil and commercial law, including tax and real estate

Saturday 2nd November 2019

9.45-13.45 (18)

Visit to the **Houses of Parliament** - with Ms **Claudia Ricci**

Tour of the British Parliament, the meeting place of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The tour takes visitors into both the Commons and Lords Chambers and historic Westminster Hall and gives a detailed explanation about the history of Parliament and the procedure for the passing of statutes and legislation in the UK.

Total number of hours for academic activities: 18