

**WORLD TRADE CENTER MILTON KEYNES ANNOUNCES  
SYMPOSIUM WITH LEGAL COUNSEL INTERNATIONAL AND GEOFFREY LEAVER**

The World Trade Center of Milton Keynes, United Kingdom, together with Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors and Legal Counsel International, an alliance of lawyers in 15 countries, has announced arrangements to hold a symposium on international legal issues in Milton Keynes on 27 November, 2008.

Geoffrey Leaver are the UK member of Legal Counsel International, which will be holding its annual conference in Milton Keynes on 28 November.

Lawyers in the alliance, representing almost all the major economies, will attend a series of seminars workshops and one-on-one meetings to discuss legal and trade issues in respect of their own countries. Those countries with representatives attending include USA, Russia, China, Germany, France, Spain, Japan, India, Hungary, the UK and Canada. These lawyers are frequently involved in advising foreign clients on issues such as using a distributor or an agent, setting up a sales office, setting up assembly or manufacturing facilities, and local compliance issues.

**Akana Ma**, for example, international partner in the US West Coast firm Ater Wynne, has a practice focus on foreign clients coming into the US and also on issues involving trade with China. **Thierry Garby** of Paris specializes in trade issues with France and with litigation and mediation in France. **Vlad Zabrodin** of Russia is an expert on trade issues with Russia, and **Thomas Oerter** of Germany and **Andrew Frei** of Canada frequently advise international clients in respect of their own countries. Likewise **Frank Fu** of Allbright Law Offices, Shanghai, advises on issues for foreign companies trading in China, including intellectual property, licensing, litigation and related issues and working with the IP enforcement authority. **Premnath Rai** of India is an experienced corporate and business lawyer who frequently advises foreign investors setting up operations in his home country. **Trevor Coward** is an active litigator in the UK with deep involvement in technology issues and enforcement of IP rights.

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Anyone who would like further details of this conference is invited to contact Tasin Akhtar at Geoffrey Leaver ([takhtar@geoffreyleaver.com](mailto:takhtar@geoffreyleaver.com), or Tel. 44+ 1908-692769) or Shirleen Hamilton at the World Trade Centre – Milton Keynes, UK (Tel. 44+1908 246700)

**PHOTO to be taken on Friday**

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Rita Spada, Chief Executive of The World Trade Centre at The Hub, Milton Keynes, and Trevor Coward, of Geoffrey Leaver, confirm arrangements for the Symposium