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INTRODUCING THE LISBON TREATY AND THE EU CHARTER: A GUIDE FOR LAWYERS

Chair
Simon Kamstra, Addleshaw Goddard

Speakers
Jonathan Cooper, Doughty Street Chambers, Chair of the Executive Committee HRLA
Rob Linham, Head of Human Rights Policy, Ministry of Justice

Date & Venue
8th March 2010 at 6.30pm, Addleshaw Goddard, Sovereign House, Sovereign St, Leeds, LS1 1HQ

CPD accreditation
2 Hours

The Lisbon Treaty makes the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights a binding and legally enforceable part of EU law. The Charter will affect all of our work. With the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty on 1 December 2009, so too the Charter became part of the legal fabric of the UK. This short seminar will give you a snap shot of the EU Charter, how it works and what its impact is likely to be.
The seminar will cover:

- **The significance of making the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights binding law**
- **The UK's Protocol to it, what does it mean and why it is not an opt out**
- **The added value of the Charter**
- **How the Charter works and its scheme and scope;**
- **The difference between rights and principles**
- **The role of the Explanations**
- **The application of the Charter in ten (easy) steps**

Jonathan Cooper will explain how the Charter works and Rob Linham will present the UK Government's position on the Charter.

This event is free all. To reserve your place, please contact HRLA's administrator Aaron Dolan (ADolan@barcouncil.org.uk). To find out more about HRLA, or to join, visit www.hrla.org.uk.