

“Libel tourism” and private international law
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Reply from T. Hartley to M. Bogdan

Dear Michael

Thank you for these comments. As a matter of fact, an earlier version of the paper (put before the UK Government committee on PIL) did contain a section on choice of law. However, members of the committee thought that the answer lay more in the area of jurisdiction. (Of course, the UK has only limited competence in this area, competence that may be even more limited (or disappear entirely) with the revision of Brussels I). The reason they were against choice of law was that it was thought that English judges might be unwilling on public policy grounds to apply some aspects of US libel law because they consider that it gives insufficient protection to individuals subject to media persecution. So I can see no possibility of any change of UK law in this respect.

Best wishes

Trevor

PS Would there be any possibility of having a brief discussion on this topic in Padua?

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