Editorial

We are pleased to present a wide-range of articles in this current edition of the Hertfordshire Law Journal.

Dr Georgios Zekos provides a very comprehensive analysis of insider trading from an American perspective. He questions *inter alia* whether regulation of insider trading could hamper the effectiveness of the markets. Maureen Johnson provides discussion on whether a fourteenth Company Law Directive would facilitate the ease of corporate mobility within the European Union. Kevin Rogers examines the alterations made to the Distance Selling Regulations within the United Kingdom and questions whether these changes are likely to make any substantial difference to the law in this area. He also ties in the first case law decisions on the Regulations in the United Kingdom, which are important to businesses and consumers alike. Finally, Nicky Hartwell investigates the meaning of ‘reasonableness’ within English Law and examines how the judiciary decide upon the scope of reasonableness, while using the Unfair Contract Terms Act as her basis.

The Hertfordshire Law Journal was established in 2002 within the Centre for International Law (based at the School of Law, St Albans). It seeks to promote awareness, knowledge and discussion on matters of international commercial law and policy in their broadest terms. Although it aims to be academic in focus, the Journal seeks to be relevant and of interest to practitioners and the wider business community. It encourages critical contributions that consider international commercial law in its various contexts, public and private international law, international trade, cyber law (including e-contracts, e-finance, e-crime and data protection) as well as wider commercial concerns. We believe that the articles in this current edition meet these aims and commend them to you.

We invite submissions of articles in these areas for consideration in future editions of this Journal. Submissions should be sent to either myself (K.Rogers@herts.ac.uk), or they can be directed to Dr Charles Wild, Head of the School of Law, University of Hertfordshire (C.Wild@herts.ac.uk). For further submission details, please see the relevant link on the Hertfordshire Law Journal Homepage.

We trust that this edition will provide a great deal of information to businesses, academics and practitioners alike and can we also take this opportunity to wish all readers a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2006.