Editorial

We are pleased to present to you four articles in the current edition of the Hertfordshire Law Journal, containing articles on a wealth of subjects from a range of different countries.

Matthew Berger offers some useful analysis on the Basle II Accord's first pillar in the first article of this edition. This is followed by Richard Williams providing a fascinating historical account of the roots of caveat emptor and how this legal maxim is affected by the – arguably controversial – introduction of Home Information Packs (HIPs) in the United Kingdom. Dimitrios Vlachos examines whether and to what extent the concept of characteristic performance as enunciated in the 1980 Rome Convention has influenced and/or changed the long-held common law proper law of the contract doctrine in respect of the absence of a choice of law provision by the parties to a contractual relationship. Finally, Dr Georgios Zekos provides an illuminating and very widely-researched paper on insider trading.

We commend this latest edition to you.