

Editors' note

The inspirational ideas of The Rt Hon. Professor Sir Francis Jacobs are collected here for the first time in one volume, in a book that has emerged out of a UKAEL conference held at the Middle Temple on 30 June 2006 in celebration of Sir Francis's eighteen years as Advocate General at the European Court of Justice.

We are pleased that it has been possible to collect the thoughts of fourteen leading practitioners and academics in the field of EU law, and in particular that the book includes contributions by both Sir Francis's predecessor and successor at the Court. Each chapter deals with a discrete topic, ranging from human rights to the temporal limitation of Court judgments and from competition to citizenship. The development and current state of EU law is discussed and described by specialist authors, with specific reference to the opinions of Francis Jacobs. Each author also expresses his or her own views as to the future development of the law in their area. The majority of the contributions are based on the authors' lectures at the June 2006 conference, whilst Chapters 8 and 9 have been written specially for this book.

In our Introduction we aim to give a flavour of the chapters that follow it and to distil the essence of what makes a Francis Jacobs opinion. In the Annex to this book the reader will find a list of Sir Francis's opinions from 1988 to 2005.

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