

Press release

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The Internationaal Juridisch Instituut (IJI) and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut are pleased to announce their decision to intensify their long-standing collaboration. Both organizations have extensive experience in delivering expert opinions and advice in the areas of foreign substantive civil law and Private International Law. The changing legal landscape is influenced by both globalization and developments in the area of information and communication technology. It is therefore a logical step for both organizations to seek synergy in their respective operations towards further improving individual and collective services.

The IJI has recently moved its operations to the R.J. Schimmelpennincklaan 20-22 in The Hague (April 11, 2012) where the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and its legal consultancy (advisory) services are established. This intensified collaboration will enable both organizations to significantly contribute to the creation of a national knowledge center in The Hague, in the area of Private International Law and thus facilitate the growing demand for specialized Private International Law knowledge and expertise.

Both organizations will continue to operate independently of each other providing their individual services under their own names. Internationaal Juridisch Instituut will remain the primary expert for foreign law and the private international law service provider for public and private actors in the legal field. T.M.C. Asser Instituut's legal consultancy will continue to distinguish itself through its European orientation and academic footing.

The organizations will combine expertise and strengths with a view to develop new services to improve the private international law knowledge of legal professionals.