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THE NEW EUROPEAN CHOICE-OF-LAW REVOLUTION

Lessons for the United States?

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IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD OF INTER-dependent legal systems, determining which laws apply to international private transactions is of crucial importance. Yet Choice of Law, the field that deals with these determinations, is in a crisis in the United States. By contrast, it is thriving in Europe.

After the American choice-of-law revolution in the sixties and seventies, are we now observing a European choice-of-law revolution? Can European developments incite reforms and rekindle excitement in the U.S., as earlier American developments incited reforms in Europe? Or, in the alternative, could the European developments be seen as a model of how things should not be done?

Leading experts from Europe and the United States will come to Duke for a one-day conference to discuss these and other questions. Topics include specific areas of law like contract, tort, family, and corporate, as well as broader theoretical issues like choice-of-law method, differences between internal and external conflicts, and the role of choice of law as a regulatory instrument in an integrated market.