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**EJTN CIVIL JUSTICE SEMINAR**  
Covid-19 Litigation in Civil Law: a first comparative overview



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The Covid-19 pandemic had a huge impact on citizens' lives and civil litigation. Among other areas, contract law, family law, personal data law, insolvency law and employment law have been greatly affected by the consequences of the health crisis. These decisions involve fundamental rights and constitutional guarantees. The webinar aims to provide an initial analysis of the litigation

experienced in different jurisdictions through a comparison of practitioners and academics. A Covid-19 Litigation database will also be presented. Such litigation will have a wide relevance in the coming years and this first webinar aims to open the discussion among judges, lawyers and academics and all legal practitioners interested in the topic.

15.00 - 15.15	<i>Welcome Words &amp; Presentation of the webinar</i>	<p><b>Marisaria Maugeri - Gianluca Grasso</b> SSM Members of the Board of Directors</p> <p><b>Carolina Fons Rodríguez</b>, Senior Judge. Head of Area in the External and Institutional Relations Department, Judicial School</p> <p><b>Daniel Graur</b>, Junior Project Manager, European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)</p>
15.15 - 15.45	<i>Introduction: Covid-19 Litigation in Civil Law: a first comparative overview followed by Q&amp;A session</i>	<p><b>Fabrizio Cafaggi</b>, Member of the Italian Council of State, former professor of private and comparative law</p>
15.45 - 16.15	<i>The UK experience followed by Q&amp;A session</i>	<p><b>Hugh Beale</b>, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Warwick and Senior Research Fellow, Harris Manchester College, Oxford</p>
16.15 - 16.45	<i>The impact of covid through the case law of the Strasbourg Court followed by Q&amp;A session</i>	<p><b>María Esther Castanedo García</b>, senior judge in the Superior Court of Cantabria</p>
16.45 - 17.15	<i>The impact of Covid-19 on German family law followed by Q&amp;A session</i>	<p><b>Morten Woltaire</b>, Judge, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection</p>
17.15 - 17.45	<i>A database on Covid-19 Litigation followed by Q&amp;A session</i>	<p><b>Paola Iamiceli</b>, Professor of Law at the University of Trento</p>
17.45 - 18.00	<i>End of the seminar &amp; closing remarks</i>	<p><b>Marisaria Maugeri - Gianluca Grasso</b>, SSM Members of the Board of Directors</p> <p><b>Carolina Fons Rodríguez</b>, Senior Judge. Head of Area in the External and Institutional Relations Department, Judicial School</p> <p><b>Daniel Graur</b>, Junior Project Manager, European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)</p>

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**Paola Iamiceli** – Professor of Law  
Spanish prosecutor in charge of the Escuela Judicial (TBC)

**Morten Woltaire** – Judge, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

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