

BOB WESSELS ELECTED AS FELLOW EUROPEAN LAW INSTITUTE

Professor Dr. Bob Wessels has been elected as Fellow of the European Law Institute. Mr Wessels is an independent legal advisor and professor International Insolvency Law, University of Leiden, the Netherlands.

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