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## CITY OF LONDON LAW SOCIETY CONTINUES ITS EXPANSION WITH A LAUNCH OF A NEW COMMITTEE

The City of London Law Society (CLLS) is pleased to announce that it has recently formed a new specialist working group, the Corporate Crime and Corruption Committee which will look at issues relating to corporate criminal responsibility.

The Committee will be **Chaired by Michael Caplan QC**, Partner at Kingsley Napley LLP. Michael has been a solicitor working in the White Collar Crime area for over 30 years and was one of the first Solicitor QC's to be appointed from this practice area. He sits as a Recorder in the Crown Court, is authorised to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge and is a member of the Criminal Procedure Rule Committee chaired by the Lord Chief Justice

Michael commented, "I am delighted to become the first chair of the new committee. There is a great deal to consider in this area affecting the City including the much published Bribery Act and its guidance, the shape and future of the prosecuting and regulatory authorities, recent changes to the Criminal Procedure Rules, enforcement and civil settlements. There has also been the first prosecution under the Corporate Manslaughter legislation which cannot be ignored by all companies."

David McIntosh, Chair of CLLS said, "This new corporate Committee is the first City of London Law Society specialist Committee formed for some time and reflects the call for this sort of committee at a time when important regulatory enforcement changes are taking place. The Committee will incorporate into one entity the considerable number of solicitors who are regularly involved in major corporate and international corruption cases."

The committee has been looking at many issues relating to corporate criminal responsibility. Outlined below are some of the most interesting topics that they would be able to talk about:

- Position of the Serious Fraud Office
- Prosecution of regulation authorities (SFO/FSA)
- Money Laundering

If you would like to speak with Michael Caplan please call Darshna Patel or Helena Russell on **020 7266 3020**.

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