

## Press Release

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### Corporate Crime and Corruption: new committee chair appointed by City of London Law Society

Eoin O'Shea has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Corporate Crime and Corruption Committee, one of the specialist committees of the City of London Law Society (CLLS).

The Committee draws on the expertise of representatives from over 25 leading City law firms and looks at a range of issues relating to criminal law as it applies to businesses.

The appointment follows the retirement of Michael Caplan QC, who was the first Chairman when the Committee was created in 2011.

Eoin O'Shea, a partner at Reed Smith, has been an active member of the Corporate Crime & Corruption Committee and is recognised as a leading expert in corporate crime and investigations.

Responding to the appointment, Eoin O'Shea said:

"On behalf of the City of London Law Society, I would like to extend my thanks to Michael for his pioneering work and leadership of the CLLS Corporate Crime and Corruption Committee from its inception. Under his stewardship the Committee grew very rapidly and became an influential contributor to policy debates on a range of legal issues.

"I hope to continue Michael's legacy as Chairman. It is a fascinating time, in which the criminal law has never been more important to the City and the wider business community. The Committee will continue to help City firms and their clients to understand the fast-moving legal landscape and contribute positively to law-reform and the development of good practice."

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#### Notes to Editors

1. The City of London Law Society ("CLLS") represents approximately 15,000 City lawyers through individual and corporate membership, including some of the largest international law firms in the world. These law firms advise a variety of clients from multinational

companies and financial institutions to Government departments, often in relation to complex, multi-jurisdictional legal issues. [www.citysolicitors.org.uk](http://www.citysolicitors.org.uk)

2. The City of London Law Society's professional work is conducted through nineteen specialist Committees drawn from the Society's membership, who meet regularly to discuss pending legislation, law reform and practice issues in their fields. Recent consultation responses are shared on Twitter <https://twitter.com/theclls>