

City of London Law Society – Corporate Crime and Corruption Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Crime and Corruption Committee held at 8.30am on Tuesday 25 July 2017 at Reed Smith, The Broadgate Tower, 20 Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2RS

Present:

Alistair Graham: *Mayer Brown*

Angela Pearson: *Ashurst*

Barry Vitou: *Pinsent Masons*

Eoin O'Shea: *Reed Smith* (Chair)

Daren Allen: *Dentons UKMEA*

Davina Given: *RPC*

Louise Delahunty: *Cooley*

Lydia Jonson (for Jonathan Pickworth): *White & Case*

Michelle de Kluyver (for Arnondo Chakrabarti): *Allen & Overy*

Nick Benwell: *Simmons & Simmons*

Roger Best: *Clifford Chance*

Rodney Warren: *Warren's Law and Advocacy*

Sam Eastwood: *Norton Rose*

Susannah Cogman: *Herbert Smith Freehills*

Simon Joyston-Bechal: *Turnstone Law*

Tina Lakhani (for Sarah Wallace): *Irwin Mitchell*

Tony Woodcock: *Stephenson Harwood*

In attendance:

Ed Sparrow: *CLLS*

David Hobart: *CLLS*

Kevin Hart: *CLLS*

Laura-May Scott: *Reed Smith*

Apologies:

Andrew Keltie: *Baker & McKenzie*

Arnondo Chakrabarti: *Allen & Overy*

Barry Donnelly: *Macfarlanes*

Caroline Wojtylak: *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom*

David Corker: *Corker Binning*

Luke Tolaini: *Clifford Chance*

Jonathan Pickworth: *White & Case*

Marcus Thompson: *Ropes & Gray*

Omar Qureshi: *CMS Cameron McKenna*

Ryan Junck: *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom*

Sarah Wallace: *Irwin Mitchell*

Satinder Dogra: *Linklaters*

Satnam Tumani: *Kirkland & Ellis*

Stephen Gentle: *Simmons & Simmons*

1. Guest Speaker: Rt. Hon. Dominic Grieve QC MP

The Rt. Hon. Dominic Grieve QC MP addressed the committee on a range of subjects including in particular economic crime, cyber-crime, law reform, the role of the Serious Fraud Office and the effects of Brexit. There was a lively discussion with the Committee Members present. The Chair expressed the gratitude of the Committee to Mr Grieve. .

2. Apologies for absence

The Chair mentioned the apologies of members who could not attend.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (25 July 2017) were commented on by those in attendance at the meeting and comments provided by email were noted. The Chair directed that the amended Minutes be circulated among the Committee and filed on the CLLS website 24 hours after the meeting, providing Committee Members additional time to comment on the updated draft.

4. Member vacancy advertisement

The Committee agreed that, as practitioners in the space evolve, the Committee should seek new members.

The Committee agreed that an advertisement should be published in September 2017 on the CLLS website and possibly also in the Law Society Gazette. The Chair suggested that the Committee then convene to discuss membership in October/November 2017.

5. SFO s.2 interview practice

The Committee briefly discussed s.2 SFO interview practices. The Chair reiterated that the Committee gather evidence of the differing experiences of practitioners regarding s.2 interviews.

6. Practice/ legal updates

The Committee also discussed the offence of the failure to prevent facilitation of tax evasion. It was reported that the Law Society guidance had now been issued and HMRC had also issued guidance.

