

City of London Law Society – Corporate Crime and Corruption Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the 29 January 2019 at Reed Smith, The Broadgate Tower, 20
Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2RS

Present:

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

David Corker: *Corker Binning*

Eve Giles: *Allen & Overy*

Jeremy Summers: *Osborne Clarke*

Jonathan Pickworth: *White & Case*

Judith Seddon: *Ropes & Gray*

Lousie Hodges: *Kingsley Napley*

Michelle de Kluyver: *Addleshaw Goddard*

Neill Blundell: *Macfarlanes*

Nick Benwell: *Simmons & Simmons*

Sacha Harber-Kelly: *Gibson Dun & Crutcher*

Sarah Wallace: *Irwin Mitchell*

Jonathan Cotton: *Slaughter & May* (by telephone)

Roger Best: *Clifford Chance* (by telephone)

Simon Joyston-Bechal: *Turnstone Law* (by telephone)

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In attendance:

Catherine Lewis

Apologies:

Omar Qureshi, *CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP*

1. Apologies for absence

The Chair mentioned apologies received for non-attendance.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (11 December 2018) were approved. The Chair directed that the Minutes be filed on the CLLS website 24 hours after the meeting, subject to Committee members sending any final comments on the draft.

3. Practice / Legal updates

It was agreed that items 3 and 4 of the agenda would be dealt with jointly.

The working group presented a draft paper on pre-interview disclosures and interview practices. There was a discussion about the key points to present to the SFO.

It was agreed that making submissions to the SFO on two points ((i) attendance at Section 2 interviews; and (ii) pre-interview disclosure and undertakings) would further the best interests of the profession and its clients. It was further agreed that a small group would arrange a meeting with the Director of the SFO to have an exploratory discussion, following which a formal letter could be sent.

It was noted that the new General Counsel role at the SFO would be announced shortly.

4. Pre-Interview Disclosure & Interview Practices – working committee note

This was discussed as part of agenda item 3.

5. Privilege-Waivers and SFO approach to cooperation

It was discussed whether the Committee should make presentations to the SFO about the issues surrounding privilege and cooperation with the SFO. The Committee discussed whether that an approach could be made jointly with other CLLS committees.

6. Upcoming consultations / legislation

It was discussed that a report is anticipated on the SAR regime in mid-March.

7. External Guest Speakers

Commander Karen Baxter (National Coordinator for Economic Crime) will speak at the Committee Meeting scheduled for 23 April 2019.

8. AOB

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.