

City of London Law Society – Corporate Crime and Corruption Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the 20 April 2021, carried out remotely, via video-conference
8:30 – 9:50

Present:

Eoin O'Shea (Chair): *CMS*

Elly Proudlock: *Linklaters*

Daren Allen: *Dentons*

Matthew Getz: *Boies Schiller Flexner*

Sam Eastwood: *Mayer Brown*

Neil Blundell: *Macfarlanes*

Michelle de Kluyver: *Addleshaw Goddard*

Davina Given: *RPC*

Jeremy Summers: *Osborne Clarke*

Jonathan Cotton: *Slaughter & May*

Judith Seddon: *Ropes & Gray*

Pamela Reddy: *Norton Rose Fulbright*

Hannah Laming: *Peters & Peters*

Rosanne Kay: *Reed Smith*

Roger Best: *Clifford Chance*

Louise Hodges: *Kingsley Napley*

Rita Mitchell: *Wilkie Farr*

Simon Joyston-Bechal: *Turnstone Law*

Tony Woodcock: *SH Legal*

Susannah Cogman: *Herbert Smith Freehills*

Sarah Wallace: *Constantine Law*

Marcus Thompson: *Kirkland & Ellis*

Sacha Harber-Kelly: *Gibson Dunn*

Louise Delahunty: *Consultant*

In attendance:

David Hobart: *CLLS*

Amy Wilkinson (Secretary): *CMS*

External guests (present for part):

Giles Thomson: *Director of OFSI*

Courtney Daniels: *Senior Sanctions Advisor, OFSI*

1. Minutes and apologies

The Chair noted apologies and reminded members that the minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and invited comments. Subject to any comments, the minutes would be finalised and filed within 24 hours.

2. Pre-interview disclosure and interview practices

The Chair confirmed that there had been no further update from the SFO in relation to pre-interview disclosure and undertakings since the last meeting.

3. Practice and legal updates

Members discussed a recent press article reporting on a legal privilege judgment concerning the status of an internal investigation report. There was also a discussion about recent press on the Unaoil investigation concerning the cross-border relationship between the SFO and US Department of Justice.

4. Future guest speakers

The Chair confirmed he had been in touch with Lucy Frazer, Solicitor General and was awaiting a response on potential dates she could attend a future meeting. It was also confirmed that Lord Dyson had declined an invitation to attend. The Chair invited members to propose other potential future speakers and confirmed he would continue to follow up with existing leads.

5. Consultations and legislation

The Chair mentioned that he had participated in a working group on privilege for the Law Society, which would be looking at updating relevant guidance to the profession on the issue. He confirmed the guidance was likely to be renewed over the summer.

The Chair noted that he had yet to hear anything from the Law Commission in respect of their review of the law on corporate criminal liability. Members confirmed that they had been told an issues paper would be published in May.

6. External speakers: OFSI

Giles Thompson, Director of OFSI, provided an update on OFSI, including on the post-Brexit UK financial sanctions regime and OFSI's implementation of the UK's economic crime plan. Members were then given an opportunity to raise questions, which were addressed by Mr Thompson and Ms Daniels.

7. AOB

No other business was raised.

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