City of London Law Society - Corporate Crime and Corruption Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the 1 March 2022, carried out remotely via videoconference 8:30-9:15

Present:

Eoin O'Shea (Chair): CMS Andrew Katzen: Hickman & Rose Eve Giles: Allen & Overy Pamela Reddy: Norton Rose Fulbright Hannah Lamming: Peters & Peters Michelle de Kluyver: Addleshaw Goddard Roger Best: Clifford Chance Judith Seddon: Ropes & Gray (now Dechert) Jeremy Summers: Osborne Clarke Sarah Wallace: Constantine Law Jonathan Cotton: Slaughter & May Darren Allen: Shoosmiths Nick Benwell: Simmons and Simmons Rodney Warren: St Pauls Solicitors Attending: Amy Wilkinson (Secretary): CMS Kevin Hart: CLLS Matthew Rous: CLLS

1. Minutes and apologies

The Chair noted apologies from members 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 & Interview Practices

The Chair noted that the SFO had proposed to meet to discuss s. 2 interview practice in the coming weeks.

3. Practice / Legal updates

Members discussed recent developments in respect of sanctions, in particular triggered by events in Ukraine.

4. Consultations and legislation

Members discussed the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill, its progress through Parliament and the main topics covered by the legislation.

The Chair also thanked members for their contributions for papers on the issues with and future of the SFO. He explained it provided a useful starting point to build upon in due course, should the CLLS' views be sought in the future. It was agreed that this work should be paused, pending the outcome of the independent review of the SFO.

5. Future guest speakers

The Chair invited suggestions for future guest speakers from members.

6. Membership

On the topic of new members, the Chair noted that he was considering further applicants and would report to members in due course.

7. AOB

None.

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