

Criminal Justice Conference

Safeguarding the use of expert evidence in the European Union



The Law Society

Conference - 23 September 2008, 5 CPD hours, £250 + VAT

**Pre-conference networking dinner with European bar associations and
criminal law practitioners - 22 September 2008, £70 + VAT**

Both at 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

Overview

This conference examines the issues surrounding the use of expert evidence both in the United Kingdom and around the European Union. Defence practitioners, prosecutors, and judges will discuss questions in relation to gathering, handling, analysing, interpreting and presenting expert evidence. The Forensic Science Regulator will offer his experience on examining the use of scientific quality standards in the criminal justice system. Cross-border evidence gathering, mutual legal assistance and the future European Evidence Warrant will also be discussed.

This conference is the final stage of a two-year project funded by the European Commission. The Law Society has been working in co-operation with the Bar Associations of Finland, Denmark, Italy and Slovakia. Each Bar Association has convened a multi-disciplinary task force to consider the theory and practice of existing safeguards and how these can be improved, both through training and law reform.

Who should attend?

Criminal law practitioners, judiciary, police, forensic experts and lawyers interested in European and international law matters.

Keynote speakers:

Lord Goldsmith QC, Mr Justice Fulford & Andrew Rennison.

Panellists:

Karen Squibb-Williams, Crown Prosecution Service
Anand Doobay, Peters and Peters
Louise Hodges, Kingsley Napley
Neil O'May, Bindmans Solicitors
George Gebbie, European Criminal Bar Association
Christopher Sallon QC
Mike Allen, Council of Forensic Science Practitioners
Aled Williams, UK national member for Eurojust

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Lord Goldsmith QC

Former Attorney General 2000-2007, joined Debevoise and Plimpton LLP as European Chair of Litigation in September 2007. He is based in the London office. Lord Goldsmith served as the UK's Attorney General from 2001-2007, prior to which he was in private practice as one of the leading barristers in London.

Andrew Dennison, Forensic Science Regulator

Andrew Rennison, the Forensic Science Regulator is a public appointee whose function is to ensure that the provision of forensic science services across the criminal justice system is subject to an appropriate regime of scientific quality standards are being applied across the criminal justice system.

Mr Justice Fulford

Mr Justice Fulford is a member of the High Court. He is also one a select number of just 18 judges from around the world who preside at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. He has been a barrister since 1978, and a Queen's Counsel since 1994. Judge Fulford has legal expertise on a wide range of specific relevant issues, including violence against women and children; serious acts of violence, such as murder and terrorism; and has extensive practical experience of questions relating to evidence in criminal cases and the handling of sensitive information, including the protection of victims and sources.

Anand Doobay, Peters and Peters

Anand is a partner at Peter and Peters specialising in domestic and international business crime and regulation. He has particular expertise in extradition / mutual legal assistance, tax investigations / prosecutions, money laundering and regulatory investigations. He has successfully represented Governments, individuals and corporate clients dealing with many high profile and politically sensitive investigations in the UK, US, Europe, the Far East and many other jurisdictions. Anand is a member of the Law Society Criminal Law Committee and the EU Criminal Law Working Group.

Karen-Squibb Williams, Crown Prosecution Service

Karen is a strategic policy advisor at the Crown Prosecution Service and Legal Advisor to the Attorney General.

George Gebbie, Advocate, European Criminal Bar Association

George is a Scottish Advocate and member of the European Criminal Bar Association's cross-border evidence working group.

Louise Hodges, Kingsley Napley (Chair of UK Task Force)

Louise is a partner at Kingsley Napley and she specialises in all fraud and business crime litigation, including investigations and prosecutions by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) as well as other agencies. Louise has a particular interest in Europe and is currently the Vice Chair of the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA) and a member of the Law Society European Law Committee.

Neil O'May, Bindmans LLP

Neil deals with high-profile cases, including complex fraud, murder, terrorism and miscarriages of justice. He has a scientific background and so brings a particular expertise to cases involving expert scientific evidence. He is a recognised expert in defending allegations of serious fraud, in cases brought by the Serious Fraud Office, Customs & Excise, and other financial regulatory agencies. He has experience in financial services and business regulatory offences, particularly those involving foreign jurisdictions.

Christopher Sallon QC

Christopher specialises in high-profile, general crime, with emphasis on fraud, cases which involve medicine and forensic science and regulatory work. He has also acted as a specialist adviser to parliamentary committees and other organizations.

Aled Williams, Eurojust

Aled Williams joined Eurojust in July 2006. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1984 and then worked as a prosecutor with responsibility for serious cases of homicide, fraud and drug trafficking. In 2002 he was appointed the United Kingdom liaison magistrate to Spain. He worked in that role in the Ministry of Justice in Madrid for four years, dealing with mutual legal assistance, extradition and the introduction of European Arrest Warrant procedures.



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Programme

September 23rd

Solicitors may claim 5 CPD credit for attendance

09.00 - 09.30	Coffee & registration	Strand Fleet & Bell Rooms
09.30 - 09.45	Welcome and introduction	
	<i>Law Society Vice President Bob Heslett</i>	
9.45 - 10.30	"EXPERT EVIDENCE - PROBLEM OR SOLUTION"	
	<i>Chair: Law Society Vice President Bob Heslett Lord Goldsmith QC Andrew Rennison, Forensic Science Regulator</i>	
10.30 - 11.15	THE PROSECUTION AND POLICE PERSPECTIVE	
	<i>Chair: Ian Kelcey, Chair of Law Society Criminal Law Committee</i> This session will discuss the commercialisation of forensic science and discuss national and international procurement of the forensic science service to the criminal justice system. <i>Karen Squibb-Williams, Crown Prosecution Service Mike Allen, Council of Forensic Science Practitioners</i>	
11.15 - 11.30	Coffee Break	Strand, Fleet & Bell Rooms
11.30 - 12.00	THE JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE	
	<i>Mr Justice Fulford, International Criminal Court</i>	
12.00 - 13.00	THE DEFENCE PERSPECTIVE	
	<i>Chair: Joanna Evans, 25 Bedford Row</i> This session will discuss challenging the use of expert evidence, questions of disclosure and other issues involved when instructing experts for the defence. <i>George Gebbie, European Criminal Bar Association Neil O'May, Bindmans Solicitors Christopher Sallon QC, Doughty Street Chambers</i>	
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	Strand, Fleet & Bell Rooms
14.00 - 15.30	A EUROPEAN UNION PERSPECTIVE	
	<i>Chair: Louise Hodges, Law Society European Union Committee</i> This session will examine developments in the European Union in relation to cross-border transmission and use of expert evidence both within the framework of mutual legal assistance and the future European Evidence Warrant. <i>Caroline Morgan, Directorate General Freedom, Security and Justice European Commission Anand Doobay, Peters and Peters Aled Williams, UK national member for Eurojust</i>	
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee Break	Strand/Fleet/Bell Rooms
15.45 - 16.45	A PAN EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE - COMPARATIVE APPROACH	
	This session will offer a comparative view from the project partners from Finland, Slovakia, Italy and Denmark. Discussion will be had as to safeguards and conditions that can be attached to the recognition, execution and transmission of request, questions of admissibility and access to experts.	
17.00	Conclusion and Close	



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