

City of London Law Society

Corporate Crime Committee

Minutes of Meeting 29 January 2024

(Held as a hybrid meeting)

Attendees (in-person):

Louise Hodges (Chair)

Neill Blundell (Vice-Chair)

Phil Taylor (Secretary to the Committee)

Kevin Hart (CLLS)

Sam Tate (Guest)

Virginia Cannon (Guest)

Alistair Graham

Andrew Katzen

Barry Vitou

Christopher David

David Corker

Eve Giles

Hannah Laming

Jeremy Summers

Johanna Walsh

Jonathan Pickworth

Judith Seddon

Laura Ford

Matthew Nunan

Nick Benwell

Rosanne Kay

Ruby Hamid

Sarah Wallace

Tom Epps

Attendees (online):

Elly Proudlock

Daren Allen

Matthew Rous (CLLS)

Michelle de Kluyver

Pamela Reddy

Susannah Cogman

- 1. The Chair** welcomed the attendees and explained that this meeting would be limited to 30 minutes in order to allow time for a meeting with the Director of Public Prosecutions which would follow immediately.
- 2. Apologies** were received from Jonathan Cotton, Matt Getz, Sara Teasdale, Simon Joyston-Bechal and Rita Mitchell.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** had been circulated, and amendments were invited within 24 hours. There were no **matters arising** from the minutes.
- 4. CLLS / Committee business**

- a. The Chair noted with apologies that a report had not yet been circulated following the **meeting between a small group of Committee representative and the Lord Chancellor** which took place at the Ministry of Justice on 14 December 2023.
- *The Secretary to ensure that a note of that meeting is included with the next email to Members.*
- b. The Chair drew Members' attention to details included in the Agenda regarding a **new Procedure Guide** which would be coming into force shortly. Kevin Hart explained that recruitment of new members should be handled centrally with the CLLS, and that the Procedure Guide would include a new restriction on the number of individuals from a potential corporate member firm who could sit on CLLS Specialist Committees. The CLLS is seeking to increase the number of corporate member firms.
 - c. The Secretary noted that **dates and hosts for the remaining Committee meetings of 2024** have now been finalised for the year, and drew Members' attention to details included in the Agenda in that regard.

5. Subcommittee business

The Chair explained that, due to time constraints in this meeting, updates would not be given by all subcommittees, and invited the Law Reform/Legal Practice subcommittee to present on the topic of the **draft Failure to Prevent Fraud Guidance**. Judith Seddon, Sam Tate and Elly Proudlock duly delivered their report, and led a productive discussion among Members, on the topic.

6. Due to time constraints, the standing item of **Investigation and Interview Practices (including tech)**, was postponed.
7. There being **no further business**, the Chair called a close to the meeting with thanks to the Members for their contributions, and to Neill Blundell for hosting the meeting.