



The Law Society

EU Criminal Justice Conference Safeguarding the use of expert evidence in the European Union

Tuesday 23 September 2008

Solicitors may claim 5 CPD credit for attendance

09.00 - 09.30	Coffee & registration
09.30- 09.45	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Bob Heslett, Vice President, The Law Society
9.45 – 10.30	<u>Chair: Law Society Vice President Bob Heslett</u> EXPERT EVIDENCE – PROBLEM OR SOLUTION? Lord Goldsmith QC REGULATING FORENSIC SCIENCE Andrew Rennison, Forensic Science Regulator
10.30 – 11.15	<u>Chair: Ian Kelcey, Chair of Law Society Criminal Law Committee</u> THE PROSECUTION PERSPECTIVE This discussion will focus on the commercialisation of forensic science and discuss national and international procurement of the forensic science service to the criminal justice system. Karen Squibb-Williams, Crown Prosecution Service THE FORENSIC SCIENCE PRACTITIONER PERSPECTIVE This discussion will examine questions surrounding registration and regulation of the forensic expert. Mike Allen, Council of Forensic Science Practitioners
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 12.00	THE JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE Mr Justice Fulford, International Criminal Court



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12.00 - 13.00	THE DEFENCE PERSPECTIVE <u>Chair: Joanna Evans, 25 Bedford Row</u> This session will discuss challenging expert evidence, questions of independence, and other issues that arise when instructing experts for the defence. <i>George Gebbie, European Criminal Bar Association</i> <i>Neil O'May, Bindmans Solicitors</i> <i>Christopher Sallon QC, Doughty Street Chambers</i>								
13.00-14.00	Lunch Strand Fleet & Bell Rooms								
14.00 -15.30	A EUROPEAN UNION PERSPECTIVE <u>Chair: Louise Hodges, Law Society European Union Committee</u> This session will examine developments in the European Union in relation to cross-border transmission of within the framework of mutual legal assistance and the future EU developments. <i>Anders Aagaard,, Directorate General Freedom, Security and Justice European Commission</i> <i>Anand Doobay, Peters & Peters</i> <i>Aled Williams, UK national member for Eurojust</i>								
15.30-15.45	Coffee Break								
15.45 – 16.45	A PAN EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE – COMPARATIVE APPROACH <u>Chair: Joanna Evans, 25 Bedford Row</u> This session will offer a comparative view from the project partners from Finland, Slovakia, Italy and Denmark. There will be a discussion of safeguards and conditions that can be attached to the recognition, execution and transmission of request, questions of admissibility and access to experts. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;"><i>Finland:</i></td> <td><i>Janne Nyman</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Italy:</i></td> <td><i>Andrea Tassi</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Slovakia:</i></td> <td><i>Matus Gemes</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Denmark:</i></td> <td><i>Hanne Rahbaek</i></td> </tr> </table>	<i>Finland:</i>	<i>Janne Nyman</i>	<i>Italy:</i>	<i>Andrea Tassi</i>	<i>Slovakia:</i>	<i>Matus Gemes</i>	<i>Denmark:</i>	<i>Hanne Rahbaek</i>
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17.00	Conclusion and Close								

