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LATE AFTERNOON SEMINAR

**Tuesday December 12th 2017**  
**4.30 – 6.00pm**

At the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Charles Clore House,  
Russell Square, London WC1

**Mutual Recognition of Restraint & Confiscation Orders in Europe**

In the Chair:  
Professor John Spencer, CBE

Speakers:

His Honour Judge Michael Hopmeier  
Professor Anna Maria Maugeri, University of Catania  
David Trovato, Serious Fraud Office

**The seminar will be followed by ECLA UK's annual general meeting.**

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## SPEAKERS

**Michael Hopmeier** is a Circuit Judge sitting at Southwark Crown Court. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica and visiting Professor of Law at City University London. He is a Bencher of Middle Temple and holds degrees from Oxford and London Universities. He is a Master of the Bench at Middle Temple and a Judicial member of the International Committee of the Judicial College. In 2015 he was appointed to a restricted expert group on Improving Mutual Recognition of freezing and confiscation orders, EU Brussels. Since 2008 Michael has been a lecturer and tutor at the Judicial College and continues training Judges in confiscation. In 2017 he was appointed as the Director of the Long and Complex Trials Course (for Judges) at the Judicial College. Michael travels extensively abroad giving lectures and training Judges and Advocates on behalf of the EU, EJTN, ERA, UNODC and other institutions on aspects of asset recovery and economic crime. Michael is a joint Editor of Millington and Sutherland Williams on "The Proceeds of Crime" (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) published by OUP (5<sup>th</sup> Edition due to be published in December 2017). He is a contributor/reviewer of the Chapter on Money Laundering, Halsburys Laws of England, published by Lexisnexis and contributor/reviewer of the Chapter on Money Laundering, Blackstones Criminal Practice, published by OUP. He is an author of a "Guide to Restraint and Confiscation" published by the Judicial College, UK in February 2017.

**ANNA MARIA MAUGERI** is full Professor of Criminal Law, Department "Giurisprudenza", University of Catania (Italy) and coordinator of the PhD School on "Law" in the same Department. She is member of the School for magistrates Teaching Staff (Italy). In 2015 he was appointed by the EU to a restricted expert group on Improving Mutual Recognition of freezing and confiscation orders in Brussels. She was member of two Study Commissions aimed at drawing up proposals on the revision of the sanctions system (Italian Ministry of Justice, 2014 and 2013) and consultant of the "Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry into the Mafia and other similar criminal organizations" (Resolution 8/5/2007). She is member of the Scientific Committee of: ISISC (Int. Inst. of Higher Studies in Crim. Sciences); "Centre for European Criminal Law" (Catania); Review Dir. Pen. Cont.; Publ. Series Padova Univ. Press.. Erasmus Teaching Activity: Univ. Autónoma de Madrid; Castilla La Mancha. She is and was responsible of many projects of research and member of international team of research. She has written may articles and books in different topics of comparative, European and international criminal law, and in particular about the **confiscation and forfeiture** (a book and 32 papers).

**David Trovato** is a barrister employed as a Case Controller of the Proceeds of Crime and International Assistance Division. He is a recognised expert in the criminal and civil recovery of the proceeds of crime, particularly as applied to cross-border cases concerning fraud, bribery, corruption, and money laundering. His career began over fifteen years' ago at Hollis Whiteman (QEB) and then Furnival Chambers, where he

practiced at the self-employed bar in general crime and extradition. In 2008, he joined the Proceeds of Crime Division of the Crown Prosecution Service, where he acted in many leading cases under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and associated legislation, including as an advocate, e.g. *R v Okedare* (absconding defendants in confiscation proceedings) and *DPP v R* (the first property freezing order obtained pursuant to a request for mutual legal assistance). In 2017, David joined the Serious Fraud Office, where he now leads and manages a team of lawyers in the most complex asset recovery work. He is an SFO policy lead on the mutual recognition of confiscation and freezing orders and is responsible for advising the Home Office on the subject. He has trained judges and prosecutors on international asset recovery on behalf of the European Judicial Training Network and has spoken for the Italian judicial authorities, at the Polish Ministry of Justice, and at the European Commission. He is a contributing author to the practitioner's textbook, 'Mitchell, Taylor and Talbot on Confiscation and the Proceeds of Crime' (3rd Edition, Sweet and Maxwell) and has recently been published in the *Criminal Law Review*, "On the limits of mutual recognition: A UK perspective on Italian 'preventive' confiscation"[2017] *Crim. L.R.* 754.