



The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the Society for Advanced Legal Studies are pleased to announce:

Civil Recoveries and Criminal Confiscation: UK and EU Interventions Against Fraud

Thursday 12 November 2009, 2.30pm-6.15pm

Venue: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

Chair: SIMONE WHITE, OLAF and IALS

- 14.30-15.15 **MICHAEL MAVRINAC,**
European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)
'Recovering EU tax payers' money through the civil courts: a story worth telling'
- 15.15-15.30: questions and comments
- 15.30-16.15 **ROD STONE,**
Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
'The development of civil interventions by HMRC to combat MTIC Fraud – A UK operational perspective'
- 16.15-16.30: questions and comment
- 16.30-17.00 Tea/coffee
- 17.00-17.45 **PHILIP MOBEDJI,**
Serious Fraud Office
'Criminal confiscation and civil recovery of assets (lessons from Balfour Beatty) and International requests for restraint & confiscation orders and similar requests to foreign jurisdiction from England.'
- 17.45-18.00: questions and comments
- 18.00-18.15 Chair's closing remarks on civil interventions in fraud cases and the EU agenda concerning fraud to the detriment of the EU budget

This afternoon seminar is free. Those wishing to attend must book their place in advance. To register, RSVP to: Belinda Crothers, IALS, Email: IALS.Events@sas.ac.uk. Fax: 020 7862 5850.

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Speakers:

MICHAEL MAVRINAC is a lawyer in the Legal Affairs Unit of OLAF, the European Anti-Fraud Office.

ROD STONE was a criminal investigator with HMRC for 18 years. Since 2001 he has collaborated and advised on the development and delivery of the UK MTIC fraud strategy. He gives evidence of the mechanism, development and delivery of the strategy in both civil and criminal cases, including money laundering predicated by MTIC fraud. He is a member of the Wolfsberg working group on MTIC fraud. The Wolfsberg group advises banks worldwide on fraud methodologies and anti money laundering compliance. He is also on the IMF panel of VAT experts and currently part of an IMF mission to Turkey that is advising the Turkish tax administration in development of a VAT risk system. He is also the UK representative on the MTIC related working groups hosted by EU Commission under the Fiscalis programme.

PHILIP MOBEDI is a Barrister and a senior lawyer with the Proceeds of Crime Unit of the Serious Fraud Office. He established the Asset Recovery Unit at the SFO in 2006 which has now been enlarged to form the Proceeds of Crime Unit. The Unit deals with all SFO asset recovery work.