



*The European Criminal Law Association (ECLA UK) is pleased to announce the following late afternoon seminar:*

## **ROADMAP PROGRESS: WHERE ARE WE NOW ON PAN EUROPEAN DEFENCE RIGHTS ?**

**The path to a full set of basic defence rights within the European Union has been a game of snakes and ladders – some achievements, some setbacks, some delays, some progress. Why is creating a level playing field, not least for the European Arrest Warrant and the European Investigation Order to operate on, proving so difficult ?**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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

### **PROGRAMME**

- 16.00 - 1615 Introduction by the Chair **Professor John Spencer**, Cambridge University.
- 16.15 – 16.45 **Caroline Morgan**, European Commission
- 16.45 – 17.15 **Libby McVeigh**, Fair Trials International
- 17.15 – 17.45 Questions and contributions from the floor
- 1745 – 1800 Chair's Conclusions

### **SPEAKERS**

**Professor John Spencer** is a Professor of Law (emeritus) at the University of Cambridge, former Director of the Cambridge University Centre for European Legal Studies and President of the UK European Criminal Law Association. He writes and lectures extensively on EU and domestic criminal law and evidence. In 1997 he was part of the team responsible for the Corpus Juris project. He is a QC (honoris causa), an Academic Bencher of the Inner Temple and holds an Honorary Degree from the University of Poitiers.

**Caroline Morgani** studied at the London School of Economics and the College of Law. In 1988, she qualified as a solicitor. She has been working for the European Commission since 2001 and is currently based at the Commission's London office working as a political reporter. From 2001 to 2011, Caroline worked in DG Justice (formerly Justice and Home Affairs) and was responsible for the Commission's work on defence rights in criminal proceedings. She drafted the Commission's Green Papers and proposals for legislation in this field (and in particular the Procedural Rights Roadmap measures). She negotiated the measures in Council and in the European Parliament. She also covered victims' rights, mutual recognition in criminal matters and judicial cooperation aspects of the prosecution of war crimes. After starting as a lawyer in London doing primarily criminal legal aid work, Caroline has had a varied career in EU institutions

(European Court of Justice, European Commission), doing a stint at the International Court of Justice, and some lecturing (at LSE, Maastricht University and ULB in Brussels). Her areas of expertise are Justice and Home Affairs, procedural rights and EU criminal law. She has published numerous articles on EU defence rights.

**Libby McVeigh:** Libby McVeigh is Head of Law Reform at Fair Trials International - a non-governmental organisation that works for fair trials according to internationally recognised standards of justice and provides advice and assistance to people arrested across the globe. Libby manages all of Fair Trials' law reform activities, including the campaign for reform of the European Arrest Warrant. Libby also coordinates Fair Trials' networks of lawyers and criminal justice experts across Europe, including the Legal Experts Advisory Panel. Libby is an experienced solicitor and has previously worked for the Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics in Singapore, The Equal Rights Trust and Refugee and Migrant Justice.

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