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AFTERNOON SEMINAR

Monday July 11th 2016
2.00 – 6.00pm

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

**Improving the Response to Fraud (Training, Private Prosecutions and
Recovering Criminal Proceeds)**

Fraud costs the UK economy more than £50 billion annually, of which £20 billion is attributable to the public sector. Dr Mike Gilbert has recently conducted a major review of the response to public sector fraud and will present his findings. Private Prosecution is another recent development in the fight against fraud and this together with the legislation concerning the recovery of criminal proceeds will be discussed by experts in the field

in the Chair:

Professor John Spencer, QC, University of Cambridge,

Speakers:

**Dr Michael Gilbert, Kate McMahon & Robert Hunter (Partners at Edwards
Marshall McMahon) & HHJ Michael Hopmeier**

Please register your attendance with IALS.events@sas.ac.uk

Dr. Mike Gilbert is a CIPFA Accountant who started his career with the National Audit Office – and for more than 20 years worked on their value for money and IT Audit Programmes. He then moved onto the Human Embryology and Fertility Authority as Head of Audit and delivered a large national audit project on their behalf. From 2007 he has worked as a counter fraud professional within central government undertaking all aspects of counter fraud work. Mike has recently completed a professional doctorate, at the University of Portsmouth. His research thesis focussed on the extent to which UK central government bodies have the legal powers, skills and competencies necessary to implement the Government's policy of zero tolerance to fraud.

Kate McMahon is a specialist, dual-qualified prosecutor. Prior to founding Edmonds Marshall McMahon, Kate prosecuted for the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) where she worked as a senior lawyer on some of the UK's largest criminal prosecutions

Robert Hunter is an experienced solicitor-advocate who has specialised in cases involving fraud, asset tracing and breach of trust since the early 1990's. He has particular expertise in applications for emergency injunctive relief such as Freezing and Proprietary injunctions, Search Orders, and Norwich Pharmacal applications.

His Honour Judge Michael Hopmeier is a full-time Circuit Judge sitting at Kingston-upon-Thames Crown Court, United Kingdom, specialising in economic crime and asset recovery (confiscating the proceeds of crime) cases. He is a Visiting Professor of Law at City University London and an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica and lectures abroad regularly on economic crime related matters. He is a Bencher of Middle Temple and holds degrees from Oxford and London Universities. At the Judicial College, he tutors Judges at Criminal law Seminars and also lectures to Judges on Confiscation. In 2014 he was appointed Judge member of the International Committee of the Judicial College. In 2015 he was appointed by the EU to a restricted expert group on Improving Mutual Recognition of freezing and confiscation orders in Brussels. He has also been appointed as a Diversity and Community Relations Judge for Surrey, England.

He is a joint Editor of Millington and Sutherland Williams on "The Proceeds of Crime" (4th Edition) published by OUP. 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 author of a "*Guide to Restraint and Confiscation*" published by the Judicial College, UK in January 2016. He is a Committee member of Wadham College (Oxford) Law Society and of the European Criminal Law Association (ECLA UK).

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.