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Tuesday October 8th 2019

5.30 – 7.30pm

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

European Criminal Environment Law and Enforcement in England

Speakers will set out the regulatory framework for enforcement in England through criminal, civil and planning law. The seminar will cover primary EU legislation and the licensing and enforcement regime in England.

In the Chair:

Richard Atkins, Knights Solicitors

Speakers:

Peter Shephard BSG Ecology

Howard McCann, Principal Counsel, Environment Agency.

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

SPEAKERS

Richard Atkins LL.M and MA (Business law) Dip Crim was a former senior prosecutor and special casework lawyer of 25 standing in both the Crown Prosecution Service and Government Legal Service. He remains on the Attorney General's approved list of prosecutors as a Higher Court Advocate and has advised and is retained as a regular Agent in the Thames Valley area. Returning to Private Practice he joined Knights a leading specialist countryside and wildlife practice. Richard has particular expertise in defending cases involving those charged with offences under the European Protected Species Regulations, their environment and likewise farmers and others charged with animal welfare offences. He is also regularly instructed by the CPS in animal welfare cases

Peter Shepherd, PH.D MCIEEM is an ecologist with over 25 years' professional and research experience. He has worked in the voluntary and private sectors in the UK and abroad. He is a partner in the award winning ecology consultancy practice BSG Ecology and over the last 20 years has advised on a very wide range of development and research projects in the UK and abroad from large high speed transport infrastructure, the 2012 Olympic Games to local housing development. Peter has provided training for the Welsh government on protected species and regularly contributes to good practice guidance for ecologists and most recently on advice on how air quality impacts should be addressed in ecological assessment. His specialist areas are ecological and policy research and protected species work and urban ecology, habitat creation and management. Peter is a member of Natural England's National Bat Expert Panel which advises Natural England on issues relating to bat conservation and a member of the Strategic Policy Committee of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, which considers new and future changes to policy, which most recently has been largely concerned with the implications of the proposed exit from the European Union.

Howard McCann has spent the past sixteen years working at the Environment Agency, the primary environmental regulator for England. He qualified as a Solicitor in 2002, then became a Solicitor-Advocate in 2005 and was called to the Bar in 2010. He advises and prosecutes on all aspects of environmental law that the Agency regulates. He also provides training to prosecutors and investigators throughout Europe, for the UN Environment Programme in Slovakia and Argentina, and the UN University in Italy and China.