

Joint Lunchtime Seminar

Thursday 14 May 2015, 12:30-14:00

Small Moot Court, Room 723, Cheng Yu Tung Tower
The University of Hong Kong

International legal developments in anti-corruption regimes: the UK Bribery Act, US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other jurisdictions

Patrick Duffy

Barrister, 23 Essex Street

Patrick will present his evaluation of the UK Bribery Act's success, or lack thereof, looking at the enforcement of the Act in foreign jurisdictions. His talk will also broach the subjects of US style deferred prosecution agreements, shifts in international corporate culture in respect of bribery and corruption, and what the next steps are for regulators in East Asia.



Patrick Duffy is a sought-after defence barrister who specialises in defending complex fraud and sexual offences. He is also a grade 3 Crown prosecutor and is instructed in the most serious, high-profile cases. In addition, as part of his practice he advises governments on various criminal justice issues and has vast experience dealing with regulatory matters having worked for both offshore regulators on politically sensitive cases and advised multinationals on corporate prosecutions and internal corporate investigations. Patrick's other interests include civil liberties and human rights law; previously, he has provided legal analysis on the humanitarian crisis in Darfur to the International Criminal Court and worked at the Independent Jamaican Centre for Human Rights where he advised on the appeals of those on death row.

Are International Governmental Organisation immunities absolute?

Alex Haines

Barrister, Bretton Woods Law

Alex will talk about the application of International Human Rights Law to the internal justice systems of international organisations and the extent of their immunities in light of International Court of Justice and ECtHR case law. In doing so, he will draw upon concrete examples of cases in which the immunities of organisations were challenged in the national courts.



Alex Haines was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 2007 after an internship at the International Criminal Court. His practice includes Multilateral Development Bank sanctions cases, International Administrative Law representing employees against their employer in the organisation's internal justice system, and International Human Rights Law within International Organisations. Alex is particularly experienced in alternative dispute resolution and has represented a string of Latin American class actions in Mediation proceedings against the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington DC. He has lectured on the internal law of International Organisations at the universities of Exeter, King's College, City of London and Brasilia, and is a member of the Bar council of England and Wales International Committee.

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