



Wednesday 12th October 2011 - 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Main Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, School of Electronic Engineering, Dean Street, Bangor LL57 1UT

“The Rules of the Game”

HSE’s current enforcement strategy and proposals for change

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THE SPEAKER

Lisa is a Solicitor in the Regulatory Team of Eversheds LLP specialising in corporate criminal defence work. She advises both national and international companies facing criminal proceedings, specifically advising in relation to investigations by the HSE, the Environment Agency, the police and other regulatory bodies. Her work covers health and safety investigations and prosecutions, road traffic matters and environmental law.

Lisa has delivered presentations to a variety of audiences on topics including the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007, Health and Safety offences and accident investigations.

THE TALK

The discussion will begin with an overview of the current HSE enforcement regime, focussing on recent cases and trends in enforcement

From the perspective of a practising solicitor, there will be an analysis of HSE practices and tactics, the best responses to proposed enforcement and how to manage any HSE action. This will involve a review of enforcement from the first point of contact to the last day in Court, including:

- approaching site visits;

- ongoing correspondence with the HSE;
- legal advice and privilege;
- responding to enforcement notices;
- interviews under caution; and
- preparations for Court.

The topic will then move on to the HSE’s proposals for extending cost recovery, as stated by Gordon MacDonald, HSE’s programme director:

“The Government has agreed that it is right that those who break the law should pay their fair share of the costs to put things right - and not the public purse.

These proposals provide a further incentive for people to operate within the law, levelling the playing field between those who comply and those who don't. Compliant firms will not pay a penny in intervention fees.”

We will consider the detail of the HSE’s proposals and what it will mean in practice. This will be followed by an open discussion about delegates’ views on the proposals and what it will mean to them.

Further Information:

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Refreshments will be provided from 2.00pm.
Talk starts at 2.15pm.



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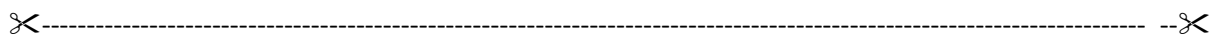
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