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Managing risk and regulation: advising corporate clients in uncertain times

Speakers:

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Risk and Regulation Advisory Council
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This is the fifth in a series of legal breakfasts being held by the Law Society to explore the business of law in the new landscape created by the Legal Services Act.

The event will begin at 8.00am with registration and breakfast until 8.30am. After hearing from the speakers there will be an open debate with contributions from delegates.

Speakers

Rick Haythornthwaite is Chairman of the Risk and Regulation Advisory Council, having previously served as Chairman of the Better Regulation Commission. He is also President of PSA Energy Holdings SPC, Chairman of MasterCard Inc and adviser to STAR Capital Partners.

Rick is a Sloan Fellow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He began his career with BP in 1978 as a geologist, becoming General Manager of the Magnus Oilfield as well as President of BP in Venezuela. He subsequently worked as the Corporate and Commercial Director of Premier Oil, Chief Executive of Blue Circle plc and Chief Executive of InvenSys plc and has held non-executive directorships with Cookson, Lafarge and ICI.

Mark Harding took up his current post as Barclays Group General Counsel in 2003. Included within his area of responsibility are legal, compliance and financial crime issues globally throughout the bank. Previously, Mark was a partner in the International Financial Services Group of Clifford Chance and was Global General Counsel at UBS Investment Bank.

Mark is a past Chairman of the GC100 Group and of the Board of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA). He is currently a member of the UK Financial Markets Law Committee, the European Financial Markets Lawyers Group and was previously a member of the EU Lamfalussy Inter-Institutional Monitoring Group. He is a Governor of the College of Law.

Issues

- Does the new focus on risk signal the end of the less-is-more era in regulatory reform?
- What do major corporations need from their advisers on regulatory compliance and risk management?
- Will the current economic crisis change the risk and regulation landscape for firms outside the financial sector?
- Are the clients of corporate law firms too sophisticated to need the protection of existing legal regulation?
- How important to the recovery of the domestic economy are the services provided by Britain's international law firms to corporate clients doing business in many jurisdictions?
- Whatever happened to better regulation?



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Who should attend?

- Senior partners, managing partners and practice directors in top 100 law firms
- Banks, venture capital funds and other potential investors
- General Counsel of FTSE100 companies
- Parliamentary spokespeople
- Senior government officials
- Non-lawyer practice managers and senior practitioners in related professions
- Academics
- Others with an interest in the future development of legal business.

The Law Society's legal breakfast series

This series of discussion events brings together business leaders from the legal profession with potential partners, investors and policy-makers and high-profile speakers to debate the construction of a successful and sustainable legal business sector for the 21st century. The events contribute to an emerging understanding of the public policy and business strategies required for growth in the legal services sector and inform the Law Society's position as the voice of the profession.

The events consider the commercial structures, regulatory environment and global economic framework within which legal business will operate. For more information e-mail legalbreakfast@lawsociety.org.uk.

After each event, a webcast of the speakers is made available to view at www.lawsociety.org.uk/legalbreakfast. A summary of the proceedings is also posted on the website.