

# Renowned barrister confirmed as guest speaker for sanctions seminar

#### September 2018

Collas Crill is delighted to announce leading barrister Maya Lester QC as guest speaker at its Sanctions Explained breakfast seminar on Friday 19 October 2018.

The event will address a range of sanctions issues, including the UK's new legal sanctions framework, the impact of Brexit, Russian sanctions, the differences between EU and US sanctions, US secondary sanctions, Iran and the Blocking Regulation.

Maya will discuss the importance of understanding the risk implications of exposure to sanctions for financial services business and their clients in a rapidly shifting international legal and political landscape.

An award-winning international barrister, and co-author of eminent industry blog europeansanctions.com, Maya has been hailed in legal directories as the "Queen of the Sanctions Bar" and she "owns the world of sanctions", has given evidence to three parliamentary committees on sanctions, represented and advised hundreds of companies and individuals before the European and English courts and has acted in most of the leading sanctions cases. Maya is founder of the Human Rights Lawyers Association and is a regular speaker at Chatham House and numerous other conferences.

Based at Brick Court Chambers in London, Maya has a wide-ranging practice in public law, European law, competition law, international law, and human rights. She regularly appears in leading cases in the Courts of England, Luxembourg and Strasbourg, and in the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Michael Adkins, Partner and Head of the Risk & Regulatory team in Guernsey, says: "Sanctions are such a hot topic at the moment and are arguably dominating the media landscape. Understanding business risk in relation to sanctions is critically important, as the consequences are potentially dire if firms get it wrong, and to have a barrister of Maya's calibre sharing her insight with us is invaluable and not to be missed. We're looking forward to bringing a greater understanding of sanctions risk to the Guernsey audience."

Having visited Jersey to speak this month, Maya Lester QC is looking forward to her first visit to Guernsey in October. She comments: "I'm delighted to have the opportunity to come and discuss sanctions and to understand the concerns and questions that arise in Guernsey".

The seminar follows on from Collas Crill's successful Spring 2018 Risk Conference.

Directors of licensed financial services business and those with a responsibility to manage risk in this important area and anyone else with an interest in sanctions are invited to attend.

The seminar will take place at The Duke of Richmond on Friday 19 October from 8:30am to 10:30am. Tickets are £40.00

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