



The Law Society  
**MLRO Series 2012**  
**Speaker Biographies**

**Emma Oettinger**

Emma Oettinger is the anti-money laundering policy officer for the Law Society of England and Wales. she was instrumental in lobbying for changes to the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 on behalf of the profession during their drafting and in preparing the Law Society's anti-money laundering and mortgage fraud practice notes. Emma continues to assist the profession with AML compliance through the preparation of training materials and the provision of the AML e-alert. Emma previously worked for Revenue and Customs Prosecution Office, enforcing confiscation orders, and was an investigative lawyer for the Crime and Misconduct Commission in Queensland, Australia.

**Omar H Choudhury**

Omar H. Choudhury is a qualified solicitor/accredited mediator. He is also The Law Society's Anti Money Laundering Coordinator situated within the Practice Advice Service in Chancery Lane. Omar joined The Law Society at the time when the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 came into force and quickly developed an expertise in the subject advising as he does, solicitors across the country on a daily basis on AML compliance. Omar assists in the formulation of AML training material and has written articles for Law Society publications on AML in practice.

**Gary Christianson**

Gary was both the Managing Partner and then Chairman of one of the most prestigious law practises in the Midlands. For many years now, he has provided advice across a seemingly infinite spectrum of the trials and tribulations that confront members of all professions in both regulatory and partnership matters, both contentious and non-contentious.

Gary is a member of the Law Society's Money Laundering Directory, where solicitors are referred to for advice where needed.

**Peter Rodd**

Peter Rodd is the Senior Conveyancing and Managing Partner of Boys and Maughan Solicitors, a 12 partner High Street practice based in East Kent. He is past president and for the last ten years secretary of the Isle of Thanet Law Society. He is Chair of the Law Society Property Section Executive Committee and a member of the Law Society's Money Laundering Taskforce and E-Conveyancing Taskforce.

**Michael Potts**

Michael is a partner with Byrne & Partners LLP and a member of the Law Society Money Laundering taskforce. He specialises in the defense of financial crime, fraud and regulatory investigations and prosecutions. He has acted in numerous high profile investigations and prosecutions brought against individuals by the SFO, FSA, Fraud Prosecution Service, Revenue & Customs Prosecutions Office and other regulatory bodies and prosecution agencies. Michael also advises both companies and professional firms on their anti money laundering compliance.



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**Kevin Gray**

Kevin specialises in advising on regulatory and operational risk. He has been with North East law firm Dickinson Dees LLP for ten years and is Head of Risk Management. His previous experience includes 25 years with The Prudential Assurance Company in management support, auditing and senior compliance/quality management roles.

In the financial services arena he has worked through the metamorphosis of regulation overseeing compliance with the rules of various bodies such as LAUTRO in the early days and currently with the FSA regime. Within the legal services sector he has developed a great deal of practical knowledge of the rules governing the professional conduct of solicitors.

Kevin has also been responsible for developing his firm's policies, procedures and practices relating to anti-money laundering and over the past couple of years has assisted the Law Society with the facilitation of their Money Laundering Reporting Officers Regional Group meetings.

**Simon Harbord**

Since 2004, Simon has been Compliance Officer at Ward Hadaway Solicitors, which has offices in Newcastle, Leeds and Manchester. Among his duties he provides advice with regard to Money Laundering Regulations, POCA and SOCA reporting. He has assisted with Money Laundering Reporting Officers regional meetings, organised by the Law Society, since they began, and arranges or provides in house training to Ward Hadaway staff.

Prior to joining Ward Hadaway, Simon worked with local and national IFA's, as Compliance Officer. This included managing Pension Review, PIA/FSA supervision audits, training, and developing and implementing policies and procedures to ensure high standards of conduct. Clients included well known figures from the worlds of sport and entertainment.

**Richard Bagwell**

Richard is a partner with Foot Anstey LLP who heads up their property litigation team and is the firm's MLRO. He acts on a range of contentious property issues including landlord and tenant, freehold, land registration, wayleaves development matters and property related professional negligence. He acts for a range of clients including local authorities, government bodies, companies and private clients.