



## **BIOGRAPHIES – ECONOMIC CRIME AND ASSET RECOVERY SPECIALIST NETWORK SESSION**

### **Chair:**

#### **Isfandiyar Hajiyev, Deputy Head, Anti-Corruption Directorate, Republic of Azerbaijan**

Col. Isfandiyar Hajiyev - Deputy Head of the OIS Department, Anti-Corruption Directorate with the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Col. Hajiyev is responsible for interaction with international organizations and the implementation of international standards in the prosecutor's office. His responsibilities also include work on MLA on corruption crimes, analysis of information received on corruption offenses and work with citizens.

Isfandiyar Hajiyev has considerable experience in participating, as country representative in international peer reviews mechanisms, including those conducted by UNODC and OECD ACN.

### **Speakers:**

#### **May De Silva, Anti-Corruption Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission Seychelles**

In 2017, the Government of Seychelles established the Anti-Corruption Commission Seychelles (ACCS) with May De Silva appointed as the inaugural Commissioner. She is the first female leader of a law enforcement agency in Seychelles and has had to manage and overcome multiple challenges from a personal, cultural and political perspective. The Commissioner is leading her team in the largest criminal investigation ever undertaken in the Republic of Seychelles: investigating a former President and his close advisors for corruption, misuse of office and money laundering. The course of the

investigation has involved international engagement with over 25 jurisdictions, demonstrating the benefits and challenges of obtaining intelligence and evidence internationally.

Leading the agency through such a complex and politically charged investigation has challenged the traditional legal frameworks and the operating environment of law enforcement agencies in the Republic of Seychelles. Added to this, Ms. De Silva has been navigating the legal, political and cultural challenges associated with grand corruption investigations involving politically exposed persons, including suspects who are well resourced and politically connected. The Commissioner is a passionate advocate of the importance of international engagement, forging collaborative relationships for the ACCS through forums such as the International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre's (IACCC) Associate Membership Scheme, IAP and the Commonwealth Africa Anti-Corruption Association, of which she will take over as Chair in May 2023 and Vice-Chair in May 2024.

Ms De Silva is Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission Seychelles (ACCS).

She holds a Diploma in Management Practice and a Postgraduate degree in Management and Executive Leadership from the University of Ulster and the Commonwealth Secretariat Leadership Programme for Heads of Anti-Corruption Africa. She was Chairperson of the Strategic Women's Reference Group of the Northern Ireland Policing Board (2007-2010 and 2011-2013). She is a current member of the Seychelles National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Finance Committee. She was appointed on a Commission of Inquiry on 15th June 2020 on financial matters concerning the Liquidation (winding up) of former Plantation Club Hotel, Seychelles.

## **Max Hill KC, Senior Counsel and Policy Advisor, King & Spalding, England**

Sir Max Hill KC is one of the UK's preeminent barristers, having been lead counsel on many of the country's most high-profile cases and also spending five years as the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the most senior non-political public prosecutor in England and Wales.

Max has more than three decades of experience defending and prosecuting some of the most complex financial crime, high-value fraud and criminal cases to arise out of the UK, covering issues such as cartel investigations, corruption, corporate criminal liability and terrorism funding. He has held a number of prominent positions, including serving as the UK Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, Leader of the South Eastern Circuit, Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association and Chairman of the Kalisher Trust. From 2018 to late 2023, Max served as the UK DPP, the most senior non-political public prosecutor in England and Wales after the attorney general and solicitor general. Prior to working as the DPP, Max was the Head of Chambers at Red Lion Chambers, where he led various significant and high-profile trials – including the 2005 7/7 London bombings and the murder of Damilola Taylor. He also provided advice to the 2012 London Olympics.

Max was called to the Bar in 1987, appointed Recorder in 2004 and then Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in 2008. In January 2024, he received a knighthood and was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (KCB) in the New Year's Honours List for his services to law and order.

Credentials

## EDUCATION

Bar Finals, Inns of Court School of Law, UK  
B.A. Law (Jurisprudence), Oxford University, UK

## ADMISSIONS

England and Wales  
Queen's Counsel

## RECOGNITION

Knighthood  
KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BATH, 2024

## INSIGHTS

### ARTICLE

*March 29, 2024 • Source: New Law Journal*  
Corporate Criminal Liability: A Wider Scope?

## IN THE NEWS

*May 21, 2024 • Source: Independent and The Guardian*

Sir Max Hill KC discusses the ramifications of the Infected Blood Inquiry, which reported that more than 30,000 people were infected with deadly viruses while receiving NHS care

*May 10, 2024 • Source: Legal 500 Podcast*

The Legal 500 Podcast interviews Sir Max Hill KC

*April 10, 2024 • Source: BBC Radio 4 Today*

Sir Max Hill KC explains why the law balances in favor of bail and the importance of the police's role

*March 24, 2024 • Source: The Guardian*

Sir Max Hill KC explains why it is imperative to protect free speech when setting limits on protesting

*March 18, 2024 • Source: Times Radio*

Times Radio interviews Sir Max Hill KC on the UK's new definition of extremism

*March 11, 2024 • Source: The Circuiteer*

The Circuiteer interviews Sir Max Hill KC, examining his time as Director of Public Prosecutions

*March 10, 2024 • Source: The Sports Ambassador*

Sir Max Hill KC discusses the law around racially aggregated harassment

*March 1, 2024 • Source: Law360*

Law360 interviews Sir Max Hill KC, who discusses major changes to corporate criminal law and the future of the Crown Prosecution Service as an economic crime enforcement body

*February 26, 2024 • Source: BBC Radio 4*

Sir Max Hill KC comments on jury trials

*February 20, 2024 • Source: Financial Times*

Sir Max Hill KC discusses the UK Serious Fraud Office's plans to borrow investigative techniques from the policing world

*February 14, 2024 • Source: The Telegraph*

Sir Max Hill KC explains why certain offenders should be dealt with outside the court system through schemes designed to tackle causes of criminality

*February 13, 2024 • Source: BBC Radio*

Sir Max Hill KC examines if justice delayed is justice denied amid a significant backlog in crown courts in England and Wales and related problems in the system in Scotland and Northern Ireland

*February 5, 2024 • Source: Financial Times, Law360, The Global Legal Post, Commercial Dispute Resolution, Legal Business, Global Investigations Review, New Law Journal and The Times*

Sir Max Hill KC, one of the UK's most prominent lawyers who most recently served as the Director of Public Prosecutions, joins the firm's London office

**PRESS RELEASE**

*February 5, 2024*

Renowned Barrister and Former Director of Public Prosecutions Sir Max Hill KC Joins King & Spalding

## **Gunilla Arph-Malmberg, Deputy Chief Public Prosecutor, Economic Crime Authority, Sweden**

Gunilla took her Master in Laws at the Faculty of Law, Lund University and after working as a Law Clerk at a District Court she started her career as an Assistant Public Prosecutor at the Swedish Prosecution Authority. She left the Prosecution Authority and started a career as a judge at the Court of Appeal in Malmö. There she worked for 10 years and became an Associate Judge. In 1999 Gunilla went back as a Public Prosecutor but this time at the Swedish Economic Crime Authority, which is a specialised prosecution authority. There she held different positions as senior prosecutor, and deputy chief prosecutor in both Malmö and Gothenburg. Since 2021 she holds the position as International Coordinator at the International Unit at the Head Office of the Swedish Economic Crime Authority. Gunilla was posted at EUROJUST in the Hague, Netherlands, 2016-2019 as Assistant to the National Member for Sweden.

Gunilla accompanied her husband to Vietnam in 2001-2004 where he worked in a SIDA project. Gunilla assisted there in the Danish project "Support to Legal and Judicial Reforms in Vietnam" (JOPSO) as an external prosecutor expert with support to the Supreme People's Procuracy (SPP) in Vietnam.

## **Anton Du Plessis, Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, National Prosecuting Agency, South Africa**

- Advocate Anton du Plessis is the Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions in the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) of South Africa. He heads the Strategy, Operations and Compliance portfolio at the NPA.
- Anton has three law degrees (B-Iuris, LLB, LLM) as well as Executive Leadership Courses from Harvard and Oxford universities.
- As a globally recognised criminal justice, organised crime, and rule of law legal expert, he has over 25 years of management and operational experience in the field.
- Before returning as the deputy head of the NPA, Anton was the Legal and Criminal Justice Coordinator in the United Nations Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), based at the United Nations in New York. As a senior UN expert, he led CTED's work on the legal and criminal justice elements of the UN Security Council's response to terrorism.
- Anton has served as the Executive Director of the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) - Africa's largest and preeminent think tank. He has worked on criminal justice and security sector reform in more than 20 African countries.
- Anton also served as an expert criminal law assessor in complex murder and rape trials in the High Court. He serves on numerous expert groups and editorial boards and has presented to several parliamentary committees and is widely published.
- Anton was selected as a World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Leader, an honour bestowed by the WEF each year to recognise the most distinguished young leaders nominated from around the world. Anton has chaired and spoken during public and private sessions at the World Economic Forum, including a public session at the Forum's annual meeting in Davos in 2015 and several high-level panels at WEF Regional Summits. He served as a member of the WEF's Global Agenda Council on Fragility, Violence and Conflict; and the WEF Meta Council on the Illicit Economy. These Councils are the world's foremost intellectual network that helps inform the Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos as well as set the direction for global, regional and industry agendas. Anton is a recipient of a Dangote Fellowship awarded by the WEF for young Africans selected each year for their outstanding leadership, professional accomplishments and commitment to society.
- Anton is a competitive cyclist and marathon runner. He is married with two kids and lives in Pretoria.

## **Slagjana Taseva, Dean, International Anti-Corruption Directorate**

Professor Slagjana Taseva is a national of the Republic of North Macedonia where she was the first President of the Anti-Corruption Commission. She is also a former Committee member of the

Afghanistan International Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC and founder and first Chair of Transparency International Macedonia).

Specialising in money laundering, financial crime, corruption, and organised crime, she holds a Ph.D. in law from Sts. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje. She published several books in the field of criminology and criminal law (Dark Figures of Criminality - 1996; Money Laundering – 2003 and new edition in 2007; and Macedonian Criminal Law - 2010 – Handbook for students). In 2004, she was appointed Director of the Police Academy in Skopje. In 2006, she became Vice President of the Association of the European Police Colleges. In 2008, she was appointed Dean of the Faculty for Detectives and Criminalists at the European University in Skopje.

From 2000 to 2005, Professor Taseva has participated in numerous evaluations as an expert of the MONEYVAL (The Council of Europe FATF type of Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism), as well as evaluator and rapporteur for GRECO in several countries. She was heading the GRECO delegation for the Republic of North Macedonia (2007-2012) and was elected member of the GRECO Bureau. In 2009, she was elected first Chair of the UNCAC Coalition. In 2010, she co-founded EURISK Consulting, the Legal Consulting Company.

Professor Taseva cooperated with various government's agencies as well as international organisations. In particular, she served as Senior Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering expert for the EU, USAID, UNODC, UNDP, and GIZ programmes. Moreover, she was mid-term and ex-post evaluator for numerous EU and UNDP/UNODC projects and programmes in the field of the rule of law, anti-corruption, and fight against organized crime and illicit financial flows. She also served as team leader for numerous projects related to good governance, anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, illicit financial flows, and financial investigations. In 2022, within an EU funded project, she conducted an assessment and provided a Roadmap for Anti-Money Laundering in Papua New Guinea. Before this appointment, she served as a key expert for the EU-funded project on Strengthening Transparent and Accountable Governance in Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea.

Professor Taseva received several rewards for her anti-corruption activities, including "Person of the Year 2003" from Forum Magazine and "Person of the Year 2004" from New Women Magazine.

## **Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Department of Justice Counselor for International Affairs, US Department of Justice**

Bruce C. Swartz is a Deputy Assistant Attorney General, and the Department of Justice's Counselor for International Affairs. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service of the United States Government.

As Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Swartz supervises the Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs, as well as the Department's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) and the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance

Program (ICITAP). In this role, he helps coordinate the overseas operational activities of the Department, including extraditions and mutual legal assistance in transborder criminal and terrorism cases. Mr. Swartz also is responsible for the Department's overseas capacity-building programs, which work with partner nations on issues ranging from counterterrorism, to transnational organized crime, to anti-corruption.

As the Department's Counselor for International Affairs, Mr. Swartz serves as an advisor on international issues to the Office of the Attorney General, and chairs the Department's International Affairs Committee. In this position, Mr. Swartz also represents the Department of Justice in international negotiations, and in multilateral and bilateral consultations.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Swartz was a partner at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Shea & Gardner. He has held a number of positions in government service, including Deputy Independent Counsel in the corruption investigation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Reagan Administration. In the mid-1990s, Mr. Swartz was detailed for a year to the United Kingdom's Serious Fraud Office.

Mr. Swartz received his B.A. and J.D. from Yale University and was a Henry Fellow at Trinity College Cambridge University. He was a Law Clerk to Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and to Justice Harry Blackmun of the United Supreme Court. He is a member of the Bar of New York and the District of Columbia and is a Barrister in government practice (Middle Temple, England).

Mr. Swartz is a recipient of the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award, the Department of Justice's Edward H. Levi Award for Outstanding Professionalism and Exemplary Integrity, the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security, and the Criminal Division's Henry R. Petersen Memorial Award.