



BIOGRAPHIES – FIRESIDE CHATS

SPEAKERS:

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Amanda N. Liskamm, Director, Consumer Protection Branch, US Department of Justice

In her role as Director of the Consumer Protection Branch, Ms. Liskamm oversees the Branch's civil and criminal enforcement efforts related to consumer health, safety, economic security and identity integrity. This includes areas of enforcement such as complex consumer fraud, data privacy, pharmaceutical and medical devices, food safety, consumer product safety, and tobacco products.

Ms. Liskamm previously served in several leadership roles throughout the Department including as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division, Chief of Staff at the Drug Enforcement Administration, and as Associate Deputy Attorney General and the Director of Opioid Enforcement and Prevention Efforts in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. Ms. Liskamm was also the lead prosecutor for the Criminal Division in the trial and conviction of *U.S. v. Joaquin "el Chapo" Guzman*.

Ms. Liskamm began her career with the Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Central District of California. Before joining the Department of Justice, Ms. Liskamm was an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

Ms. Liskamm received her Juris Doctor from New York Law School and Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University.

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.

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Paul Kadushi, Director of Legal and Public Affairs, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Tanzania

Paul Kadushi is a recipient of the International Advocates Animal Law LLM Degree (2019/2020) at the Centre for Animal Law Studies, North-western School of Law of Lewis and Clark, USA. In addition to his proficiency in Animal and Wildlife law studies, he has extensive knowledge in International Environmental Law, International Criminal Law, Victims in Criminal Procedure, and Asset Recovery. Paul's career is defined by his achievements in the fight against illicit wildlife trafficking, including asset recovery.

Paul's leadership was instrumental in the fight against environmental crimes. In 2015, he assumed the pivotal role of Head of the Environmental Crimes Section in the National Prosecutions Service (NPS) of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT). At that time, URT was grappling with a severe crisis of elephant poaching. Under Paul's leadership, the NPS team of prosecutors successfully secured convictions against high-level wildlife and organized crime offenders, significantly contributing to the global fight against illegal wildlife trade. His efforts also led to the successful execution of numerous Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition Requests.

Paul's career extends beyond his role at NPS. He has actively collaborated with local and international organizations, demonstrating his networking skills and the breadth of his influence. His work includes capacity building and training workshops for wildlife officers, investigators, and prosecutors worldwide. Notably, he led a technical working group from NPS in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to develop and publish a Rapid Reference Guide for Investigation and Prosecution of Wildlife and Forestry Crimes (RRG). The RRG was subsequently issued as Directive No. 1 of 2017 by the Director of Public Prosecutions of URT.

Paul has worked closely with INTERPOL Wildlife Crime Working Group and INTERPOL Project Wisdom, an initiative created to conserve elephants and rhinos. He has also been involved in various projects run by the East Africa Regional Offices of UNODC and TRAFFIC/WWF. He previously held the position of the Director of Asset Forfeiture, Transnational, and Specialized Crimes Division in the NPS, the Department which is also responsible for handling mutual legal assistance and extradition matters. He now serves as a Director of Legal Services at the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority of Tanzania. He also serves as a Board Member of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL). Paul has recently served as Lead Negotiator and Head of the Tanzanian delegation in the recently concluded negotiations of the United Nations Convention Against Cybercrime.

Facilitator:

Shenaz Muzaffer, General Counsel, International Association of Prosecutors

Shenaz Muzaffer is currently General Counsel of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), the only worldwide network of prosecutors. She joined the IAP in January 2023 on secondment from her role as a Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor at the Crown Prosecution Service of England and Wales (CPS). Prior to her secondment, she was the Head of the International Division of the CPS and also one of the deputy Heads of the Serious Economic Organised Crime and International Division.

Shenaz holds an LLB (Hons) (1st Class) from the University of Nottingham, and is a member of the Bar of England and Wales.

Shenaz spent eleven years prosecuting the full range of criminal offences, including serious sexual and violent offences, drugs offences, homicide and complex fraud, before joining the International Division of the CPS. Between 2013 and 2015 she was seconded as State Counsel and criminal justice advisor to the Attorney General's Office in Seychelles, working as part of the UK's counter-piracy mission. She then spent eighteen months as an asset recovery adviser and liaison prosecutor based in the United Arab Emirates, promoting cooperation between the UK and the UAE prosecutorial agencies and working to facilitate the progress of mutual legal assistance requests and extradition requests between the UK and the UAE. From 2016, she spent three years as the UK's liaison prosecutor to the USA, advising on mutual legal assistance and extradition issues between the UK and the USA in relation to the investigation and prosecution of transnational and serious organised crime, promoting the use of informal channels of assistance, encouraging greater cooperation between criminal justice agencies, and assisting UK investigators and prosecutors to draft and progress formal requests for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

She took up the position of Head of the International Division in August 2019, where she was responsible for overseeing a network of CPS liaison prosecutors deployed overseas in up to twenty countries and leading for the CPS in relation to their international engagement.