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Whistleblowing in Asia and the UK: then and now

11:00am - 11:55am, 3 July, Room B103

In a panel moderated by London-based American whistleblower lawyer Mary Inman, former Olympus CEO Michael Woodford will recount his tale of exposing a \$1.37 billion accounting scandal at Olympus Corporation, as told in his critically acclaimed book *Exposure*. Joohyun Baek will describe the whistleblower reward schemes the Korean Tax Authority has in place to encourage whistleblowers to provide information about evasion of Korean taxes domestically and offshore. Georgina Halford-Hall will discuss the work of the newly formed All Party Parliamentary Group on Whistleblowing in seeking legislative reform to protect and empower whistleblowers in the UK. Mary Inman will discuss the HMRC's discretionary programme to pay whistleblower insiders.



Mary Inman
Partner
Constantine Cannon

Moderator

Mary Inman is a partner in Constantine Cannon's London Office. After 20+ years representing whistleblowers in the U.S., she moved to London in July 2017 to launch the firm's international whistleblower practice. She specializes in representing whistleblowers from the U.K., E.U. and worldwide under the American whistleblower reward programs.

Ms. Inman is a recognized expert and frequent author and speaker on areas related to the international application of the American whistleblower laws, financial frauds, health care reimbursement and government procurement. She has particular expertise in addressing Medicare Advantage risk adjustment fraud and is one of the lead attorneys in a prominent whistleblower case against UnitedHealth Group involving allegations the Medicare Advantage Organization submitted false claims for payment to the Medicare Program based on artificially inflated member risk scores. She also has extensive experience addressing fraud in government infrastructure projects and representing city and state governments in prosecuting civil fraud actions.

Speakers

Legislative reforms on whistleblowing in the UK

Georgina set up WhistleblowersUK after blowing the whistle on financial irregularities and poor practice in a charity. Eventually vindicated when investigations were concluded, what Georgina learnt was that people who have the courage to whistle-blow are very isolated and unsupported. WhistleblowersUK now ensures that people who put their head above the parapet and blow the whistle on wrongdoing have the help and guidance they need.

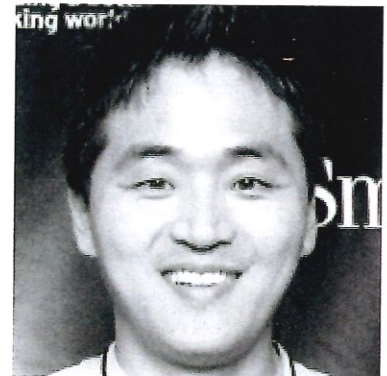
Georgina regularly advises businesses, MPs and regulatory bodies on whistleblowing legislation and obligations in the UK and the United States. As well as overseeing an active caseload, Georgina is the spokesperson for WhistleblowersUK and is often quoted in media articles and interviews.



Georgina Halford-Hall
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South Korea's tax programmes that pay whistleblowers financial incentives as compensation

Joohyun Baek is Deputy Director and Delegate to IBFD Netherlands at the National Tax Service of the Republic of Korea.

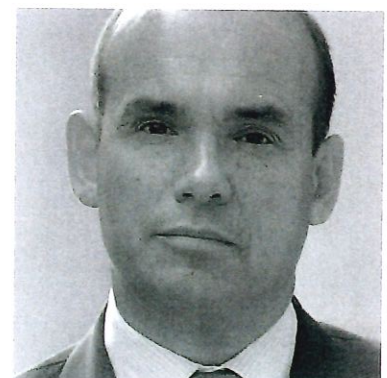


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Exposure: From President to Whistleblower at Olympus

Michael Woodford MBE is a British businessman who was formerly president and COO (April 2011) and CEO (October 2011) of Olympus Corporation, a Japan-based manufacturer of optics and reprography products.

Joining Olympus in 1981 and rising to manage its European operations, Woodford was the first non-Japanese person to be appointed as the company's CEO in October 2011, having "exceeded expectations" as president and chief operating officer for the previous six months. Within two months, he became a central figure in exposing the Olympus scandal, having been removed from his position after serving two weeks, when he persisted in questioning fees in excess of US\$1 billion that Olympus had paid to obscure companies, which appear to have been used to hide old losses and appeared to have organised crime connections. The scandal rocked Japanese corporate governance, led to the resignation of the entire Olympus board and several arrests of senior executives, including the previous CEO and chairman, and the company's former auditor and bankers among others, and made Woodford one of the most highly placed executives to turn whistleblower. By 2012 the scandal he exposed had developed into one of the biggest and longest-lived loss-concealing financial scandals in the history of corporate Japan. Woodford now consults on corporate governance worldwide, speaks on human rights, whistleblower laws and road safety.



Michael Woodford
Former CEO
Olympus Corporation