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DARK MONEY

GOING AFTER THE PROCEEDS & THOSE INVOLVED IN
THE "LONDON LAUNDROMAT" & FURTHER AFIELD

Thursday 6 February 2025, 18.00 BST

The Middle Temple, the Sherrard Rooms

To comply with the Corporate Sustainability and Due Diligence Directive (EU) 2024/1760, companies across the EU are cleaning up their supply chains. In England and Wales, profits made in breach of environmental and social laws, both here and abroad, are increasingly being treated as the proceeds of crime liable to forfeiture. Registers of beneficial ownership, combined with new Companies House powers to remove companies furthering frauds, aim to tackle what some call "Dark Money" in the "London Laundromat". But with shell companies being used prolifically, after the money has long gone, uncovering frauds and holding corporate controllers personally liable for wrongdoing can be difficult, as witnessed in *Alpha v Barclay-Watt* [2022] EWCA Civ 1169. With these developments in mind, there is no better time to re-visit the conversation about tackling the misuse of companies for money laundering and other frauds.

Come join us at this free-to-attend panel discussion event and hear from our panel of speakers including **Jamas Hodialva KC**, Matrix Chambers (discussing capturing corporate profits as the proceeds of crime), **Graham Barrow**, the Dark Money Files (discussing widespread misuse of incorporation and the recent regulatory response), **Franz Wild**, Bureau of Investigative Journalism (the "London Laundromat") and **Dr Mike Wilkinson**, 18 St John Street Chambers (discussing director personal responsibility in criminal and civil law).

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