

Stephen Mason: Speaking

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Stephen Mason was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in November 1988

Visiting Lecturer, School of Law, University of Tartu, Estonia, 2017 –

Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London

Member of the IT Panel of the General Council of the Bar of England and Wales, 2000 –

1. Professional training for members of the judiciary, lawyers and students

2. Academic

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Professional training for members of the judiciary, lawyers and students

Students

One-day course on electronic evidence and electronic signatures (for the Information Technology Law Society, Leicester University, 18 November 2015)

One-day course on electronic evidence and electronic signatures (Sherrard Room, Middle Temple Library, 15 September 2015)

Austria

Electronic signatures and electronic identity management at the UNCITRAL Colloquium on Identity Management and Trust Services (Vienna, 21 – 22 April 2016)

Bulgaria

‘Digital evidence: an introduction’, a one-day seminar for judges of the Supreme Court of Cassation and Appellate Court of Sofia at the National Institute of Justice (Sophia, 25 February 2014), part of the training programme for the training of judges in the context of full membership of the European Union

Croatia

‘Digital forensic tools and how judges might consider their reliability’ and ‘Presentation of a criminal case and some challenges of electronic evidence’, Academy of European Law and the Judicial Academy (Zagreb, 7 – 8 March 2017)

Cyprus

One-day course on electronic evidence for members of the bar and judiciary (Nicosia, 2007)

Czech Republic

‘The life cycle of e-evidence: the challenges posed by cloud computing’, Academy of European Law and Educational institution in Kroměříž (Prague, 10-11 April 2018)

‘The validity and admissibility of electronic evidence in cybercrime cases’, Academy of European Law and Česká advokátní komora (Prague, 5-6 June 2014)

England and Wales

‘Seizure, authenticity, proof of intent and evidence in court’ (Academy of European Law and Centre for Commercial Studies, Queen Mary, University of London, Lincoln’s Inn Fields, 8-9 June 2017)

Electronic evidence and electronic signatures: the hinterland at the gallop’ (Sherrard Room, Middle Temple Library, 8 September 2015)

‘Cybercrime: Developing the Legal Framework in Europe’, Academy of European Law (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, 11-12 November 2010)

Training film on electronic signatures, for the Judicial Studies Board web site and distributed as a web cast (2006-2007)

Estonia

Speaker and mentor at the Cyber Security Summer School 2016 ‘Digital Forensics — Technology and Law’, 3 – 8 July 2016, Tallinn (Organised by Information Technology Foundation for Education in collaboration with Tallinn University of Technology, University of Tartu and the University of Adelaide and supported by the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research)

European Judicial Training Network

‘Investigation, Prosecution and Judgment of Information Technology Crime: Legal framework and criminal policy in the European Union’ for judges and public prosecutors (Hôtel Jean de Bohême, Durbuy, Belgium, 25 November 2008-28 November 2008)

France

Continuing professional development conference for European judges
‘Cybercriminalité en Europe’ (Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature, Paris, 2007)

Germany

Basic Training Course on Legal and Technical Aspects of Cybercrime for Judges and Prosecutors (ERA Conference Centre, Trier, 15-16 November 2012)

The life cycle of e-evidence: handling e-evidence in cases involving child sex abuse material, Trier, 19-20 February 2018

Greece

The life cycle of e-evidence: handling e-evidence in online fraud cases, Academy of European Law and the Athens Bar Association (Athens, 7-8 November 2017)

India

Lecture on digital evidence and electronic signatures to lawyers and judges of the high court in Pune (India, 2008)

International Criminal Court

‘Electronic evidence: selected observations,’ ICC Prosecution Division: Training on scientific evidence and its presentation in Court (Haagse Veste, Room H4098, The Hague, 25 November 2015)

The Salzburg Workshop on Cyber Investigations, organised by the Human Rights Center, Berkeley Law School, University of California, Berkeley (Scholss Leopoldskron, Salzburg, Austria, 23-25 October 2013)

Italy

Gave three talks 'A brief introduction to the history of encryption using selected examples', 'Looking into encrypted data' and 'Encrypted data: England and Wales' at Encrypted Data and the Privilege against self incrimination Mapping the problem and sharing best practices, Academy of European Law in cooperation with the Link Campus University and the Eurgit Association (Rome, 28-29 May 2018)

Specialised seminar 'Challenges in obtaining and relying on electronic evidence and issues of admissibility in court', Academy of European Law (Grand Hotel Villa Torretta, Milan, 21-22 November 2013)

Latvia

2 x 2-day courses 'Introduction to the law and practice relating to electronic evidence', for judges, lawyers, prosecutors and investigators, organised by the Court Administration of Latvia with the Academy of European Law (Riga, 16-17 April and 18-19 April 2018)

'The use and presentation of digital forensic materials as evidence in court' and 'Electronic banking – negligence, fraud and theft: the legal response', Academy of European Law (Latvijas Tiesnešu mācību centrs, Riga, 2-3 June 2015)

Poland

Basic training course on the legal and technical aspects of cybercrime and e-evidence, Academy of European Law in cooperation with the Polish Bar Foundation (Międzynarodowe Centrum Kultury, Kraków, 11 June 2016)

Portugal

'Towards a global law of electronic evidence?', Faculdade de Direito, Universidade de Lisboa (Lisbon, 4 March 2016)

'An introduction to electronic evidence', Instituto Politécnico de Leiria (Leiria, 1 March 2016)

'The challenge of dealing with electronic evidence in criminal proceedings' and 'Collection, evaluation and admissibility of electronic evidence' (the second with Goran Oparnica, Managing Director of INsig2), Academy of European Law (Centro de Estudos Judiciários, Lisbon, 29 February – 1 March 2016)

'The use of electronic evidence in court', and 'Electronic banking and how courts approach the burden of proof', Academy of European Law (Centro de Estudos Judiciários, Lisbon, 12-13 March 2015)

Romania

'Relying on electronic evidence in criminal cases', Academy of European Law (Institutului National al Magistraturii, Bucharest, 12-13 November 2015)

Workshop 4 'Electronic evidence and its admissibility in criminal court' and Workshop 10 'Investigative tools used in the on-line environment; expedited preservation of data and data retention; interception of telecommunications and computer data' as part of a two-day seminar entitled 'Human rights and transnational

gathering of evidence’, included in the framework of the Criminal Justice 2011 project of the European Commission, entitled: EU seminar for legal practitioners on human rights and transnational gathering of evidence: Developing a European Judicial Culture (Rin Grand Hotel, Bucharest, Romania, 28-29 November 2013)

Scotland

‘Artificial Intelligence: Oh, really? And why judges and lawyers are central to the way we live now’ Scottish Society for Computers and Law Group (Thursday 23 March 2017, Edinburgh)

Spain

‘Electronic evidence and computer forensics in criminal cases: an introduction’ and ‘Dealing with electronic evidence in criminal proceedings: an overview’, Academy of European Law and Centro de Estudios Jurídicos (Madrid, 23-24 May 2017)

‘Seizure, investigation, proof of intent and evidence in court’, Academy of European Law and the Colegio de la Abogacía de Barcelona (ICAB, Training Centre, Barcelona, 24-25 October 2016)

Introductory Seminar ‘An introduction to electronic evidence in criminal proceedings: collection, analysis and presentation of electronic evidence in court’, Academy of European Law (Real Alcázar de Sevilla, Seville, 6-7 June 2013)

‘E-evidence: Validity and Admissibility of Electronic Evidence in Criminal Proceedings’ (Escuela Judicial de España, Barcelona, 26-27 May 2011)

Tanzania: World Bank

‘The Role of Information and Communication Technology in the Administration of Commercial Justice’, a pan-African judges conference organised by the High Court Commercial Division of Tanzania (Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge Hotel, Arusha, September 2007)

Thailand

Lecture to the President and members of the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court on electronic evidence (Bangkok, 2006)

Tonga

Pacific Region Cybercrime Criminal Justice Training, organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat, European Union and Council of Europe (Nuku’ Alofa, Tonga, 24-26 February 2016)

Turkey

One-day workshop ‘Our digital world in legal context’ (Istanbul, 8 May 2015)

One-day ‘Workshop on Electronic Evidence’ Turkish Bar Associations (Ankara, 28 January 2012)

Ukraine

‘An introduction to electronic (digital) evidence’ on behalf of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (Kyiv, 16 May 2015)

United Arab Emirates

Emirate of Dubai

Speaking at a workshop run by the Public Prosecution under the chair of Counselor Khalifa Rashid bin Demas, which formed part of the programme 'Legal Enlightenment 2015', the workshop dealt with 'IT crimes, challenges and solutions' (4 November 2015)

Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Two workshops for judges and prosecutors upon the request of Counselor Abdul Rahmnan M. Al Baloushi, Director of International Cooperation Administration, Ministry of Justice; 'Cyber crime' (2-3 June 2010) and 'Electronic evidence' (10-11 May 2009)

I have also provided a number of courses for CPD for the CPD Channel and given lectures to or on behalf of:

Ahmedabad Management Association, India

Bar of Barbados

British Standards Institute

Cambridge Europe & Technology Club

Central Law Training

CIPFA Better Governance Forum

College of Law

Cranfield School of Management

Henley Management College

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

International Association of Young Lawyers

ILS Law College, Pune, India

Local Government Group Law Society

Singapore Academy of Law

Scottish Society for Computers and Law

Society for Computers and Law

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Academic

Australia

'Emerging technologies: authenticating new forms of evidence' with Allison Stanfield (Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 9 August 2012)

'Digital evidence: Issues for lawyers, judges and scholars and what is coming over the horizon' (Cyberspace Law and Policy Centre, University of New South Wales, Sydney, 11 August 2006)

Croatia

'Digital evidence' as part of the Master's Degree in Criminal Investigation offered by

the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka, Croatia (October 2007)

England

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

‘Artificial Intelligence and the response of the legal profession’ (8 October 2016)

‘Electronic evidence and the burden of proof’, with the UK Association of European Criminal Law (5 November 2013)

‘Modern banking: negligence and how courts approach evidence’ (23 October 2013)

‘Electronic evidence: can there ever be a presumption of being in order?’ (16 February 2011)

‘PINs, ATMs and liability’ (4 November 2009)

‘Proving intent in the digital environment’ (5 October 2006)

‘A brief outline of the English legal system’ an annual lecture to the students on the London University LLM degree each September

Canterbury Christ Church University

Lecture ‘Programmers injure and kill people but never get caught. A discussion’ Third year, Ethical and Professional Computing (27 February 2017)

Lecture ‘Substantive law is necessary, but what about the practical reality of evidence and proof?’ Second year, Computer Law and Ethics (31 January 2017)

Workshop on Cybercrime Laws (17 May 2013)

University of Warwick

‘The use of digital evidence in criminal proceedings: evidential issues’ at a seminar entitled ‘Exploring the use of Digital Forensic Technology in Criminal Justice’ (Wolfson Research Exchange) (16 March 2011)

Germany

‘Validating identity in a digital world’ as part of the course Informations- und Kommunikationssicherheit: Infrastrukturen, Technologien und Geschäftsmodelle run by Universität Frankfurt (May 2005)

Ireland

‘Some challenges of dealing with digital evidence in criminal proceedings’, Centre for Criminal Justice, School of Law, University of Limerick, Republic of Ireland (March 2014)

India

‘Artificial intelligence: Oh really? And why judges and lawyers are central to the way we live now’, over the internet, National Law University, Jodhpur, India (28 September 2017)

Two lectures on digital evidence and electronic signatures to the students at ILS Law College, Pune (March 2008)

Italy

‘Dealing with encrypted data in criminal proceedings’ at Aula Magna of Politecnico Di Milano in association with the Tech and Law Centre, with Stefano Zanero and

Giuseppe Vaciago (27 May 2013)

‘Fact or forged: the complexity of digital evidence’, the opening lecture of a series of lectures focusing on digital investigations in the banking sector and investigations into encrypted material for PhD students, prosecutors and lawyers (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocc, Milan, 19 May 2011)

Japan

‘Electronic evidence: some problem areas’ at the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Graduate School of Decision Science and Technology, O-okayama-campus, Tokyo at the invitation of Professor Hironao Kaneko. Stephen prepared an essay explaining the haiku he wrote for the book he edited International Electronic Evidence (British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 2008) especially for this lecture

Malaysia

‘An overview of digital evidence’ at Multimedia University (Melaka, Malaysia, 22 August 2012)

Norway

Lecture, ‘Electronic evidence should have been taught on law courses from 1960. A discussion.’ Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law, Oslo, 14:15, Domus Nova room 543 (13 November 2013)

Between 2006-2008, I gave lectures to the students on the Information and Communication Technology LLM at the Department of Private Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. As part of the day, I used to take the students on a walking tour of the four Inns of Court before having lunch in Middle Temple Hall, perhaps followed with a tour of one of the libraries.

Scotland

Seminar ‘Artificial Intelligence and the response of the legal profession’ at Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh (24 March 2017)

Sweden

Three lectures on electronic evidence at Lund University in Sweden (Juridiska fakulteten vid Lunds universitet) to students on the criminal procedure course (24 and 25 April 2014)

United States of America – over the telephone

‘Disclosure and Evidence in England & Wales A short introduction’ to Corporate Counsel Technology Institute at University of Widener School of Law, Wilmington, Delaware, United States of America (February 2005)

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Conferences

Argentina

La ‘despapelización’ de las organizacioner? (Buenos Aires, by video conference, 2005)

Austria – UNCITRAL

Electronic signatures and electronic identity management at the UNCITRAL

Colloquium on Identity Management and Trust Services (Vienna, 21 – 22 April 2016)

Belgium

Stakeholders Workshop on Electronic Identification and Trust Services, IAS Study 2, European Union, (Brussels, 25 September 2013)

Croatia

Keynote speaker at DataFocus 2016 (Zagreb, 5 April 2016)

Symposia on digital evidence (speaker and joint organizer), the first event took place at the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, 12 April 2008. His Honour Judge Ranko Marijan of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia opened and attended the symposium. The second symposium was held at Vukovar, 11-12 September 2008, where Ante Zeljko, President of the County Court in Vukovar and Branko Hrvatin, President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia, both spoke before the symposium began.

Cyprus

Special Interest Group on computer law, Cyprus Computer Society (Nicosia, 2006)

Infosec Cyprus (Nicosia, 2004) (Limassol, 2005)

England

‘New Technologies and the Judiciary. Electronic Evidence. Artificial Intelligence. Television and Judgments. Media Coverage.’ Chair and commentator: Judge Milton Fernandes de Souza, President of the Court of Justice of the State of Rio de Janeiro, *International Legal Meeting, Workshop Brazil and the United Kingdom*, 4 – 5 July 2018, School of Advanced Study and the University of London, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London

‘Electronic Evidence and the Presumption of Reliability’ at the European Spreadsheet Risk Interest Group Conference – Eusprig 2017 in association with Imperial Data Science Institute (Blackett Laboratory, Imperial College London, Prince Consort Road, Building 6, 6 July 2017)

‘Privacy vs Identity: Opportunities and Challenges’, European Electronic Messaging Association (EEMA) 30th Annual Conference (Microsoft Headquarters, London, 4-5 July 2017)

‘eSignatures: sign anywhere, anytime on any device’, British Legal Technology Forum 2017 (London, 14 March 2017)

‘Handling digital evidence’, North East Fraud Forum Annual Conference (Newcastle upon Tyne, 19 June 2014)

‘Professional conduct issues where digital assets are concerned’ with Jennie Pratt, a partner at Ashton KCJ at a conference Advising vulnerable adults in a digital age (STEP Mental capacity special interest group, London, 5 December 2013)

‘Media, culture, and intrusions of privacy’ at the Annual Motor Claims Conference, Evolution of claims in a fast changing world (Coventry, 26 June 2013)

The Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime (27th [2009], 28th [2010], 29th [2011] and 30th [2012])

‘e-Identification: some legal issues’ at E-Identification Workshop, Taftie Academy

(Birmingham, September 2012)

‘Cryptography, the law and you’, Information Security Specialist Group (BCS-ISSG) Special Meeting (London, November 2011)

‘Digital Evidence from the legal perspective’ at the F3 annual conference (First Forensic Forum) (Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, November 2010)

The 2nd International Conference on Cybercrime Forensics Education & Training (Canterbury Christ Church University, September 2008)

International conference on digital evidence in association with MIS (London, June 2008)

DESI II Second International Workshop on Supporting Search and Sensemaking for Electronically Stored Information in Discovery Proceedings (University College London, June 2008)

E disclosure – the problems, the solutions and the rules, CLT (London, June 2008)

Chair and speaker at Ensuring Legal Admissibility and Managing Disclosure of Electronic Records, Ark (London, April 2008)

2nd conference on Advances in Computer Security and Forensics, Liverpool John Moores University (Liverpool, July 2007)

Keynote speaker at the 22nd British & Irish Law, Education and Technology Association conference (University of Hertfordshire, 2007)

Ark 3rd Annual Email Management (London 2005)

Estonia

Keynote speaker at the 2nd Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Workshop (Tallinn, 2 July 2016)

France

Annual World Congress of the Information Security Forum held at Grimaldi Forum, Avenue De La Princess Grace (Monaco, November 2010)

Keynote speaker at the 4th annual CISO Executive summit and roundtable (Côte d’Azur, 2007)

Global Legal Forum (Paris, 2005)

Germany

Annual conference on EU criminal justice 2013, The impact of new technologies in criminal proceedings, e-evidence, virtual currencies and social networks, Academy of European Law (Trier, 22-23 October 2015)

First International Conference on Legal, Security and Privacy Issues in IT (Hamburg, 2006)

Greece

Keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual Workshop on Digital Forensics and Incident Analysis, University of the Aegean, (Samos, Greece, 2007)

Ireland

E-Discovery Ireland, (Dublin, October 2011)

‘The future of the legal profession’, a lunch-time discussion arranged by the Law Society of Scotland at the IBA Conference (Dublin, October 2012)

Israel

Webinar with Cellebrite Limited ‘Tackle the Legal Aspects of Obtaining Digital Evidence in the Cloud’ (12 August 2015)

Italy

‘Artificial Intelligence (algorithmic intelligence): why judges and lawyers are central to the way we live now’ at Il doppio volto della tecnologia, organised by Ordine degli Avvocati di Genova and Consiglio Notarile Genova (Palazzo Ducale, Sala del maggior Consiglio, Genova, 11-12 maggio 2018)

E-Justice and E-Law Conference under the Italian Presidency at the Corte di Cassazione (Rome, October 2014)

OLAF Symposium 2010 (European Anti-Fraud Office) (Milan, February 2010) (in association with the Union des Avocats Européens – European Lawyers Union), entitled Seizure and confiscation for fraud affecting the financial interests of the European Union and computer crimes

XLIV Congresso Nazionale del Notariato (Congress of Civil Law Notaries) (Venice, October 2009)

Jersey

‘Why data security underpins good compliance’ 7th Annual Compliance & Economic Crime Symposium (Jersey International Business School, Jersey, November 2011)

Lebanon

E-signatures and e-fraud, Lebanese American University and the ISACA, (Beirut, 2006)

Lithuania

‘The legal issues relating to the establishment and maintenance of personal identity credentials’ and ‘The digital world and proving intent’ at the CA/B Forum (Vilnius, October 2010)

Norway

Keynote speaker, Nordic conference in ICT Law, Bristol Hotel, (Oslo, 14-15 November 2013)

Portugal

‘The new digital world – understanding the legal risks’, R3, The Association of Business Recovery Professionals at the 24th Annual Conference (Vilamoura, Portugal, 14-16 May 2014)

Scotland

‘Law In Scotland – One Profession’, the Law Society of Scotland (Glasgow, September 2011)

The PISCES annual conference (Edinburgh, September 2008)

Singapore

‘International Developments in Electronic Evidence’ International Conference on

Electronic Litigation 2011, organized by the Singapore Academy of Law (Singapore, August 2011)

Spain

‘New technologies and criminal procedure’ at the 7th European Jurists’ Forum (Barcelona, April 2013)

Tanzania

‘Lessons in strategies for the introduction of ICT in the administration of commercial justice in an emerging economy’, conference sponsored by the World Bank, entitled The Role of Information and Communication Technology in the Administration of Commercial Justice (Arusha, Tanzania, September 2007)

Turkey

‘Digital evidence – an introduction’, Digital Investigation Seminar, (Ankara, May 2015)

‘An overview of digital evidence’, International Law Congress 2008, Ankara Bar Association, (Ankara, January 2008)

Wales

‘Digital evidence and privacy’ at Information Privacy, Security and Forensics in the Digital Age, Aberystwyth University and the National Library Wales (Aberystwyth, September 2012)

United States of America

‘e-Discovery Without Borders’, American Association for the Advancement of Science (Washington, DC, December 2011) by video link

International Forum on eNotarization and eApostilles (Washington, DC 2006) (Los Angeles, 2007) (New Orleans, 2008 – part of the Conclusions & Recommendations were taken from text of my speech)

ARMA International 51st Annual Conference & Expo (San Antonio, 2006)