

Stephen Mason

Professional training for members of the judiciary, lawyers and students

BA (Hons) (History and Educational Philosophy), MA, LL.M., PGCE (FE)

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

The scientific committee of Tech and Law Center, a research center of the University of Insubria (Como)

Past contributor, etc

Christopher Davis, editor, *Due Diligence Law and Practice* (Sweet & Maxwell)

Stephen Saxby, editor, *Encyclopedia of Information Technology Law* (Sweet & Maxwell)

Past independent director of tScheme Limited (tScheme is the national body responsible for accreditation and supervision referred to in Article 3(4) of the EU electronic signature Directive), 2009 – 2016

Past member of the IT Panel of the General Council of the Bar of England and Wales, 2000 – 2018

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)

Training film for members of the judiciary

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

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)

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)

General training for members of the judiciary, lawyers and police officers

‘Digital forensic tools and how judges might consider their reliability’ at Computer forensics in legal proceedings: fundamentals and principles, Academy of European Law in cooperation with the Lithuanian Prosecutor General’s Office (Vilnius, Lithuania, 25 – 26 March 2019)

Five two-day courses ‘Introduction to the law and practice relating to electronic evidence’, for judges, lawyers, prosecutors and investigators, organized by the Court Administration of Latvia with the Academy of European Law (Riga, Latvia, 16 – 17 April and 18 – 19 April 2018; 3 – 4 December, 5 – 6 December 2018; 4 – 5 March 2019)

‘Handling electronic evidence in courts: the defence perspective’ at Investigating Web 2.0, Academy of European Law in cooperation with the Judicial Studies Committee of Malta (Valetta, Malta, 18 – 19 February 2019)

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, Italy, 28 – 29 May 2018)

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

The life cycle of e-evidence: handling e-evidence in cases involving child sex abuse material, Academy of European Law (Trier, Germany, 19 – 20 February 2018)

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

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

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

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

‘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 in cooperation with the Judicial Academy (Zagreb, Croatia, 7 – 8 March 2017)

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

Speaker and mentor at the Cyber Security Summer School 2016 ‘Digital Forensics — Technology and Law’, 3 – 8 July 2016, Tallinn, Estonia (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)

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, Poland, 11 June 2016)

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

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

‘An introduction to electronic evidence’, Instituto Politécnico de Leiria (Leiria, Portugal, 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, Portugal, 29 February – 1 March 2016)

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

‘Relying on electronic evidence in criminal cases’, Academy of European Law (Institutului National al Magistraturii, Bucharest, Romania, 12 – 13 November 2015)

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’ (Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 4 November 2015)

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

‘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, Latvia, 2 – 3 June 2015)

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

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

‘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, Portugal, 12 – 13 March 2015)

‘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, Bulgaria, 25 February 2014), part of the training programme for the training of judges in the context of full membership of the European Union

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

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)

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, Italy, 21 – 22 November 2013)

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, Spain, 6 – 7 June 2013)

Basic Training Course on Legal and Technical Aspects of Cybercrime for Judges and Prosecutors (Academy of European Law Conference Centre, Trier, Germany, 15 – 16 November 2012)

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

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

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

Two workshops for judges and prosecutors upon the request of Counselor Abdul Rahmnan M. Al Baloushi, Director of International Cooperation Administration, Ministry of Justice, Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates: ‘Cyber crime’ (2 – 3 June 2010) and ‘Electronic evidence’ (10 – 11 May 2009)

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

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

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

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

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

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