



**‘PIERCING THE VEIL’
INCORPORATION AND LIABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
DAMAGE: WIDENING THE NET?**

(2 CPD points)

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Purpose: There is an ever-widening trend to try to make parent and other linked organisations liable for the actions of their subsidiaries and associated entities, both in a criminal and in a civil context. The issue of who can incur liability gives rise to important considerations as to how businesses and corporate officers might guard against the risk of traditionally unexpected financial obligations or penalties, both collectively and individually. This seminar will consider ways in which the law is applied to achieve punitive and compensatory outcomes in the courts. We also look at prospective developments, including the relevant principles that are applied to determine liability in other jurisdictions.

Topics:

- Basic principles of liability;
- Strict liability in criminal cases: how do the courts apply the rules in an environmental context?
- The criminal liability of company director and officers;
- The determination of liability in a civil environmental context;
- What lessons can be taken from CPR Part 6 and private international law?
- EU competition principles – the liability of parent undertakings for the acts of subsidiaries;
- The US “continuity of business” and successor liability as applied in the US

Date/Venue: Wednesday 12th July 4.30-6.30 pm (tea/coffee available from 4.15pm) at 6 Pump Court Chambers. Drinks and canapés to follow.

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