

SPECIAL WORKSHOP TO FOCUS ON CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR DATA HOSTERS AND DATA CENTRES

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London, 21st March 2005 – A special workshop at the Data Centres Europe 2005 event (www.datacentreseurope.com) will focus on Criminal and Civil liability for data hosters and data centres.

The workshop, to be chaired by international lawyer Tim Mellors, who is also chairman of the Colocation and Hosting Association, will be presented by Alexander Brown of London law firm Simmons and Simmons. The seminar will assess critical issues for content producers and hosters, including hosters' liability in the event of breach of copyright particularly when file-sharing.

Simmons and Simmons are one of the top international firms in telecommunications law with recent credits including advice to clients that has assisted in evolving law in the area of licence fees for third generation mobile licences. A further speaker will cover the allied and complimentary area of hosters' liability in the event of breach of copyright.

"It has come as a surprise to several data centre operators and hosting companies to learn that in certain jurisdictions firms are still failing to comply with legislative requirements," said Mr Mellor. "However putting in place a few simple business systems can really reduce risk in this area. The event will be of key interest to law firms with telecommunications practices, given the current regeneration of the data centre sector. It will also attract representatives of the music industry, who produce the content to which the copyrights attach.

Data Centres Europe 2005 is the annual forum for the data centre, colocation and hosting industry. Sponsors for the event include Tyco Electronics, Corning, The Bunker, BladeLogic, Lamda Hellix and The Colocation Exchange.

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