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Young Fraud Lawyers
in the North Association

**The YFLNA and 7 Harrington Street Chambers are pleased to
announce the YFLNA's first seminar of 2014:**

13 FEBRUARY 2014 @ 5.30PM

@ MALMAISON, Manchester

'BITCOIN - THE CURRENCY OF FUTURE?'

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FREE TO OUR MEMBERS, £20 FOR NON MEMBERS

Networking opportunities after seminar over drinks and canapés.

The seminar shall discuss the history of digital currencies and the development of Bitcoin. We shall examine how Bitcoin operates in practice and review the potential positives, and negatives of Bitcoin as a currency. We will then focus upon how the advantages of Bitcoin have led to the legitimacy of the currency facing a challenge as it is adopted by criminals to facilitate frauds, money laundering and other online crime. Finally, the seminar will focus on the challenges faced by national regulators in monitoring and taxing the use of Bitcoin and investigating suspected misuse.

The problems faced by investigators engaged in tracing assets of defendants will also be considered, as it is predicted that the use of digital currencies in an attempt to defeat asset forfeiture legislation will become increasingly widespread. Defence lawyers will need to understand how evidence can (or cannot) be gathered in furtherance of the preparation of our client's defence.

Bitcoin is the future - you need to know about it now!

This forward thinking and progressive seminar shall be presented by:

Nigel Power QC and **Ian Whitehurst** of **7 Harrington Street**.

Nigel has extensive experience in dealing with serious crime and fraud. He is highly regarded for his expertise on complex and high-profile cases and has been described in the Legal 500 as "*excelling in cases involving complex technical, medical or scientific evidence*"

As well as a strong background in defending allegations of fraud, **Ian** has developed an expertise in dealing with online crime, including successfully conducting the defence in the OINK File Sharing case; the first ever criminal prosecution for online file distribution.

Drinks and canapes shall be served after this event in order to encourage networking.

Please RSVP to contactyflna@gmail.com to reserve your place.

We look forward to seeing you at our future free events!

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