



RUSSIA'S SWISS ENABLERS

Panelist Biographies

Bill Browder
Head, Global Magnitsky Justice Campaign

Bill Browder is the founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management, which was the investment adviser to the largest foreign investment fund in Russia until 2005, when Browder was denied entry to the country and declared a “threat to national security” as a result of his battle against corporate corruption.

Following his expulsion, the Russian authorities raided his offices, seized Hermitage Fund’s investment companies and used them to steal \$230 million of taxes that the companies had previously paid. When Browder’s lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, investigated the crime, he was arrested by the same officers he implicated, tortured for 358 days, and killed in custody at the age of 37 in November 2009.

Since then, Browder has spent the last 5 years fighting for justice for Mr. Magnitsky. The Russian government exonerated and even promoted some of the officials involved so Browder took the case to America, where his campaigning led to the U.S. Congress adopting the ‘Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act’ in 2012, which imposed visa sanctions and asset freezes on those involved in the detention, ill-treatment and death of Sergei Magnitsky (as well as in other human rights abuses). This law was the first time the U.S. sanctioned Russia in 35 years and became the model for all subsequent U.S. sanctions against Russia.

Miranda Patrucic
Deputy Editor in Chief, Regional and Central Asia, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP)

Based in Sarajevo, Miranda Patrucic joined OCCRP in 2006 and is the deputy editor in chief for regional stories and Central Asia. She oversees regional editors around the world and OCCRP’s work in Central Asia.

She worked on the award-winning “Plunder and Patronage in the Heart of Central Asia” and “The Matraimov Kingdom” series of stories, which led to protests that eventually brought down

a government in Kyrgyzstan. She has also worked on investigations that exposed billions in telecom bribes in Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan; uncovered hidden assets of Azerbaijan's and Montenegro's ruling elites; and revealed a €1.2 billion arms trade between Europe and the Gulf, which fueled conflicts in the Middle East.

She is a member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and worked on the Panama Papers, the Paradise Papers, and the FinCEN Files. She is the recipient of the Knight International Journalism Award, the Global Shining Light Award, the IRE Tom Renner Award, the Daniel Pearl Award, and the European Press Prize. She also runs a fellowship program that trains journalists on how to investigate and uncover corruption and "follow the money."

Mark Pieth
President of the Board, Basel Institute of Governance

Professor Mark Pieth leads a boutique international law firm specialised in white-collar crime and Swiss criminal law.

Based in Basel, Office Pieth draws on the experience gained by Mark Pieth over an illustrious 30-year career as a legal expert, defense lawyer, judge, and compliance advisor. It provides expert opinions in international cases, in particular in the area of economic crime (corruption, money laundering, fraud), and on Swiss law in domestic and foreign proceedings. Focus areas include criminal law, criminal procedure, and mutual legal assistance.

Professor Pieth's reputation is built on 27 years as Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Basel and prominent roles on the international stage, such as Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery for 24 years, a founding member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), a member of the UN Independent Inquiry Committee into the Iraq Oil-for-Food Programme, and Chair of the Independent Governance Committee overseeing the reform process of FIFA. He has served as an expert in landmark arbitration cases, such as IPOC, Fraport vs Philippines, Spentex vs Uzbekistan and numerous high-profile commercial cases.

Pieth has authored or edited over 35 books on economic crime, organized crime and criminal law, as well as a Toolkit for Arbitrators on corruption and money laundering in international arbitration that has received worldwide acclaim. He established the Competence Centre Arbitration and Crime at the University of Basel, is a Founding Fellow of the International Academy of Financial Crime Litigators, and founded the Basel Institute on Governance in 2003 as a research and policy institute focused on anti-corruption Collective Action, international asset recovery and countering economic crime.