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Saturday 24 November 2018

De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms

61-65 Great Queen St, London WC2B 5DA

PROGRAMME



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08:30 - 09:10

Registration | Exhibition viewing | Refreshments

09:10 - 10:30

Opening Address | Keynote speaker

Lucinda Orr, Chair of the Annual Bar and Young Bar Conference

Andrew Walker QC, Chair of the Bar of England & Wales

The Rt Hon Geoffrey Cox QC MP, Attorney General | **Opening Keynote**

The Rt Hon Lord Sumption OBE, Justice of The Supreme Court | **Opening Keynote**

10:30 - 11:00

Refreshments | Exhibition viewing

11:00 - 12:00

Bar Council IT Panel and Education & Training Committee

Pupillage and beyond: The role of technology in post-qualification education for barristers

An interactive session to explore how technology will benefit the development of a barrister's post-qualification education. The session will also consider data management in relation to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and how data management can help identify issues with diversity in the profession.

Moderator:

Jonathan Goulding, Chair of the Pupil Supervisor Network, Education & Training Committee member

Speakers include:

Simao Paxi-Cato, Black Antelope Law, Education & Training Committee member

Sinead Connolly, Data privacy and technology expert

Shobana Iyer, IT Panel Committee member

Bethan Mayman, Head of Risk and Compliance at Rliance



Young Bar Fraud Lawyers Association (YFLA)

Footsteps in fraud law: Your path to success

Insights into career development for junior barristers considering entering the field of fraud/financial crime and an opportunity to hear from a range of leading lawyers.



Moderator:

Sam Roake, Red Lion Chambers

Speakers include:

Alison Pople QC, Cloth Fair Chambers

Claire Cross, Partner, Corker Binning

David Perry QC, 6KBW College Hill

Nick Vamos, Partner, Peters & Peters LLP



Bar Council Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Panel & Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)

Alternative roads to solutions: Pros and cons of civil & family models of ADR

An interactive discussion on ADR advocacy in civil and family cases. An opportunity to learn more about a barrister's expectations, and sharing best practice on preparation.



Moderator:

Colin Manning, 4-5 Gray's Inn Square

Rhys Taylor, 30 Park Place and The 36 Group

Speakers include:

Anthony Kirk QC, 1KBW

Karin Walker, KGW Family Law

Spenser Hilliard, Field Court Chambers

Louisa Nye, 5 Stone Buildings



The Legal Practice Management Association (LPMA) & Institute of Barristers' Clerks (IBC)

Professionalising the business of chambers

Join this session for a discussion of how barristers in leadership roles should manage their chambers to help ensure success and survival. This session will cover every aspect of running a professional business from client relationships, financial planning, regulatory compliance, and managing people and resources through to the optimum use of technology and the development of the business of both chambers and its individual members.

Speakers include:

Lucy Barbet, Vice Chair of the IBC and Joint Senior Clerk of 11KBW

Catherine Calder, co-Chair of the LPMA and Joint Chief Executive of Serjeants' Inn

Nicholas Hill, Chair of the IBC and Senior Clerk of 3 New Square

Robin Jackson, co-Chair of the LPMA and Chambers Director of 3VB



Bar Human Rights Committee (BHRC)

A global mission: Championing women in the fight for human rights

On the eve of the first 100 years of women in the law, Bar Human Rights Committee will discuss how women in legal professions use their expertise around the world to represent women. From journalists and lawyers to human rights defenders who are under attack for defending the rights of women around the world. Covering case studies of women in practice, academia, government and charities using their wealth of knowledge and expertise to champion human rights and advance the role of women in the law.

Moderator:

Kirsty Brimelow QC, Chair of the Bar Human Rights Committee

Speakers include:

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, FRSA, Hon FRSE

Susi Bascon, Director of Peace Brigades International

Tanya Barron OBE, CEO of Plan International UK

Hon. (Mrs.) Justice P.A. Mahmood, Court Of Appeal Judge of Nigeria



Bar Pro Bono Committee & Chancery Bar Association (ChBA)

Chambers Social Responsibility: Why chambers need to get smarter about their role as a force for good

Increasing numbers of chambers are adopting socially responsible policies and practices. This session will encourage discussion on the role of chambers (and their members) as sets become increasingly professional in their approach.

Speakers include:

Amanda Tipples QC, recent Chair of the Chancery Bar Association and the Wellbeing Committee

Alec McCluskey, Member of ChBA

Lakhraj Minhas, Heart of the City Westminster Manager/Westminster City Council

Gary Blaker QC, Bar Council Pro Bono Committee

12:00 - 13:00

Morning plenary session | Keynote address

The Rt Hon David Gauke MP, Lord Chancellor

Richard Hoyle, Chair of the Young Barristers' Committee

Baroness Chakrabarti CBE, PC, Shadow Attorney General of England and Wales

13:00 - 14:15

Lunch | Exhibition viewing



Bar Council EU Law Committee, Brexit Working Group and European Group Circuit, with the Bar of Ireland

Brexit: Implications of the final Draft Agreements

The expectation on both sides of the Channel is that agreement will be reached by October or more likely, November, of this year on the terms of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, comprising the Withdrawal Agreement and Framework for the Future Relationship. That agreement will be subject to confirmation by the Member States, the European Parliament and the UK Parliament in order that it take effect by 29 March 2019, when, in accordance with the terms of Article 50 of the Treaty on the European Union, the UK is set to leave the EU.

Whilst the finer detail of the future relationship will not yet be clear, this is likely to be one of the first opportunities to engage in a high level discussion on all aspects of the future UK-EU arrangements, with some degree of certainty as to their architecture.

Moderator:

Rhodri Thompson QC, Chair of the Bar Council EU Law Committee; Matrix Chambers

Speakers include:

Paul McGarry SC, Immediate past Chair, Bar of Ireland

Sarah Ramsey, Chair of the Bar of Northern Ireland

Hugh Mercer QC, Chair of the Bar Brexit Working Group; Leader, European Circuit

Evanna Fruithof, Consultant Director, Bar Council Brussels Office



Bar Council Ethics Committee and Inns of Court College of Advocacy (ICCA)

Clearing up confidentiality and privilege: Problems for the practitioner

This lively and interactive session will focus on one of the thorniest of ethical issues at the Bar. Practitioners at all stages and from all practice areas are invited to join the discussion, hear from our speakers, and challenge them and each other.

Moderator:

Alistair MacDonald QC, New Park Court Chambers, ICCA and ex-Chair of the Bar

Speakers include:

Caroline Carberry QC, Furnival Chambers; Bar Council Ethics Committee

Helena Duong, 23 Essex Street, Bar Council Ethics Committee, Young Barristers' Committee

Mark Fell, Radcliffe Chambers, Bar Council Ethics Committee

Paul Stanley QC, Essex Court Chambers

Sam Stein QC, Nexus Chambers



Bar Council Law Reform Committee and Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)

Driverless cars: Law and insurance in the fast lane

This session will discuss the implications of automated vehicles for law reform and personal injury litigation.

Moderator:

Fergus Randolph QC, Chair of the Bar Council Law Reform Committee

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Speakers include:

Keith Kitson, Technical Consultant, Motor Aon UK Limited

Max Archer, 12 KBW, Personal Injuries Bar Association

Nicholas Paines QC, Commissioner (Public Law), Law Commission

William Audland QC, Personal Injuries Bar Association



Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunals Service and Bar Council Legal Services Committee

In conversation with Susan Acland-Hood, Chief Executive of HMCTS

Susan Acland-Hood, Chief Executive of HMCTS, talks with Derek Sweeting QC, Chair of the Bar Council's Legal Services Committee about the scale, aims and challenges of highly ambitious and at times controversial proposals for court reform. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Speakers include:

Derek Sweeting QC, Chair of the Bar Council Legal Services Committee

Susan Acland-Hood, Chief Executive of Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunals Service





Bar Council Employed Barristers Committee

The revolving door: Seizing opportunities for a fluid career at the Bar

Join us to explore the key challenges of transferring to the employed from the self-employed Bar. Hear from those who have done it and why they highly recommend it.

Moderator:

Jenny Agnew, Chair of the Employed Barrister Committee

Speakers include:

Alison Levitt QC, Mishcon de Reya LLP

Sara George, Stephenson Harwood

Penny Hamilton, Former senior legal adviser to HM Customs and Excise, Partner of PwC, Pump Court Tax Chambers. Past President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation



Bar Council Remuneration Committee

Getting the price right: What fee reforms mean for the Bar

The latest developments in the Advocates' Graduated Fee Scheme, Lord Justice Jackson's proposals for extending the fixed recoverable costs scheme, changes to fees in 'whiplash' cases and the new fee regime for clinical negligence cases.

Speakers include:

Martyn McLeish, Remuneration Committee and Personal Injuries Bar Association member

Neil Hawes QC, Joint Chair of the Remuneration Committee

Nick Bacon QC, Joint Chair of the Remuneration Committee

Michael Horne QC, Vice-Chair of the Remuneration Committee



Bar Standards Board (BSB)

Ten things you need to know about pupillage

The BSB invites chambers and other organisations that train pupils to its afternoon session to learn about what the new education and training rules will mean for pupillage from 2019 and how the Professional Statement is essential in assessing pupils' competence.

The session also provides an opportunity to find out how to meet the requirements of the new Authorisation Framework.

Speakers include:

Ewen MacLeod, Director of Strategy and Policy, Bar Standards Board (BSB)

Julia Witting, Head of Supervision, Bar Standards Board (BSB)

Michael Murphy, Barrister and former pupil, 23 Essex Street Chambers

Brad Pomfret, Barrister and pupil supervisor, 23 Essex Street Chambers

15:15 - 15:35

Refreshments | Exhibition viewing

15:40 - 16:40



Young Bar Opening Keynote and Open Forum

Keynote:

Leslie Thomas QC, Joint-Head of Garden Court Chambers

Taking the Road Less Travelled: Redefining what it means to be successful at the Bar, yet remaining true to your core principles and values

A chance to ask any burning questions about Court Reform, Magistrates' Court Fees, AGFS, Wellbeing at the Bar and more.

Young Bar open forum panel includes:

Andrew Walker QC, Chair of the Bar of England and Wales

Frances Judd QC, Chair, Family Law Bar Association

Richard Hoyle, Chair of the Bar Council Young Barristers' Committee

Eason Rajah QC, Chair of the Chancery Bar Association





Bar Council International Committee and Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)

International dispute resolution: An opportunity for the Bar

Join the Bar Council's International Committee and COMBAR to hear from experienced practitioners and the Bench on effective advocacy before international commercial courts. Find out how members of the Bar in England and Wales can best promote their professional skills in courts internationally.

Moderator:

Amanda Pinto QC, Chair of the Bar Council International Committee

Speakers include:

Sir Jeremy Cooke, 7KBW

Michael Patchett-Joyce, Vice-Chair of the International Committee,, Ely Place Chambers

Steven Thompson QC, Vice-Chair of the International Committee, XXIV Old Buildings

Sanjay Patel, 4 Pump Court

16:40 - 17:30

Closing address

The Rt Hon Lord Justice Hickinbottom

Her Honour Judge Anne Molyneux MBE

In conversation with Jonathan Ames, Editor of The Brief of The Times Newspaper, on alternative routes to the Bench.

17:30 - 19:00

Networking reception



Bar Council Equality & Diversity and Social Mobility Committee (EDSM), Western Circuit Women's Forum and Behind the gown

Harassment at the Bar: How do we stop it?

The session will focus on harassment at the modern Bar and will encourage discussion and consider solutions to tackling harassment.

Moderator:

Kate Brunner QC, Albion Chambers and Western Circuit Women's Forum

Speakers include:

Faisal Sadiq, Ely Place, Equality Diversity & Social Mobility Committee

Dee Masters, Cloisters, Equality Diversity & Social Mobility Committee

Esther Gamble, No 5 Chambers, EDSM's Retention Panel

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