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Early Bird Session: 1 hour (sign-in required)

Plenary Session: 1 hour

Concurrent Specialist Sessions: morning 1.5 hours, afternoon 1.5 hours

Open Forum Debate: 1 hour

An additional 1 hour is available to delegates up to and including 10 years' call who attend the Young Bar Forum (sign-in required).

PROGRAMME

0730 – 0915

Registration

0800 – 0900

EARLY BIRD

Pro Bono: Getting the Help to Where it is Needed

Moderator *Tim Dutton QC* Vice Chairman, General Council of the Bar of England and Wales

Speakers

Mizan Abdulrouf Joint Head of Project, Pro Bono in the LMC (London Muslim Centre)

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0830 – 0915

Welcome Coffee and Exhibition

0930 – 1030

PLENARY SESSION

Welcome

Catherine Addy Conference Chairman

Opening Speech

Geoffrey Vos QC Chairman, General Council of the Bar of England and Wales

Keynote Address

Sir Sydney Kentridge QC

Followed by the presentation of the Bar Pro Bono Award

1030 – 1100

Refreshments and Exhibition

1100 – 1230

CONCURRENT SPECIALIST SESSIONS

1 Roundtable Discussion

Commercial Lawyers and Human Rights – an Unholy Alliance?

Moderator

Ali Malek QC 3 Verulam Buildings

Key participants will lead discussion and provide perspectives from academia, civil/US legal systems, the judiciary and the European Court of Human Rights.

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2 Human Rights and Divorce

Have the Rights of Wives gone too far?

Moderator

A Family Division Specialist Judge

Can it ever be just to award a wife £48 million on divorce? Have the English Courts become the forum of choice for divorcing wives? Two leading QC's will lead the debate on the fairness of current matrimonial finance law.

Speakers

Nick Francis QC Head of Chambers, 29 Bedford Row

James Turner QC 1 King's Bench Walk

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3 Advocacy beyond the Courtroom – Independence, Integrity and Human Rights

Moderator

Charles Haddon-Cave QC Quadrant Chambers; Recorder; International Arbitrator; Advocacy Trainer, Advocacy Training Council

Speakers

Georgina Dickinson Advocacy Trainer, CPS
Jill Frances Senior Lecturer BVC; College of Law
Bernard Richmond QC Lamb Building; Recorder; Director of Studies, Middle Temple Advocacy
Helen Mahy Group Company Secretary and General Counsel, National Grid; Chair, Counsel 100; former Co-Chair, EBC

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4 Bar Standards Board Debate: Freedom of Conscience and Freedom of Expression are Unduly Restricted by the Code of Conduct

Moderator

Charles Hollander QC Brick Court Chambers

Speakers will include

David Etherington QC 18 Red Lion Court; Chair, Bar Council's Professional Practice Committee

5 International Tribunals: Justice or a Propaganda Exercise?

Moderator

David Spens QC Garden Court Chambers; Leader of the South Eastern Circuit

Speakers will include

Sir Geoffrey Nice QC 1 Temple Gardens, leading Prosecution Counsel in the trial of Slobodan Milosevic
John Laughland journalist and author of 'Travesty: The Trial of Slobodan Milosevic and the Corruption of International Justice'

Presentation will include video footage

Organised by the South Eastern Circuit

1230 – 1400

Lunch and Exhibition

1300 – 1400

YOUNG BAR FORUM Human Rights: The Young Bar at Home and Abroad

(open to delegates up to and including 10 years' Call)

Moderator

Sophie Shotton 15 New Bridge Street; Chairman, Young Barristers' Committee

Speakers

Navtej Ahluwalia Took's Chambers

Michelle Harris 1 Pump Court

Stephen Povles Doughty Street Chambers

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1330 – 1400

CAREERS IN THE JUDICIARY

Have you ever considered a career in the judiciary? Do you wonder if you have what it takes to be a good Judge?

Speakers

Commissioners from the Judicial Appointments Commission

Organised by the Judicial Appointments Commission

1400 – 1530

CONCURRENT SPECIALIST SESSIONS

6 Freedom of the Individual or Prevention of Serious Crime. Do we have to choose?

Moderator

Sally O'Neill QC Furnival Chambers; Chairwoman, Criminal Bar Association

Speakers

Panel to be announced

Organised by the Criminal Bar Association

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7 Defending the Right to Defend Human Rights: Human Rights Defenders

Moderator and speakers to be announced

Human rights defenders from across the world will create a vibrant and open exchange on the issues they face in carrying out their daily work of defending and promoting human rights, comparing the difficulties encountered in those countries where the rule of law has broken down and those which seek to use laws to oppress civil society.

Organised by the Bar Human Rights Committee

8 Family, Property and the Love Rat: The Proposed Law on Cohabitation, Expropriation of Property and Human Rights

Moderator

Michael Todd QC Chairman, Chancery Bar Association

Speakers

Stuart Bridge Law Commission

Sir Paul Morgan High Court Judge, Chancery Division

Sir James Munby High Court Judge, Family Division

Shan Warnock-Smith QC 5 Stone Buildings

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9 A Mediated Settlement – an Alternative to an Article 6 Hearing?

Moderator

Michel Kallipetis QC Quadrant Chambers

Speakers

Iain Christie 5 Raymond Buildings

Colin Manning Littleton Chambers

Andrew Parsons Portsmouth Barristers' Chambers

Beverly-Ann Rogers Serle Court

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1530 – 1600

Refreshments and Exhibition

1600 – 1700

OPEN FORUM – THE DEBATE

The Motion: This Conference believes that the Human Rights Act should be repealed

Moderator

Danny Shaw Home Affairs Correspondent, BBC Radio 4

Speakers for the Proposition

Dominic Grieve MP Shadow Attorney General

Melanie Phillips Daily Mail columnist and author of 'Londonistan'

Speakers for the Opposition

Shami Chakrabarti Director, Liberty

Ben Emerson QC Matrix Chambers

Followed by contributions invited from the floor.

Presentation of the Legal Reporting Awards

1700 – 1800

Conference Reception

GENERAL INFORMATION/REGISTRATION

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Conference organiser

Judy Lane Consulting (JLC)
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Exhibition

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Who should attend?

Silks, Juniors, Pupils, Employed Barristers, Heads of Chambers, In-House Legal Counsel, Members of the Judiciary, Solicitors, Overseas Lawyers, Barristers' Clerks, Practice Managers/Chief Executives, Law Academics and BVC and Law Students.

Media attendance

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To qualify for the lower registration fees, your form and payment must be received at JLC's office by **21 September**.

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Category 2 - Barrister over 7 years' call; senior clerk; practice manager; chief executive, law firm associate; law academics	£245 plus VAT (£287.88)	£357 plus VAT (£419.48)
Category 3 - Barrister up to and including 7 years' call; junior clerk	£200 plus VAT (£235.00)	£263 plus VAT (£309.03)
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Category 5 - Pupil/Law student - Places in this category are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis	£125 (inc VAT)	£125 (inc VAT)

Fees include

- Attendance at all working sessions and the exhibition
- Receipt of any available papers
- Buffet lunch with wine
- Refreshments during breaks
- Closing reception

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