Legal aid at 70

making good law – making law good

A conference marking the contribution that civil legal aid has made to the development of the law.

Keynote address: Lady Hale will give the keynote speech and delegates will hear from experts across different fields about key cases and areas for development to improve the law.

Friday 5 April 2019

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Conference programme

09.00 Registration
Opportunity to speak to sponsors/exhibitors and network

Morning sessions are all plenary and will be held in the auditorium

09.45 Welcome
Steve Hynes, Director, Legal Action Group

10.00 Keynote speech
President of The Supreme Court, The Right Hon the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE

10.30 Key Achievements and Omissions
Expert analysis of key developments in public law, social welfare, family and inquest law and how to extend the reach to increase access to justice
Chair: Stephen Knafler QC, Landmark Chambers

Part 1 Social Welfare and Family Law
Sue James, Director Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre
Jawaid Luqmani, Partner Luqmani Thompson & Partners
Cris McCurley, Ben Hoare Bell LLP
Karen Ashton, Head of Public Law and Community Care at Central England Law Centre

11.15 Coffee
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11.30 Part 2 Public Law and Inquests
Sara Lomri, Public Law Project
Marcia Willis Stewart QC (Hon), Birnberg Peirce
Fiona Murphy, Doughty Street TBC
Amanda Weston QC, Garden Court

12.15 Future proofing: digital innovation and access to justice
Chair: Joe de Wet, LEAP
Terry Stokes, Chief Executive LASA
Martin Barnes, LawWorks
Gareth Morgan, Ferret Information Systems.
Speaker on Artificial Intelligence
13.00 Lunch
Opportunity to speak to sponsors/exhibitors and network

13.50 Plenary
LASPO Review Team – civil legal aid – what next?
Round up from Ministry of Justice review team

14.10 Masterclasses
Key cases, recent developments and hot topic delivered by experts in their field.
Delegates can choose two of six topics (one from Masterclasses 1 and one from
Masterclasses 2).

14.10 Masterclasses 1
a) Public law: speakers from Public Law Project
b) Housing law: John Gallagher, principal solicitor, Shelter and Diane Astin, solicitor,
   Deighton Pierce Glynn
c) Civil legal aid – looking forward: contributor to Legal Aid Handbook and Chris Minnoch,
   chief executive, Legal Aid Practitioners Group

15.00 Tea

15.20 Masterclasses 2
a) Disability and children’s rights cases: Steve Broach, Monckton Chambers and Polly
   Sweeney, Irwin Mitchell
b) Migrant support: Shu Shin Luh, Garden Court Chambers; Deborah Gellner, Asylum
   Support Appeals Project (ASAP) and Connor Johnston, Garden Court Chambers
   Rights of people in detention: Laura Dubinsky, Doughty Street Chambers,
   Hamish Arnott and Simon Creighton, Bhatt Murphy

16.10 Plenary
The greatest legal aid case of all time – the big vote
Chair: Helena Kennedy, Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws QC TBC

Six three-minute presentations followed by a vote for the greatest civil legal aid case

16.45 Closing remarks
Dr Laura Janes, Chair of Legal Action Group, Legal Director of the Howard League for
Penal Reform

17.00 Drinks reception

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**Who should book on?**
Practitioners, policy advisers and students with an interest in access to justice and the civil legal aid scheme. The conference will appeal to delegates of all levels and there will be ample time set aside for Q&As to enable delegates to exchange views and ideas.

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