



Legal aid at 70



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.

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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, Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre
Jawaid Luqmani, Luqmani Thompson & Partners
Cris McCurley, Ben Hoare Bell LLP
Karen Ashton, 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 Chambers
Amanda Weston QC, Garden Court Chambers

12.15 Future proofing: digital innovation and access to justice

Chair: Joe de Wet, LEAP
Richard Miller, The Law Society.
Terry Stokes, LASA
Martin Barnes, LawWorks
Gareth Morgan, Ferret Information Systems
Fiona Booth, Genie AI

13.00 Lunch

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13.50 Plenary

LASPO Review Team – civil legal aid – what next?

Round up from Fiona Rutherford, Deputy Director of Legal Aid Strategy and Policy
Ministry of Justice LASPO review team

14.10 Masterclasses

Key cases, recent developments and hot topics 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: Chris Minnoch, Legal Aid Practitioners Group; Sue James Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre and Editor *Legal Aid Handbook* and Matt Howgate, DG Legal

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 and Connor Johnston, Garden Court Chambers
- c) 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

Speakers from Garden Court, Matrix & Doughty Street Chambers, Public Law Project & Bindmans

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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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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