

The Changing Landscape



Broadway House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NQ
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A conference for professional negligence and liability specialists providing a full and extensive update starting with the new Business and Property Courts and legal developments focussing on key areas: property, construction, costs and cybercrime. In addition the conference will include the new and innovative funding solution from Crowd Justice and the latest software and support for e-disclosure.

Mr Justice Birss

Chairman: Michael Pooles QC – Hailsham Chambers

Nicola Rushton – Hailsham Chambers

Lucie Briggs – Atkins Chambers & Stephen Homer – Ashfords

Pippa Manby – 4 New Square Chambers

Neil Franklin & Sam McCollum – TLT Solicitors

Mark Leiser - Leicester University

Dominic Tucker & Sarah Pipe - Advanced Discovery

Julia Salasky – Crowd Justice

AGENDA

09.00 – 09.25 Registration and Refreshments

09.25 – 09.30 PNLA Introduction

09.30 – 10.00 Crowd Justice – www.crowdjustice.com – Julia Salasky – CEO/Founder

Crowd Justice was founded to increase access to the legal system. CrowdJustice is a donation-based crowdfunding platform that enables individuals to raise funds and awareness for legal cases. It has been featured in the BBC, the Guardian and Forbes as a "game changer" in increasing access to legal services.

A former litigator, Julia has worked as a lawyer at Linklaters, a legal aid clinic and the United Nations. She was named "a future shaper" by Marie Claire magazine, one of Debretts most influential people in law, and an industry leader in litigation finance by Law.com.

10.00 – 10.45 Chairman's Address – Michael Pooles QC – Hailsham Chambers

Michael Pooles QC's principal area of practice is that of professional indemnity claims and related coverage issues. He frequently acts for or against lawyers, accountants and surveyors but he acts for or against all manner of professionals including areas such as veterinary science, land management and fish farming. He is frequently instructed in costs matters. His practice also includes general insurance matters of all types. Michael is consistently ranked as a leading silk in the areas of professional negligence and costs by the leading directories and is Chambers & Partners' 2016 Silk of the Year for Professional Negligence. Michael was formerly one of the editors of the solicitors' chapter of Professional Negligence and Liability.

10.45 – 11.00 Refreshments

11.00 – 11.45 Professional Negligence and Property – Nicola Rushton – Hailsham Chambers

Nicola specialises in finance-related professional negligence and in commercial claims related to secured lending. She has substantial experience of all types of claims relating to mortgages, claims against financial professionals such as brokers and accountants, fixed charge receiverships, asset and debt recovery and insolvency. She has particular expertise in claims by lenders against their professional advisers and against borrowers.

11.45 – 12.30 Architects' Negligence - Lucie Briggs, Atkin Chambers & Stephen Homer, Ashfords

Lucie acted for the successful claimant in Riva Properties Ltd & Ors v Foster + Partners Ltd [2017] EWHC 2574. She specialises in construction and engineering, energy, infrastructure, information technology and professional negligence disputes. She regularly acts for a wide variety of clients including contractors, construction and IT professionals, government entities, private employers, manufacturers and their professional advisers.

Stephen is Head of Adjudication and Arbitration services at Ashfords solicitors. He was the partner who acted for Riva Properties Limited in its successful claim against Foster & Partners and instructed Lucie Briggs as Counsel on that case. He specialises in Construction law disputes with a major specialism being professional negligence actions against architects, engineers and other construction professionals as well as advising on the drafting and negotiation of construction contracts. Chambers Directory 2017 edition describes Stephen as "a really knowledgeable, experienced construction lawyer.

12.30 – 13.00 E-Disclosure and Relativity – Dominic Tucker eDiscovery Consultant & Sarah Pipe Review Manager – Advanced Discovery (formerly Millnet Limited)

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13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.30 [The Business and Property Courts – Mr Justice Birss – High Court Judge](#)

Sir Colin Birss was called to the Bar in 1990. He became standing counsel to the Comptroller General of Patents Trade Marks and Designs in 2003. In 2008 he was appointed QC and a Deputy Chairman of the Copyright Tribunal. In 2010 he was appointed a specialist circuit judge sitting in the Patents County Court. He was made a Justice of the High Court (Chancery Division) in May 2013 and nominated as a judge of the Patents Court at the same time. In October 2017, he became the Business and Property Courts Supervising Judge for the Midland, Wales and Western Circuits.

14.30 – 15.15 [The Claimant Perspective: recovery options following property hijack – Neil Franklin & Sam McCollum – TLT Solicitors](#)

Neil is a Banking and Financial services litigator, who focuses on lender professional negligence and fraud claims. He acts mainly for large UK banks on retail and commercial claims. He is known for his proactive and commercial approach in resolving disputes. He regularly speaks on professional negligence issues. Neil is independently recognised as an expert in the field of Professional Negligence by Chambers UK, a guide to the legal profession. He is also admitted in Northern Ireland and an accredited mediator.

Sam is an Associate in the Financial Services Disputes and Investigations team at TLT. He has particular experience acting for lenders in professional negligence claims arising out of commercial and residential property transactions.

15.15 – 15.30 Refreshments

15.30 – 16.15 [Cybercrime, negligence and the ‘Human Factor’ – Mark Leiser – Law Lecturer – University of Leicester](#)

Mark Leiser is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Leicester and has lectured Internet Governance, Intellectual Property, and Privacy/Crime/Security on the Masters Programme, and Intellectual Property, Company and Commercial Law to the undergraduates at the University of Strathclyde and has assisted with the teaching of Information Technology Law and Digital Rights at the London School of Economics and SciencesPo in Paris. His research area focuses on analysing human behaviour in order to develop more effective regulation and governance of the online environment. He was awarded a BSc in the US before completing an LLB at the University of Strathclyde and waiting to defend his PhD.

He has written submissions for the Leveson Inquiry on the prevalence of phone hacking in Scotland and submitted evidence to the Parliamentary Committee for Culture, Media and Sport on ‘fake news’. He has also spoken to the Advocate General’s office in Scotland on the topic. Previously he wrote the tech law column for the Drum Magazine and has appeared on various media programmes discussing various Cyber-Law related issues. In addition to serving on the Scottish Advisory Board of the Open Rights Group, he is a member of the Non-Commercial constituency at Internet Corporation for Assignment of Names and Numbers (ICANN). He won the BILETA award for Best Paper in 2014 and again in 2017.

16.15 – 17.00 [Costs and Funding Negligence – Pippa Manby – 4 New Square Chambers](#)

Pippa has a broad commercial practice encompassing general commercial litigation, professional liability, construction, international arbitration, costs, insurance and sports work. Pippa is recognised by Legal 500 (2017) as a Leading Junior in Sports Law and Costs where she is described as “a rising star, who achieves good results against more experienced opponents”, “efficient at understanding the brief – she has no weaknesses”.

Her professional negligence practice encompasses claims for and against the full range of professionals.

17.00 – 17.30 [Questions and discussion – Chairman’s closing remarks](#)



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