



This year's 'Wheel of Fortune'

Professionals involved in financial services and professional negligence and liability will find this conference not only useful but highly enlightening. The changing fortunes of those involved in litigation will be under review. Results over this year have been surprising and the conference will include inspiration for new areas of litigation and creative approaches.

Dinner
27 November
After dinner speaker
The Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP

Main Conference
28 November
8.30am– 5pm

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Billesley Manor Hotel
Billesley
(Near Stratford upon Avon)
B49 6NF

Chairman and Keynote Speaker
Jeremy Cousins QC – Radcliffe Chambers
Patrick Lawrence QC – 4 New Square Chambers
Ian Wilson QC – 3 Verulam Buildings
David Berkeley QC – 3 Paper Buildings
Anthony Eskander – Church Court Chambers
Colin Witcher – Church Court Chambers
David Pipkin – Temple Legal Protection
Matthew Pascall – Temple Legal Protection
David McIlroy – Forum Chambers
Suzanne Muth – Forum Chambers
Philippa Hill – Grant Thornton
Vijay Rathour – Grant Thornton



The Right Honourable Andrew Mitchell MP - PNLA conference dinner - 27 November 2019

Andrew was born in 1956 and is married with two daughters. He was educated at Rugby School and Cambridge University, where he studied history and was elected as President of the Cambridge Union in 1978. Andrew served in the Army (Royal Tank Regiment) before joining Lazard where he worked with British companies seeking large-scale overseas contracts.

He was the Member of Parliament for Gedling from 1987 to 1997. During this period he held office as a Government Whip and as Minister for Social Security. He also served as a Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party from 1992 to 1993.

In 2001 he was re-elected to Parliament as MP for Sutton Coldfield. In November 2003, he was appointed Shadow Minister for Economic Affairs. From September 2004 until the end of the Parliamentary term, he was Shadow Minister for Home Affairs. Following the General Election in May 2005 Andrew joined the Shadow Cabinet and was appointed Shadow Secretary of State for International Development. Andrew Mitchell was Secretary of State for International Development from May 2010 until September 2012 and Government Chief Whip from September – October 2012.

He speaks widely on international affairs, is the Co-chair of the All-Party Group on Syria, a Fellow at Cambridge University, and a Visiting Fellow at Harvard University and Peking University.

0830–0900 Registration and Refreshments

0900–0910 PNLA Introduction

0910–0930 'Chairman's address' - Jeremy Cousins QC, Radcliffe Chambers

Jeremy Cousins QC specialises in substantial commercial, commercial chancery (including trusts), banking and professional negligence disputes. In 2018 he led Peter Dodge from *Chambers Dreamvar v Mishcon de Reya* in the Court of Appeal. This case, and *P&P Properties v Mary Monson Solicitors*, heard at the same time, as well as establishing a vendor's solicitor's liability to a purchaser as trustee of purchase monies, lay down clear guidelines as to the interpretation of the Code for Completion by Post, and the scope for claims for breach of warranty of authority.

"Very intuitive with a touch of genius about him. A quite exceptional performer, he is remarkably versatile and client-friendly. His encyclopaedic knowledge of the law combined with his thorough preparation make him hard to beat."

Banking & Finance, Chambers UK 2014. <http://www.radcliffechambers.com/barrister/jeremy-cousins/>

Recent cases include: *Matthew & Ors v Sedman & Ors* [2019] EWCA Civ 475 (20 March 2019); *P&P Property Ltd v Owen White & Catlin LLP* [2018] EWCA Civ 1082 (15 May 2018); *Ingram v Singh & Ors* [2018] EWHC 1325 (Ch) (04 May 2018); *Rosserlane Consultants Ltd & Anor v Credit Suisse International* [2015] EWHC 384 (Ch) (20 February 2015)

0930–1015 'Professional Negligence and Liability Update' - Patrick Lawrence QC, 4 New Square

Former Chambers & Partners Professional Negligence QC of the year, Patrick has appeared in many leading cases at appellate level. Many of his recent professional negligence cases have been in the commercial and company law sectors. This work fits well with his expertise in auditors' negligence and his involvement in claims against investment/pensions advisers, tax advisers, and other financial services professionals.

He is numerate (as barristers go). He is retained in cases where effective cross-examination is considered critical. Many of his cases involve allegations of fraud or other impropriety in the commercial world, and he is prepared to read closely large amounts of material in order to find out what really went on, and then – if necessary – to go to court to prove it.

He studies chance and probability, not only in the legal context, and has readily adapted to the brave new world in which lawyers are required to gamble on the success of their own cases. <https://www.4newsquare.com/barristers/patrick-lawrence-qc/>

Recent cases include: *Willers v Joyce & Ors* [2019] EWHC 937 (Ch) (12 April 2019); *Briggs & Ors v Clay & Ors* [2019] EWHC 102 (Ch) (25 February 2019); *Capita (Banstead 2011) Ltd & Anor v RFIB Group Ltd* [2017] EWCA Civ 1032 (20 July 2017); *Williams v SRA* [2017] EWHC 1478; EWHC 200; ORB A.R.L & *Anor v Fiddler & Anor* [2016] EWHC 361 (Comm) (26 February 2016); *Titan Europe 2006-3 Plc v Colliers International UK Plc* [2015] EWCA Civ 1083 (03 November 2015);

1015–1100 'Lender claims and Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999' - Ian Wilson QC, 3 Verulam Buildings

Ian is Counsel in *Chudley & Ors v Clydesdale Bank Plc (t/a Yorkshire Bank)* [2019] EWCA Civ 344 (06 March 2019)

Ian is an experienced commercial litigator, specialising in banking and finance (including consumer credit), financial services and regulation, commercial fraud, insurance, insolvency and restructuring, energy disputes and general commercial litigation as well as offshore litigation and arbitration. He has a strong reputation as a trial advocate and cross-examiner, as well as for his advisory work. He acts principally for banks, insurance companies, financial institutions and insolvency practitioners and has wide experience of financial mis-selling claims and litigation involving fraud and unfair relationship allegations. He has appeared in a number of leading cases, including *Paragon Finance v Plevin* in the Supreme Court.

Ian is top rated in the directories (Tier 1 in the Legal 500 2018-2019) in three of his core fields of practice: Banking and Finance, Financial Services, and Insolvency and Restructuring.

He is described as "superb in terms of his technical written ability and oral performance at hearings. He also has a great rapport with clients"; and "A go-to for anything involving banking or financial services, he writes great skeleton arguments that grab the reader by the throat in the first paragraph. He's a very measured advocate and clients really like him as he's very responsible and sensible" (Chambers & Partners 2019).

<https://www.3vb.com/our-people/jc/ian-wilson>

1100–1115 Refreshments

1115-1200 'Reasonable Behaviour or Taking Advantage?' - David Berkley QC – 3 Paper Buildings

David is Counsel in Woodward & Anor v Phoenix Healthcare Distribution Ltd [2019] EWCA Civ 985 (12 June 2019)

David has been at the forefront of recent developments in banking litigation and has advised many clients in claims against Banks and financial intermediaries.

He is "highly experienced in Banking and Commercial litigation" with a focus on major trial work and he regularly appears in the High Court and Court of Appeal in contentious security and receivership issues; civil fraud trials and directors' disputes. He has extensive experience dealing with the subsequent professional negligence issues arising from such disputes; especially those relating to the provision of financial services.

He is described in Chambers and Partners (2018) as "A calm, collected and measured barrister, he is an excellent orator and he fights his client's corner" "His technical knowledge is exemplary" (Legal 500 2017).

<https://www.3pb.co.uk/barristers/david-berkley-qc/>

1200-1215 'PNLA ATE SCHEME' - David Pipkin & Matthew Pascall & David Chase - Temple Legal Protection

Update on developments in the ATE market - future implications for the PNLA ATE Scheme <https://www.temple-legal.co.uk/>

1215-1300 'Misfeasance and Private Prosecutions' - Colin Witcher & Anthony Eskander, Church Court Chambers

Colin and Anthony are Counsel for the interested parties in Johnson v Westminster Magistrates' Court [2019] EWHC 1709 (Admin) (03 July 2019)

Colin specialises in general crime, corporate crime and financial regulation. He both prosecutes and defends, being entrusted with cases of the highest sensitivity and is often sought to act in high-profile and high-value matters, both in an advisory capacity and at trial. He has acted as a Leading Junior, Led Junior and Junior Alone.

Colin is comfortable before all Courts and Tribunals and has developed an impressive appellate practice for his year of call; his recent reported cases include Khan [2017] EWHC 3042 and Inns [2018] EWCA Crim 1081

Anthony is a barrister specialising in general criminal law, financial crime, business crime, regulatory law and civil litigation. He advises domestic and international clients, including solicitors and corporate clients, on a broad range of issues. Such matters include criminal liability, forfeiture and confiscation, compliance and anti-money laundering procedures, and on bribery and corruption issues. He provides representation for clients in the Crown Court and Court of Appeal. He is a CPS Grade 2 Prosecutor, and is on the SFO Review Counsel Panel.

<http://churchcourchambers.co.uk/barrister-profiles/>

1300-1400 Lunch

1400-1430 'Advice & Loss' - David McIlroy, Forum Chambers

David is Head of Chambers at Forum Chambers. He is one of the foremost banking barristers in England. His combination of experience and insight enables him to identify persuasive arguments and to see where the law might be developed in the future. David is Visiting Professor in the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary University of London. He is currently teaching on crowd-funding, open banking and other hot topics in banking law. <http://www.forumchambers.com/our-people/david-mcilroy/>

1430-1500 'Is that Appropriate? The limitations of COBS 10' - Susanne Muth, Forum Chambers

Before being called to the Bar Susanne worked for several years on the swaps sales desk of a major Japanese investment bank and subsequently looked after the money market, investment and hedging requirements of corporate and high net worth clients for Sal Oppenheim & Cie in Cologne and Frankfurt. She is passionately interested in the detail of her case and favours a hands-on approach with a focus on taking the right strategic and tactical decisions along the way to a successful outcome for her client.

<http://www.forumchambers.com/our-people/susanne-muth/>

1500-1530 Panel discussion session

1530-1545 Refreshments

1545-1630 'E-Disclosure - Auditors and Accountants Negligence update'

- Philippa Hill, Partner and Vijay Rathour, Partner - Grant Thornton

As a chartered accountant, **Philippa** has been specialising in accounting disputes and investigations since 2001. Prior to this, she spent four years as an auditor of a variety of businesses. She is experienced in accounting integrity and conduct matters, including alleged accounting irregularities and fraud, professional negligence and disciplinary matters relating to accountants, and associated professional indemnity claims. She has particular experience advising in professional disciplinary enquiries led by the Financial Reporting Council, which investigates matters affecting the public interest.

Vijay is a Partner with the Forensic and Investigations practice, leading the Digital Forensics Group at Grant Thornton. He is a UK qualified solicitor, with over ten years of experience working in a range of legal fields including Corporate and Transactional work, Personal Injury and Negligence, and Corporate Litigation. Vijay consults on Electronic Disclosure and Discovery projects, providing expert advisory and court opinions on practical approaches to the increasingly complex digital data environments corporate and legal clients operate in.

<https://www.grantthornton.co.uk/en/services/forensics-and-investigations/disputes-advisory/>

1630-1645 Chairman's Closing Questions and Discussion

1645-1700 PNLA – Annual General Meeting

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Cost for the whole conference inc. overnight stay & dinner:

PNLA Members/Specialists: £500 plus VAT
Non-members: £575 plus VAT

Cost for the 28 November only:

PNLA Members/Specialists: £325 plus VAT
Non-members: £400 plus VAT

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