

# EXPLORING THE PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE SPACE

A conference travelling to the frontiers of professional negligence & liability

Friday 19 April 2024

125 Wood street, London EC2V 7AW



## Speakers:

Nicole Blakey – Penningtons Manches Cooper  
– PNLA London Representative

David McIlroy – Forum Chambers (Chairman)

Simon Johnson – Enterprise Chambers

Paul Marshall – Cornerstone Chambers

Lloyd Maynard – Forum Chambers

Philippa Hill – Grant Thornton UK LLP

Jamie Molloy – Ignite

Dominic Tucker – IDiscovery Solutions

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Katy Manley – President – PNLA

Live Conference  
**London**

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9.30 am – 4.30 pm  
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Drinks

**1000–1005 PNLA Introduction****- Katy Manley – PNLA President**

Katy is a founder member of the PNLA. The primary objective of the PNLA is to improve the process of dispute resolution for those involved in professional negligence and liability. Since formation in 2004 over many conferences and many years a network of friends and colleagues has developed throughout the UK and Ireland amongst solicitors, barristers, experts and other specialists with a common interest in this objective.

<https://www.pnla.org.uk/management-team/>

**1005-1015 Introduction****- Nicole Blakey - Penningtons Manches Cooper - PNLA London Representative**

Nicole is a senior associate in the commercial dispute resolution team in London, specialising in complex and high value group claims.

She frequently acts for large groups of claimants in cases against their professional advisers and also has extensive experience advising insolvency practitioners on contentious insolvency matters.

<https://www.penningtonslaw.com/people/a-e/nicole-blakey>

**1015–1100 Chair’s Keynote Address****- David McIlroy - Forum Chambers**

David is Head of Chambers at Forum Chambers. He specialises in banking and financial services law, commercial law, and professional negligence.

His combination of experience and insight enables him to identify persuasive arguments and to see where the law might be developed in the future.

Alongside his busy practice, David is Visiting Professor in Banking Law at Queen Mary University of London and at the University of Notre Dame (USA) in England.

Recent cases include: Philipp v Barclays Bank UK PLC [2023] UKSC 25 (12 July 2023); Yin & Ors v 174 Law Solicitors Limited [2023] EWCA Civ 13 (13 January 2023)

<https://forumchambers.com/our-people/david-mcilroy/>

**1100-1115 Refreshments****1115–1200 Group actions and using a single claim form: Abbott v. MoD and subsequent cases****- Simon Johnson – Enterprise Chambers**

Simon Johnson is a barrister at Enterprise Chambers who regularly conducts and defends group actions against negligent professionals and others. He is lead counsel for the claimants in Morris v. Williams, which raises the issue whether multiple claimants in professional negligence cases can use a single claim form. Simon undertakes a wide variety of commercial and insolvency work and is highly ranked by the directories in his fields.

Recent cases include:

4VVV Ltd & Ors -v- Spence & Ors [2023] EWHC 1 (Comm)

- Representing the third defendant in a £50 million fraudulent misrepresentation and conspiracy claim brought by 430 individuals

Millbrook Healthcare Bidco Ltd -v- Croll [2023] EWHC 290 (Comm)

- Represented the defendants in a multi-million pound claim for breach of warranty. The judgment praises the “skill and dedication” with which Simon advanced his clients’ case.

<https://www.enterprisechambers.com/our-people/simon-johnson/>

**1200-1215 ATE Insurance and Litigation Funding****- Jamie Molloy - Ignite**

Jamie is Head of ATE and Co-founder. Jamie has worked in the ATE market for the past 17 years. His experience includes underwriting and managing a significant volume of High Court disputes as well as supporting cases to the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

<https://www.ignitespecialty.com/about>



- 1215-1300 Negligence, Conduct and Disclosure arising from the Post Office Scandal**  
- Paul Marshall – Cornerstone Chambers
- Paul specialises in dispute resolution in contract law, financial law, civil commercial fraud, professional negligence, and company law.
- Paul represented sub-postmasters Tracy Felstead, Janet Skinner and Seema Misra who were three of forty-one persons whose cases were referred to the Court of Appeal by the Criminal Cases Review Commission in 2020. Paul has maintained his support for the sub-postmasters in submissions to MPs and publications and recently has been interviewed by Channel 4 News and others in relation to the Post Office prosecutions.
- <https://cornerstonebarristers.com/barrister/paul-marshall/>
- 1300-1400 Lunch**
- 1400-1445 Professional Negligence: recent cases of interest**  
- Lloyd Maynard – Forum Chambers
- Lloyd practices in all areas of commercial law. He has particular expertise in disputes arising from distribution agreements, manufacture, sale and supply of goods and services and banking and financial services litigation. He has experience of advising in respect of claims against IFAs, solicitors and the Citizens Advice Bureau and has advised numerous clients on the law on limitation and its application in a professional negligence context, as well as the merits and quantum of claims.
- Lloyd is currently instructed as junior counsel together with David McIlroy on 3 group actions arising from failed developments in Liverpool and Manchester.
- Recent cases include: Yin & Ors v 174 Law Solicitors Limited [2023] EWCA Civ 13 (13 January 2023); Davis v Lloyds Bank Plc (Rev 1) [2021] EWCA Civ 557 (16 April 2021)
- <https://forumchambers.com/our-people/lloyd-maynard/>
- 1445-1500 Latest news on disclosure**  
- Dominic Tucker – iDiscovery Solutions – Associate Director UK/EEA
- Before joining iDS, Dominic developed his consultative expertise in eDiscovery over the course of 15 years, consulting on the use of technology in support of a range of significant investigations, High Court litigation and arbitration matters across public and private sectors. In his previous role, Dominic led EMEA operations and eDiscovery consulting for another leading eDiscovery provider.
- At iDS, Dominic's role is focused on the application of technology across all phases of disclosure, including the use of analytics and predictive coding, and he has a particular interest in the Disclosure Pilot Scheme currently proceeding in the English courts. Since the introduction of the GDPR, Dominic has also assisted various law firms and corporations to manage their responses to high volumes of Data Subject Access Requests (DSARS).
- [https://idsinc.com/en\\_gb/team/dominic-tucker/](https://idsinc.com/en_gb/team/dominic-tucker/)
- 1500-1545 The Culture of Negligence and the Detection of Fraud**  
- Philippa Hill – Grant Thornton UK LLP – Partner and Head of Forensic and Investigation Services
- Philippa has specialised in accounting and commercial disputes and investigations since 2001 and prior to that was an auditor.
- She heads up the Accounting Integrity and Conduct special interest group within the firm and has particular expertise in matters concerning suspected financial misstatements and accounting misconduct, advising in the context of civil and criminal fraud, professional disciplinary enquiries, litigation and arbitration. She supports subject matter experts to act as expert witness on liability and conduct issues, particularly audit negligence claims, and acts as expert on causation and quantum matters associated with accounting irregularities and alleged deceit.
- Philippa is a member of the independent Panel chaired by Sir David Foskett re-assessing claims for financial redress by more than 200 victims of the HBOS Reading Fraud.
- 'Who's Who Legal' 2021 for expert witness's notes: *"Philippa is very thorough and possesses an impressive depth of expertise in professional negligence matters"*.
- <https://www.grantthornton.co.uk/people/philippa-hill/>
- 1545-1600 Refreshments**
- 1600-1625 Questions and discussion session - Chair's closing remarks**
- 1625-1630 Katy Manley – President – PNLA**

**1715-1915 Sponsors Drinks – The Fable 52 Holborn Viaduct, EC1A 2FD**

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