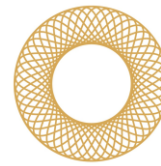




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London - "The Ultimate Round Up IV"

15th October 2026

@ Outer Temple Chambers

222 Strand, Temple, London WC2R 1BA

9am to 5.30pm - followed by drinks reception

- Chair

- Jayna Patel – Litigation Director, Cardium Law
& PNLA South of England Representative

- Keynote

- Hilton Mervis – Partner, McDermott Will & Schulte
& The National ProBono Centre /plus "speaker tbc"

- Speakers

- David E Grant KC – Outer Temple Chambers
- William Godwin KC – 3 Hare Court
- Andrew Barns-Graham – 3 Hare Court
- Peter Nussey & Andy Butler – Solomonick
- Piers Elliott and Daren Hlaing – Henderson and Jones
- Elaine Palser – Outer Temple Chambers
- Ben Leandro – Moore Kingston Smith
- Sue O'Brien & Sara Benbow – The Property Mediators
- Jayna Patel – Cardium Law
- Katy Manley – BPE Solicitors & PNLA President

CPD Available

0900–0930 *Registration and refreshments*

0930–0935

“Chair’s Introduction”

- Jayna Patel – Partner – Cardium Law & PNLA South of England Representative

With around 20 years of litigation experience, Jayna has created an excellent reputation for resolving complex commercial disputes on behalf of individuals and businesses.

Additionally, Jayna brings extensive experience concerning litigation funding supported by ATE Insurance. This further enhances Cardium’s ability to support its clients through the litigation process with tailored finance solutions.

Jayna’s specialism is Claimant Professional Negligence claims, and she is the South England representative for the Professional Negligence Lawyers Association and chairs the annual London PNLA Conference.

0935–1000

“Keynote Address”

*- Hilton Mervis, Partner, McDermott Will & Schulte UK & The National ProBono Centre
Plus “speaker tbc”*

Hilton Mervis has nearly 30 years’ experience of litigating and resolving high-value, complex and multi-jurisdictional disputes. He represents corporations, private equity firms, hedge funds and high-net-worth individuals on a wide variety of disputes and has particular experience in the alternative investment sector, covering private equity and hedge fund litigation, partnership disputes, complex civil fraud, contractual and banking disputes, shareholder and corporate governance disputes, and financial services matters.

Hilton is a solicitor advocate and member of the Commercial Court Users Committee by appointment. He is a founding member and Chair of the London Commercial Litigators’ Forum. He is also the editor of the authoritative text *Managing Private Fund Disputes* (PEI Media) and of *Global Legal Post’s* Commercial Litigation Guide.

1000–1040 (inc 5 mins Q&A)

“Speaking about wills of the dead –

paradoxes and challenges of probate professional negligence claims”

- David E Grant KC – Outer Temple Chambers

David E. Grant KC TEP is a chancery and commercial practitioner with specialist expertise in pensions, trusts, will and estates and professional negligence.

He has extensive advocacy experience up to the European Court of Justice and has also attended numerous mediations and round table meetings. David is happy as sole advocate or leading a counsel team and enjoys the process of working with his instructing solicitors, lay clients, insurers, funders, experts and other interested parties.

His clients have included many leading international businesses including British Airways, Lloyds Bank, the Atos Group and BT, leading professional advisers including Aon, Mercer, Barnett Waddingham and Momentum Global Investments, prominent charities and trusts, various statutory bodies as well as high net worth individuals and group claimants.

David has been recommended in a total of 4 areas in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 since 2007 and has been described as “absolutely amazing”, a “*first rate silk*” “a polished advocate with the ear of the court” “a go to practitioner in this area” and “*analytical and creative at finding solutions to difficult problems*”, “he will do his utmost to find the answer to support the client’s position”.

1040–1120 (inc 5 mins Q&A)

“Claims notification and issue-based costs awards

– the continuing impact of HLB Kidsons v Lloyds Underwriters and Others [2009] Lloyds Rep IR 8 (CA)”

- William Godwin KC – 3 Hare Court

William acts and advises in a wide range of commercial disputes including insurance and commercial professional liability. His cases include acting for a German industrial group in English Commercial Court proceedings arising from an acquisition debt push down involving conflicts of laws, German corporate law and Mexican tax advice, and appearing for the policy-holder accountants against insurers in the landmark decision in *HLB Kidsons v Lloyds Underwriters and Others* [2009] Lloyds Rep IR 8 (CA). Chambers UK have described him as ‘an outstanding advocate’ and UK Legal 500 as ‘very bright and experienced, providing detailed analysis of issues’.

1120–1140 *Refreshments*

1140–1220 (inc 5 mins Q&A) "Red Flags and Blind Spots: Professional Negligence in Fraud Cases"

- Andrew Barns-Graham – 3 Hare Court

Andrew Barns-Graham specialises in civil fraud litigation and asset recovery, banking and other commercial disputes, shareholder disputes, and contentious insolvency and trusts.

His related areas of expertise include freezing injunctions, financial disclosure applications and asset tracing, securities fraud, forgery and counterfeiting, breach of confidence, breach of fiduciary duty, the cross-border enforcement of judgments and non-performing loans, jurisdiction challenges, and conflicts of laws.

Andrew has been recognised in the civil fraud category of the legal directories since 2022 and is currently ranked as a leading junior. He has published numerous articles about the subject and is a regular speaker at events.

He has acted in several of the most complex and high-profile cross-border fraud cases of recent years, including three which appeared in The Lawyer's annual 'Top 20 cases'. He also has a wealth of experience acting on smaller matters across the spectrum of civil fraud and commercial litigation.

Andrew prides himself on being a team-player who goes the extra mile for his clients. As well as being a "top drawer" and "very knowledgeable" technical lawyer, he has the ability to see litigation from the perspectives of solicitors and clients, having previously worked in-house in top City litigation practices.

Andrew's hobbies include sport, playing and composing piano music, and civil fraud litigation.

1220–1245 "Professional negligence: what the data tell us"

- Peter Nussey & Andy Butler – Solomonic

Peter has 20 years of experience within the legal technology sector where he has held a number of growth roles and gained extensive experience of scaling pioneering solutions. He spearheads our expansion plans aimed at putting Solomonic at the heart of litigation decision making.

Andy has a history of working in the legal, legal-tech, & SaaS industry. I enjoy bringing solutions to problems.

1245–1415 Lunch – Middle Temple Hall

1415–1445 (inc 5 mins Q&A) "Case Studies of Assignments in Professional Negligence Claims"

- Piers Elliott, Managing Director & Daren Hlaing, Legal Director – Henderson and Jones

Piers is a commercial litigator with over 15 years' experience of complex and high-profile disputes. Piers has a broad commercial practice with particular expertise in advising on financial services and insolvency disputes.

Piers joined Henderson & Jones in September 2019 from Freshfields where Piers spent seven years as a senior associate in the dispute resolution team. During his time at Freshfields, Piers spent six months on secondment to the Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement team at HSBC. Prior to joining Freshfields, Piers spent five years at Mayer Brown.

Piers is admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales. He has a law degree from the University of Birmingham.

Daren is a commercial litigator specialising in insolvency, financial services and professional negligence disputes. Daren has extensive experience of litigation claims in the High Courts of England and Wales and has expertise in insolvency, fraud and asset-tracing.

Daren joined Henderson & Jones in January 2024 from Ernst & Young LLP's in-house counsel team, where he advised the firm's audit and assurance practices. Prior to that, Daren spent 10 years in Freshfields' dispute resolution department where he advised on a range of complex, high-profile matters. Daren is admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales.

1445–1525

"TOPIC TBC"

– Elaine Palser – Outer Temple Chambers

Elaine Palser has an extensive chancery and commercial practice, with an emphasis on contentious trusts and probate, insolvency, commercial disputes and professional negligence.

Ranked as a leading barrister in the Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, and the High Net Worth Guide, the directories describe Elaine as *"fiercely bright"* and *"technically brilliant"*, with *"fantastic analytical skills"*, *"a sharp mind"*, and *"astute intellect"*. In court, Elaine is *"an excellent advocate"*, *"unflappable"*, *"calm and skilled"*, and *"impressive at pulling complicated issues together in a way that impresses a judge"*. She is also *"a real team player"* who is *"effortlessly charming"*, *"brilliant with clients"*, and *"able to give advice on tricky issues in a language her clients understand"*. Recommended for Private Wealth and Probate, Professional Negligence, Insolvency, and Traditional Chancery, Elaine is also described in the directories as a *"legal gladiator"*, a *"silent assassin"* and one of those counsel that *"you feel reassured to have on your side"*.

With degrees in both law and business science, Elaine is uniquely placed to handle the complex commercial and financial issues that arise in all of her practice areas.

Elaine is also a former lecturer in Trusts, Land, and Tort at Oxford University, and a CEDR-accredited mediator who is able to mediate disputes in most areas of law.

1525–1600 (inc 5 mins Q&A)

"The Forensic Accountant's Perspective"

- Ben Leandro BA FCA MAE MEWI – Moore Kingston Smith

Ben is a Partner in the Moore Kingston Smith Forensic Accounting Services department and has 15 years' experience working in the Forensic Accounting profession.

Ben has been instructed to act as an Expert Accountant in numerous cases involving allegations of professional negligence claims against auditors and accountants, acting for both Claimants and Defendants. He also has significant experience acting as Expert on behalf of respondents in disciplinary proceedings against auditors and accountants. Ben has attended Court on numerous occasions and has given evidence in an Expert capacity.

Ben trained and qualified as an auditor before moving into forensic accounting, compliance and firm protection roles. He works closely with the firm's Audit Quality Group, which is responsible for determining the firm's audit methodology, ensuring that audits are undertaken in compliance with all aspects of the regulatory framework and monitoring and assessing the quality of the firm's audit work. Ben regularly provides training for audit partners and staff on aspects of audit methodology.

Ben is also a member of the firm's core team that addresses any internal professional indemnity or regulatory matters and as such works closely with the firm's technical partner, ethics partner and head of audit as well as the firm's legal advisors and insurers. Ben has a working knowledge of the key features of Professional Indemnity Insurance.

Ben works in an Expert Witness and Advisor capacity with a market leading organisation that offers member accountants specialist advice concerning complaints, regulatory and disciplinary cases.

Ben is a Fellow of the ICAEW, a member of the ICAEW's Forensic Special Interest Group and the Compulsory Purchase Association. He is also a full member of The Academy of Experts and Expert Witness Institute.

1600–1615 Refreshments

1615–1650 “What we’ve learnt about mediation - an interactive session” - Sue O’Brien & Sara Benbow – The Property Mediators

Sue spent her early career in the City and in Paris (with Holman, Fenwick and Willan, and Slaughter and May) and subsequently became Head of Dispute Resolution at a major regional firm.

Her practice as a solicitor focused on property, professional liability, commercial and probate disputes. Sue was accredited as a mediator by ADR in 2008 and has been mediating full time since 2016. Sue is a Fellow of the Civil Mediation Council and a member of the PLA and PNLA.

Mediation Experience: Sue’s practice includes disputes relating to:

- Land and Property
 - Sale and purchase of land and related finance agreements and joint ventures
 - Conditional contracts
 - Covenants
 - Overage disputes
 - Landlord and tenant issues, including service charges, management company issues, dilapidations
 - Possession, trespass and damage to property
 - Boundaries and easements and other disputes between neighbours
 - Co-ownership and estoppel disputes
- Professional liability and insurance
 - Property and private client related claims, including claims against solicitors, surveyors, valuers, architects.
 - Policy and coverage issues
- Probate and inheritance disputes
 - Wills and probate
 - Inheritance Act claims
- Commercial
 - Business disputes
 - Shareholder disputes

Sara was a practising barrister for nearly 30 years and is a senior member of Gatehouse’s Property Team. As well as her property mediation and advocacy work, Sara is regularly called upon to write articles, to provide seminars and webinars, and to speak at conferences on various areas of property law. She is also a contributing author to Cousins: Law of Mortgages.

At the heart of Sara’s practice has been property litigation, and she brings that knowledge and experience into her work as a specialist property mediator. She has considerable expertise in disputes over real property such as boundaries, easements and adverse possession, co-ownership, mortgages, trusts of land and the impact of insolvency on property rights, as well as conveyancing disputes including issues as to specific performance, rescission or registration, rectification and, especially in the property-development context, cases about planning, covenants, regulated user, options or overage provisions.

Sara is also an experienced and knowledgeable commercial and residential landlord and tenant lawyer, covering both contentious and non-contentious work and understanding the perspectives of landlords, tenants and others such as beneficiaries, guarantors or insolvency practitioners who hold interests related to commercial or residential leasehold land.

1650–1655 “Chair’s Closing Remarks, Questions and Discussion” - Jayna Patel – Cardium Law

1655–1700 “PNLA News Update & Future Events” - Katy Manley – BPE Solicitors & PNLA President

1730–1900 “Old Cock Tavern Fleet Street” Sponsored Drinks - Outer Temple Chambers & 3 Hare Court - invitation to PNLA Network – all welcome

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