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Legal Aid Practitioners Group Annual Legal Aid Conference

Friday 5th October 2018

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Thursday 4th October 2018 (open to all - booking details inside)
Chiswell Street Dining Rooms, London

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Conference Venue
Herbert Smith Freehills,
Exchange House, Primrose Street,
London, EC2A 2EG

Equivalent to 5.5 CPD Hours

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Early Bird Offer until 14 September 2018

Booking details: <https://tinyurl.com/ybbnq33u>

Conference Schedule 2018

- 09.00 Registration/coffee/exhibition**
- 10.00 Welcome: Nicola Mackintosh QC (Hon), Mackintosh Law, Co-chair LAPG**
Panel: LASPO Review and Future Legal Aid Policy
 Matt Shelley, Deputy Director, Legal Aid Support and Court Fees Policy, Ministry of Justice
 Fiona Rutherford, Deputy Director, Legal Aid Policy, Ministry of Justice
 Shaun McNally CBE, Chief Executive, Legal Aid Agency
 Richard Miller, Head of Justice, The Law Society
 Jenny Beck, Beck Fitzgerald, Co-chair LAPG
 Polly Brendon, The Public Law Project
- 11.00 Keynote Speech:** The Rt Hon Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division and Head of Family Justice
 Introduced by Jenny Beck, Co-chair LAPG
- 11.30 Tea/Coffee** served in workshop rooms
- 12.00 Workshops: Session (1)**
- 1a. Family Law Update - Private and Public Law**
 Beverley Watkins, Watkins Solicitors; Lucy Verity, Philcox Gray; Jenny Beck, Beck Fitzgerald and Elspeth Thomson, Managing Director, David Gray Solicitors LLP. LAPG Committee members will cover the latest developments in private and public family law, and legal aid considerations.
- 1b. Management - Managing Legal Aid Contract Changes (LAPG Certificate in Practice Management)**
 Vicky Ling, Partnership Quality Systems and Matthew Howgate, DG Legal will discuss the main changes in the 2018 Civil Contract and how these can be managed and implemented effectively and with limited risk.
- 1c. Civil non-family costs - Tips You Cannot Live Without**
 Christopher McClure, John M Hayes and Jane Pritchard, Elawvate will deliver this popular costs workshop. It will cover costs issues from applications through to bill submission, CCMS, maximising costs by way of Inter Partes awards in publically funded civil cases and lots of practical advice.
- 1d. Using the courts to promote access to justice - Law Centres Network v Lord Chancellor**
 This session looks at litigation as a tool to change unfairness within the justice system using the recent victory of Law Centres Network v the Lord Chancellor as a case study. Workshop organised by Young Legal Aid Lawyers. Oliver Persey, pupil barrister and Justice First Fellow at the Public Law Project; Julie Bishop, Director of the UK Law Centres Network and Sue James, Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre.
- 13.00 Lunch**
LAPG AGM: members only (ten minutes)
- 14.00 Workshops: Session (2)**
- 2a. Family costs - Tips You Cannot Live Without**
 Laura Bennett and Kenny Shealey, John M Hayes and Jane Pritchard, Elawvate: Laura, Kenny and Jane will look at costs in family cases and how to maximize income. This will cover the trials and tribulations of CCMS, with top tips for maximising costs with digital billing.
- 2b. Management - 2018 Data Security requirements (Statutory, Regulatory, LAA contractual and Quality Assurance requirements incorporating Lexcel 6.1)**
 Chair: David Gilmore, DG Legal
 Nick Hanning, DG Legal

Details of Workshop Sessions



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2c. Deprivation of Liberty, Human Rights and Public Law

Nicola Mackintosh QC (Hon), Polly Sweeney of Irwin Mitchell LLP and Katie Watts of The Public Law Project will be discussing current legal aid challenges for practitioners in this area including:

Non means tested vs means tested legal aid – what funding is available for DOLS challenges and what is in scope?

Legal aid for Accredited Legal Representatives

Application of the statutory charge in Article 5 damages claims

Practical issues and how to address them – using delegated functions and emergency funding, delays and LAA decision-making

2d. Finding (and Keeping) a Job in Legal Aid

Attendees will hear from a panel of legal aid practitioners - across a range of seniorities - who will give advice on securing a training contract or pupillage, as well as managing the first few years of practice. Workshop organised by Young Legal Aid Lawyers.

Phil Walsh, partner and practice manager at Miles and Partners LLP and LAPG committee member

Rachel Francis, One Pump Court and Co-Founder of Claiming Space

Sophie Earnshaw, child poverty solicitor at Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre

Oliver Carter, public law solicitor at Irwin Mitchell and co-chair of Young Legal Aid Lawyers

15.00 Plenary: Minimising stress and vicarious trauma and maximising well-being for legal aid practitioners

Chair: Dr. Laura Janes, Howard League for Penal Reform

Rachel Francis, One Pump Court and Co-Founder of Claiming Space

Eleanor Fellowes, Professional Partner, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations

Elizabeth Rimmer, Director, LawCare

15.30 Tea/Coffee served in workshop rooms

16.00 Workshops: Session (3)

3a. What Do Non-Immigration Lawyers Need To Know About Immigration?

Can the hostile environment seriously damage your health, wealth and happiness or has the Wind(rush) changed direction?

Jawaid Luqmani, Luqmani Thompson

3b. Management - The Process Efficiency Team (PET)

The Legal Aid Agency and practitioner groups have been working together through PET, an innovative forum which identifies issues within the civil process which aim to enhance operational efficiency and the user experience.

Members will explain what changes have been brought about and what pilots are in operation. Delegates will have the opportunity to put forward suggestions and ideas for future discussion.

3c. Crime - an overview of current issues

LAPG committee members Helen Johnson, Managing Partner/Solicitor Advocate, Emery Johnson Astills; Justin Rivett, Warrens Law & Advocacy; Rakesh Bhasin, Partner, Steel & Shamash and Jo Cecil, Garden Court Chambers will discuss current issues in crime.

16.50 Plenary: Christina Blacklaws, President of the Law Society, will have a discussion with Carol Storer, Director of LAPG, about issues affecting the legal aid sector and take questions from the floor.

17.15 Finish followed by drinks

18.00 Close

We may need to make changes to the final programme – please check on www.lapg.co.uk

Booking for the Annual Conference 2018

To attend the conference please book online using Eventbrite:
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Fees: Early Bird (up to 14 September 2018)

LAPG Member early bird: £125 + VAT

Non Member: £175 + VAT

Fees: After 14 September 2018

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Non Member: £200 + VAT

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Please note that we reserve the right to change the running order and we may need to make changes to the final programme. All details will be on www.lapg.co.uk

LAPG Annual Dinner Thursday 4th October 2018

Our pre conference dinner is open to all. Even if you are not attending the conference, come along and enjoy LAPG's annual dinner. This is a fantastic occasion to meet colleagues from all over the country.

The venue is Chiswell Street Dining Rooms, 56 Chiswell Street, London, EC1Y 4SA
www.chiswellstreetdining.com

To book places please go to <https://tinyurl.com/y9dzjvls>