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Legal Aid Practitioners Group Annual Conference 2011

**Friday 7th October 2011, Priory Rooms, Bull Street,
Birmingham, B4 6AF**

LEGAL AID: PLANNING FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Keynote Speech by Jonathan Djanogly, MP, Minister for Legal Aid



LAPG Members: £199 + VAT. Early bird offer £169 + VAT

Non members: £275 + VAT. Early bird offer £250 + VAT

Early Bird Offer applies to places booked before 19th August 2011

5 CPD Hours

Conference Schedule 2011

- 09.15** Registration, coffee and exhibition
- 10.00** **Welcome from Co-Chair: Bill Montague**
Keynote Speaker: Legal Aid Minister Jonathan Djanogly MP
- 11.00** Coffee and exhibition
- 11.30** **Workshops (1):**
- Running a legal aid practice/innovative ways of working
 - Family fixed fees and the way ahead
 - Audits (1) legal aid audits: a survival guide
 - YLAL session: campaigning lawyers – how effective can we be?
- 12.20** **Workshops (2):**
- Audits (2) SRA compliance including equality and diversity
 - How to work better with the LSC and vice versa
 - LEXCEL or SQM?
 - YLAL session: legal aid as a career choice – how can we improve social mobility?
- 13.15** Lunch and exhibition
- 14.00** **AGM for LAPG members**
- 14.15** **Ask The (LSC) Panel**
Sir Bill Callaghan, Chair, LSC
Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, LSC
Hugh Barrett, Executive Director for Legal Aid Commissioning & Contract Management, LSC
Chair: Nicola Mackintosh
- 15.15** Tea
- 15.45** **Workshops (3):**
- Managing fee and scope cuts (civil and family): how to plan and budget for business survival
 - Social welfare law: where do we go from here?
 - Critical issues in crime: fee cuts, QAA, competition and more
- 16.30** **Richard Miller, Head of Legal Aid Law Society: update on LASPO (legal aid bill)**
- 16.45** **Director's round up**
- 17.00** **Drinks reception sponsored by Chadwick Nott**
- 19.00** Close

Details of Workshop Sessions



242 Pentonville Road
London N1 9UN
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Workshops at 11.30

1. Running a legal aid practice/innovative ways of working

Chair: Lawrence Lupin, Principal Lawrence Lupin Solicitors
Speakers: Lucy Scott-Moncrieff, Managing Partner, Scott-Moncrieff and Associates LLP (SCOMO), Vice President Law Society
Christina Blacklaws, Partner TV Edwards LLP, Chair of The Law Society's LAPB
Nicola Mackintosh, Principal Mackintosh Law

2. Family fixed fees and the way ahead

Chair: Sarah Angell, Principal, Angell Solicitors
Speakers: Jenny Beck, Managing Partner, TV Edwards LLP, co-chair LAPG
David Emmerson, Family Law Consulting
Elspeth Thomson, partner, David Gray Solicitors LLP

3. Audits (1) legal aid audits: a survival guide

Chair: Chris Graves, Partner, Fisher Jones Greenwood Solicitors
Speaker: David Gilmore, DG Legal

4. Campaigning lawyers – how effective can we be?

Session sponsored by the College of Law and Legal Services Commission
Hosted by Young Legal Aid Lawyers
Chair: Katie Brown, Philcox Gray

Workshops at 12.20

5. Audits (2) SRA compliance including equality and diversity

Chair: Lucy Verity, Partner, Hornby and Levy
Jaunita Gobby, Director of Legal Eye Limited

6. How to work better with the LSC and vice versa

Chair: Bill Montague, Partner Dexter Montague, co-chair LAPG
Speaker: John Sirodcar, Head of Contract Management, LSC

7. LEXCEL or SQM?

Chair: Penny Mackinder, Consultant Solicitor
Speaker: Rebecca Curran, Lexcel and SQM consultant

8. Legal aid as a career choice – how can we improve social mobility?

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Hosted by Young Legal Aid Lawyers
Chair: Nadia Salam, Release

Workshops at 15.45

9. Managing fee and scope cuts (civil and family): how to plan and budget for business survival

Chair: Matthew Howgate, DG Legal
Speaker: Vicky Ling, Partnership Quality Systems

10. Social welfare law: where do we go from here?

Speakers: Steve Hynes, Director of Legal Action Group
Julie Bishop, Director Law Centres Federation

11. Critical issues in crime: fee cuts, QAA, competition and more

Chair: David Lawton, Consultant, Fisher Jones Greenwood incorporating Budd Martin Burrett
Panel of speakers including Roy Morgan, Morgans Select Solicitors and Greg Powell, Partner, Powell Spencer and Partners

Speakers details will be added to the LAPG website: see www.lapg.co.uk



Pre conference Dinner at Chez Jules

There will be a fundraising dinner in Birmingham on Thursday evening (6th October).
For details of venue and cost see LAPG website or email conference@lapg.co.uk. All welcome.

Booking Form

To attend the LAPG Annual Conference 2011 in Birmingham on 7th October 2011 please return this booking form together with a cheque payable to LAPG for the conference fee to: LAPG, 242 Pentonville Road, London, NI 9UN or LAPG Kings Cross DX 37903

Annual Conference 2011

LAPG members:	£238.80 (including VAT)	Early bird:	£202.80
Non members:	£330.00 (including VAT)	Early bird:	£300.00

LAPG members only: 2nd and subsequent delegates from same firm/ organisation £180.00 (including VAT).

Subsidised places for LSC trainees and College of Law Students – please see LAPG website.

If you wish to book a hotel room the night before the event, the Holiday Inn Hotel, Smallbrook, Queensway, B5 4EW is ten minutes' walk from The Priory Rooms and is offering accommodation at a special rate of £70.00 (Bed & Breakfast). Contact group reservations on telephone: 0121 634 6223 and quote: Legal Aid allocation.

Terms and Conditions: A full refund will be given if a place is cancelled up to 28 days before the conference, 50% refunds up to 7 days before the conference and no refunds in the last 7 days before the conference. A substitute delegate will be accepted at any time before the event. We reserve the right to change the running order.

Workshop Preferences – please tick which you would prefer

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15.45	9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Name of delegate(s): _____

Name of firm or organisation: _____

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