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Legal Aid Practitioners Group **Annual Conference**

Friday 6th October 2017

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And LAPG Annual Dinner (open to all)

Thursday 5th October 2017 at (booking details inside)

Conference Schedule 2017

09.00 Registration/coffee/exhibition

09.50 Welcome: Nicola Mackintosh QC (Hon), Mackintosh Law, Co-Chair of LAPG

Panel: What does the future hold?

Christina Blacklaws, Vice President The Law Society

Andrew Walker QC, Chair Elect of The Bar Council

Richard Collins, Executive Director, Solicitors Regulation Authority

Linda Ford CEO, Chartered Institute of Legal Executives

10.45 Workshops: Session (1)

1a. Family law update: Private and public law – Beverley Watkins, Watkins Solicitors; Lucy Verity, Hornby and Levy; Paul Summerbell, Warrens Law and Advocacy

1b. Civil non-family costs – David Smith, John M Hayes; Jane Pritchard, TV Edwards Solicitors LLP

1c. Management session: People management – Matthew Howgate, Matt Howgate Consulting; Chris Minnoch, LAPG

1d. Discrimination and human rights – session organised by Young Legal Aid Lawyers

11.30 Coffee & Exhibition

12.00 Plenary: Q + A Shaun McNally, Chief Executive Legal Aid Agency

12.30 Plenary: Access to Justice through IT: Richard Miller, The Law Society (12.55 CrowdJustice speaker)

13.00 Lunch & Exhibition

13.45 AGM for LAPG members only

14.00 Plenary: Panel of Practitioners: How we plan to survive

Chair: Jenny Beck, Beck Fitzgerald, Co-Chair of LAPG

Adam Makepeace, Tuckers Solicitors LLP

Elsbeth Thomson, David Gray Solicitors LLP

Jawaid Luqmani, Luqmani Thomson

Ruth Hayes, Islington Law Centre

14.45 Workshops: Session (2)

2a. Family costs: David Smith, John M Hayes; Jane Pritchard, TV Edwards Solicitors LLP

2b. Management session: Data Security, Cyber Essentials and GDPR Compliance - the why, when and how: David Gilmore and Simon Ghent DG Legal

2c. Public law: Alison Pickup, Public Law Project Legal Director

2d. A career in legal aid - session organised by Young Legal Aid Lawyers

15.30 Tea/Coffee

16.00 Workshops: Session (3)

3a. Management session: Audits – Steve Keeling, DG Legal and Jon Cable LAA

3b. Advocacy for vulnerable people – Andrew Sperling, SL5 Legal, second speaker TBC

3c. Crime panel: Helen Johnson, Emery Johnson, Astills; Justin Rivett, Warrens Law and Advocacy and Rakesh Bhasin, Steel & Shamash

LAPG Committee members will discuss current issues in crime

16.00 Plenary: Mystery guest: Introduced by Carol Storer, Director of LAPG

17.00 Finish and drinks

Details of Workshop Sessions



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10.45 Workshops: Session (1)

- 1a.** Family law update: Private and public law – Beverley Watkins, Watkins Solicitors; Lucy Verity, Hornby and Levy; Paul Summerbell, Warrens Law and Advocacy
LAPG committee members will cover latest developments in private and public law.
- 1b.** Civil non-family costs: David Smith, John M Hayes; Jane Pritchard, TV Edwards
David and Jane return again to deliver a workshop which has been hugely appreciated by delegates over the last few years.
- 1c.** Management session: People management – Matthew Howgate, Matt Howgate Consulting and Chris Minnoch, Operations Director LAPG.
Managing performance – taken from the LAPG Certificate in Practice Management (www.lapg.co.uk/courses/), Matt and Chris will cover tricky personnel issues.
- 1d.** Discrimination and human rights – session organised by Young Legal Aid Lawyers. This session is open to all practitioners, although junior and aspiring lawyers are particularly welcome. We will be looking at the key principles underpinning discrimination law and recent cases where these have been deployed successfully (and unsuccessfully) in the pursuit of social justice.

14.45 Workshops: Session (2)

- 2a.** Family costs: David Smith, John M Hayes; Jane Pritchard, TV Edwards
David and Jane will now turn their attention to costs in family cases and provide tips on how to maximize income.
- 2b.** Management session: Data Security, Cyber Essentials and GDPR Compliance - the why, when and how: David Gilmore and Simon Ghent DG Legal
Data privacy and security is increasingly at the top of organisations' agenda as risk continues to rise and compliance becomes obligatory. This information packed workshop will discuss why professional service providers need to act, new legislation and understanding, the deadlines they have and the 10 steps required to become Cyber Essentials and GDPR compliant.
- 2c.** Public law: Alison Pickup, Legal Director, Public Law Project
Alison will provide an update on legal aid litigation and other recent case law and legislation developments in public law.
- 2d.** A career in legal aid - session organised by Young Legal Aid Lawyers.
Unsure which area of law would suit you? Need some tips on getting that elusive training contract or pupillage? Bring your questions to Young Legal Aid Lawyers' advice session on building a career in legal aid.

16.15 Workshops: Session (3)

- 3a.** Management session: Audits – Steve Keeling, DG Legal and Jon Cable, Legal Aid Agency. Practitioners face increasing difficulty working out what audits might take place and what will be involved if they are notified of a forthcoming audit. This workshop will help you be prepared and understand more about the reasons for the audits.
- 3b.** Advocacy for vulnerable people. – Andrew Sperling, SL5 Legal, second speaker TBC
Andrew's session is aimed at increasing awareness and skills amongst advocates of good practice in cross-examination of vulnerable (e.g. learning disabled and/or autistic witnesses). The session will also cover the advocate's gateway on SRA website and the BSB work in crime.
- 3c.** Crime panel: Helen Johnson, Emery Johnson, Astills; Justin Rivett, Warrens Law and Advocacy and Rakesh Bhasin, Steel & Shamash
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**We may need to make changes to the final programme.
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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 5th October 2017

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 cost is £42. This is exclusive of alcohol as we wish to run an event which is financially accessible to as many people as possible. Drinks can be purchased at the bar on the evening.

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

To book places please go to <http://tinyurl.com/ybavxlh5>