



ANNUAL BAR & YOUNG BAR CONFERENCE 2019

The Modern Bar: our work and our role

Morning sessions

09:30 – 10:15 **Registration**

10:15 – 10:25 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair of the Bar, Richard Atkins QC

10:25 – 11:05 **Opening keynote**

Here's to the second century of women lawyers

The Rt Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond

11:05 – 11:15 **Presentation of Advocate Bar Pro Bono Awards 2019**

Presented by Baroness Hale

- *Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year*

- *Lifetime Achievement in Pro Bono, the Sydney Elland Goldsmith Award*

11:15 – 11:40 **Refreshment break**

11:40 – 13:10 **Option 1: Contemporary issues for criminal and family lawyers**

Chair: The Rt Hon Lord Hughes of Ombersley

Panellists:

Sally Howes QC, 2 King's Bench Walk

Kama Melly QC, Park Square Barristers, Leeds

James Mulholland QC, 23 Essex Street

Janet Bazley QC, 1GC | Family Law

Hari Kaur, 7 Bedford Row

Alex Verdant QC, 4 Paper Buildings

Discussing children as witnesses, the questioning of vulnerable witnesses, allegations of shaken baby syndrome and the significance of the triad, use of medical experts, disclosure, parallel criminal and family proceedings and the needs of the client.

Option 2: Commercial disputes – the way forward in an uncertain age

Chair: The Rt Hon Lady Justice Carr

Panellists:

Sarah Crowther QC, Outer Temple Chambers

Cross-border claims in contract and tort in a post-Brexit world

An overview of civil jurisdiction and applicable law rules as they apply in non-contractual claims, and the impact that Brexit has or will have on liability regimes relevant to personal injury claims.

David Joseph QC, Essex Court Chambers

Allocation of jurisdiction and enforcement of arbitration agreements in a post-Brexit world

Sally Harrison QC, St John's Buildings, Manchester

Three Divisions: Queen's Bench Division, Chancery Division and Family Division

How do we differ from one another and what can we learn from each other?

Tom Leech QC, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

The transformation of legal services: a view from the Employed Bar



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Afternoon sessions

13:10 – 14:10 Lunch

14:10 – 14:40 Court Reform

The Rt Hon Lady Justice Thirlwall, Deputy Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales

14:40 – 15:50 Specialist Bar Association leaders in conversation with Jon McLeod (Partner, Brunswick Group LLP)

SBA leaders panel:

Sonia Tolaney QC, One Essex Court | COMBAR

Cyrus Larizadeh QC, 4 Paper Buildings | FLBA

Caroline Goodwin QC, Trinity Chambers, Newcastle | CBA

Darryl Allen QC, Byrom Street Chambers, Manchester | PIBA

Amanda Hardy QC, 5 Stone Buildings | Chancery Bar

Deshpal Panesar, Old Square Chambers | ELBA

Discussing the rule of law, access to justice, court reform, the role and challenges for the independent Bar and inclusivity at the Bar.

Young Bar option: Troubleshooting tips: working well with clerks, clients, leaders and judges

Chair: Athena Markides, Chair of the Young Barristers' Committee

Panellists:

The Secret Barrister

Amy Rogers, 11 King's Bench Walk

Rebecca Priestley, Chief Executive, Outer Temple

Andrew Powell, 4 Paper Buildings

15:50 – 16:15 Refreshment break

16:15 – 16:50 Negotiation masterclass

Presented by Sue Williams: former Scotland Yard kidnap and hostage crisis negotiator

With opportunity for Q&A

16:50 – 17:35 Closing keynote address

Address from Chair of the Young Bar, Athena Markides, and Introduction of Philippe Sands QC

East West Street and the Bar: then and now

Prof. Philippe Sands QC, Matrix Chambers

17:35 – 17:40 Closing remarks

Chair of the Bar, Richard Atkins QC

17:40 – 19:00 Drinks reception