



## Legal aid at 70



A conference marking the contribution that civil legal aid has made to the development of the law.

Keynote address: Lady Hale will give the keynote speech and delegates will hear from experts across different fields about key cases and areas for development to improve the law.

**Friday 5 April 2019**

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# Conference programme

## 09.00 Registration

Opportunity to speak to sponsors/exhibitors and network

Morning sessions are all plenary and will be held in the auditorium

## 09.45 Welcome

Steve Hynes, Director, Legal Action Group

## 10.00 Keynote speech

President of The Supreme Court, The Right Hon the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE

## 10.30 Key Achievements and Omissions

Expert analysis of key developments in public law, social welfare, family and inquest law and how to extend the reach to increase access to justice

Chair: Stephen Knafler QC, Landmark Chambers

## Part 1 Social Welfare and Family Law

Sue James, Director Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre

Jawaid Luqmani, Partner Luqmani Thompson & Partners

Cris McCurley, Ben Hoare Bell LLP

Karen Ashton, Head of Public Law and Community Care at Central England Law Centre

## 11.15 Coffee

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## 11.30 Part 2 Public Law and Inquests

Sara Lomri, Public Law Project

Marcia Willis Stewart QC (Hon), Birnberg Peirce

Fiona Murphy, Doughty Street TBC

Amanda Weston QC, Garden Court

## 12.15 Future proofing: digital innovation and access to justice

Chair: Joe de Wet, LEAP

Richard Miller, The Law Society.

Terry Stokes, Chief Executive LASA

Martin Barnes, LawWorks

Gareth Morgan, Ferret Information Systems.

Speaker on Artificial Intelligence

### **13.00 Lunch**

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### **13.50 Plenary**

LASPO Review Team – civil legal aid – what next?  
Round up from Ministry of Justice review team

### **14.10 Masterclasses**

Key cases, recent developments and hot topic delivered by experts in their field. Delegates can choose two of six topics (one from Masterclasses 1 and one from Masterclasses 2).

#### **14.10 Masterclasses 1**

- a) Public law: speakers from Public Law Project
- b) Housing law: John Gallagher, principal solicitor, Shelter and Diane Astin, solicitor, Deighton Pierce Glynn
- c) Civil legal aid – looking forward: contributor to Legal Aid Handbook and Chris Minnoch, chief executive, Legal Aid Practitioners Group

### **15.00 Tea**

#### **15.20 Masterclasses 2**

- a) Disability and children's rights cases: Steve Broach, Monckton Chambers and Polly Sweeney, Irwin Mitchell
- b) Migrant support: Shu Shin Luh, Garden Court Chambers; Deborah Gellner, Asylum Support Appeals Project (ASAP) and Connor Johnston, Garden Court Chambers
- c) Rights of people in detention: Laura Dubinsky, Doughty Street Chambers, Hamish Arnott and Simon Creighton, Bhatt Murphy

### **16.10 Plenary**

The greatest legal aid case of all time – the big vote  
Chair: Helena Kennedy, Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws QC TBC

Six three-minute presentations followed by a vote for the greatest civil legal aid case

### **16.45 Closing remarks**

Dr Laura Janes, Chair of Legal Action Group, Legal Director of the Howard League for Penal Reform

### **17.00 Drinks reception**

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