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'Been looking for a course like this for a long time – very glad I found it' (Solicitor) – Housing Disrepair

'It was a delight to listen to the presenters, not only because of the depth of knowledge, but because of their enthusiasm for the subject' (Information Officer) – Gypsy and Traveller Law Update

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Civil Justice

Actions Against the Police (Advanced)

28 April 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Advanced

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 20 March 2009

This course is designed for practitioners who act for claimants and have a good understanding and experience of the issues involved in taking cases against the police. It assumes knowledge of civil actions, torts and principles in police action quantum cases. It will provide practitioners with a comprehensive update of developments in the law relating to liability, procedure, quantum, costs and funding of relevance to police actions (including claims against other detaining authorities).

In addition, this year there will be a special focus on public law remedies emerging from police cases: including identifying challenges in the context of complaint and misconduct processes and the exercise of police powers.

Topics include:

- Recent developments in liability, procedure and quantum
- Costs recovery including recent challenges to inter partes recovery of costs (*A and Roach and Matthews*)
- Public funding and conditional fee agreements
- Special focus on public law challenges to the police and IPCC
- Practical tips, strategy and tactics for effective practice

Trainers:

FIONA MURPHY is a partner at Bhatt Murphy solicitors with extensive experience in civil claims and complaints against the police and other detaining authorities, deaths in custody and judicial review associated with these areas. HEATHER WILLIAMS QC is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, specialising in substantial civil actions against the police and other detaining authorities and related judicial review work. PHILLIPPA KAUFMANN is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers specialising in police and prison law including civil actions, judicial reviews, miscarriage of justice cases and inquests.

Please note this course is open to claimants' lawyers only.

Inquest Law and Practice

10 November 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Beginners/intermediate

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 31 July 2009

This course will examine the practice and procedure of the coroner's court from the point of view of those acting for the family of the bereaved. It contains practical tips from start to finish of the process, including on funding applications, disclosure, the hearing, narrative verdicts and related litigation, together with useful precedents. There is a detailed update on legal developments, including on the fast-changing law on article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and an update on policies and resources that govern how public authorities should take steps to prevent deaths. The implications of the Coroners and Justice Bill will be considered.

This course is aimed at practitioners who currently specialise in inquest law, as well as those who wish to do so. Participants may benefit from having read *Inquests: a practitioner's guide* (LAG, 2nd edn, 2008).

Trainers:

ADAM STRAW is a barrister at Tooks Chambers in London, specialising in public, inquest, prison, mental health and discrimination law. LESLIE THOMAS is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers in London, specialising in civil claims against the police and public authorities. FIONA BORRILL is a solicitor with a national reputation in the area of inquest law.



Community care

Community Care Update

8 May 2009 and 1 December 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Updating

Usual price – £195 + VAT

8 May course:

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 20 March 2009

1 December course:

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 31 July 2009

This course is designed for those who are familiar with community care law issues but who need an update of recent developments. Legal aid practitioners, advice workers, voluntary sector workers, local authority officers in social services and legal departments, Primary Care Trust, Local Health Board and NHS Trust managers will all find the course useful.

Topics include:

- Introduction and overview
- adult care services, overview of developments
- the personalisation agenda and individual budgets
- the Health and Social Care Act 2008
- eligibility criteria and the reform of Fair Access to Care Services

Mental incapacity and mental health services

- the new duties
- section 117 duties and the right to be discharged from detention
- the Mental Health Act 2007 and its impact on community care
- the *Bournemouth* deprivation of liberty safeguards

Health service law update

- National Framework for NHS Continuing Care update
- NHS responsibilities for nursing care in care homes
- direct payments and the NHS
- regulation and complaints in the NHS
- case-law update

Charging

- benefits and charges update
- choice of accommodation
- people funding their own care
- charges for domiciliary care
- care at home

Human rights update

- recent cases
- independent living
- local authority obligations to protect vulnerable adults

Trainers:

KAREN ASHTON is a solicitor and partner at Public Law Solicitors. LUKE CLEMENTS is a solicitor and consultant with Scott-Moncrieff, Harbour & Sinclair (London) and a Professor at Cardiff Law School, University of Wales. He is co-author of *Community Care and the Law* (LAG, 4th edn, 2007). STEPHEN CRAGG is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers specialising in public law in social welfare and human rights areas, and in particular in the areas of community care, police powers, social services and health law and mental health. PHIL FENNELL is a

Professor at Cardiff Law School. He is a member of the Law Society's mental health and disability subcommittee. STEPHEN LODGE is a solicitor and partner at Public Law Solicitors specialising in community care and health law. PAULINE THOMPSON is a policy adviser at Age Concern England covering care finance and co-author of *Community Care and the Law*.



Crime

Police Station Update

21 May 2009 and 21 October 2009

■ London ■ 3 hours CPD ■ 2 pm - 5.15 pm

Level – Updating

Usual price – £100 + VAT

21 May course:

Early Bird price – £85 + VAT

Book and pay before 20 March 2009

21 October course

Early Bird price – £85 + VAT

Book and pay before 31 July 2009

Brought to you by the author and publishers of the best-selling guide to advising police detainees in police custody (*Defending Suspects at Police Stations*, 5th edn, 2006), this course is designed to help lawyers keep up to date with legal and practice developments relevant to police station work. It covers new legislation, case-law and policing practice in

a practical way so that criminal defence lawyers can apply it to their regular police station work.

Topics include:

- Recent legislation
 - Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005
 - Police and Justice Act 2006
 - Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008
 - Counter-Terrorism Act 2008
- The latest revisions of the PACE Codes of Practice
- Recent case-law, especially on stop and search, arrest, access to legal advice, police interviews and cautions, 'silence', previous misconduct, search and seizure, bail and identification
- Statutory charging, the DPP's guidance on charging, alternatives to prosecution
- Recent developments in police station legal aid

Trainer:

ED CAPE is a solicitor and Professor of Criminal Law and Practice at the University of the West of England, Bristol and author of *Defending Suspects at Police Stations*.



Employment

Employment Law Update

3 July 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Updating

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 20 March 2009

This practical course provides an update of developments in individual employment rights from the UK and European case-law and statutes over the past 12 months. The course, which is aimed at practitioners advising workers and employees, job applicants and employment tribunal claimants, will include discussion of key developments and consideration of the practical implications for claimants and their advisers.

Topics include:

- Discrimination, including age, religion and sexuality, and disability
- Employment status and employment protection.
- Tribunal practice and procedure
- Unfair dismissals
- TUPE issues
- Grievances and disciplinary procedures
- Contracts of employment
- Whistle-blowing
- Maternity and parental rights

Trainer:

CATHERINE RAYNER is a barrister at Tooks Chambers with a practice in employment law, specialising in discrimination. In addition, she is an experienced trainer and writes a twice-yearly discrimination law update for *Legal Action*. This course is run in conjunction with Tooks Chambers.

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Employment Law Essentials

17 March 2009 and 30 November 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Suitable for all levels

Usual price – £195 + VAT

17 March course £195 + VAT.

30 November course

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 31 July 2009

This course will cover some recent developments in employment law over the past 18 months, including the band of reasonable responses test; abolition of the statutory dispute resolution procedures and the new ACAS Code; deciding who is an employee; tackling unilateral variation by employers; dependant leave; indirect discrimination; TUPE transfers.

The course presupposes basic knowledge of employment law but will build on first principles, so advanced knowledge is not required. The emphasis is on practical rather than academic knowledge. The training style will be relaxed, based on discussion with the trainer as well as small group work, and it will provide an opportunity for participants to share their experience of the latest problems in these areas.

As a result of the course, advisers should have a better understanding of some of the key live issues in employment law as well as familiarity with latest cases. This knowledge should help build on the wider overview contained in *Employment Law: an adviser's handbook* (LAG 7th edn, 2007). This programme is subject to some flexibility in order to respond to latest legal developments and interests of participants.

Trainer:

TAMARA LEWIS is a senior solicitor of 20 years' experience working in the employment unit of the Central London Law Centre and author of *Employment Law: an adviser's handbook*.

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Gypsy and Traveller Law

Gypsy and Traveller Law Update

13 March 2009

■ Birmingham ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Updating

Price – £195 + VAT

This course provides a comprehensive review of developments in Gypsy and Traveller law and policy in England and Wales. It is designed for legal aid practitioners, Gypsy and Traveller advice and liaison workers and voluntary sector workers with a basic knowledge of Traveller issues. Local government housing, planning and education departments responsible for Gypsy and Traveller matters will also find this course particularly useful.

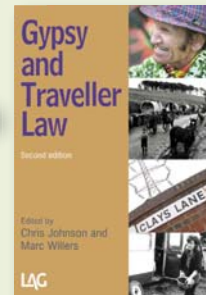
Topics include:

- Security of tenure on official sites in the light of recent case-law and the amendments made to the Mobile Homes Act 1983 by the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008
- Planning legislation, case-law and policy update
- Recent policy and case-law on evictions from unauthorised encampments
- Homelessness
- The latest cases on human rights, race discrimination and those in which health and education issues have been material

Trainers:

CHRIS JOHNSON is a partner and head of the Travellers Advice Team at the Community Law Partnership in Birmingham and co-editor of *Gypsy and Traveller Law* (LAG, 2nd edn, 2007). TIM JONES is a barrister at No 5 Chambers (Birmingham, London and Bristol). MARC WILLERS is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers in London, specialising in public law, human rights, and planning law, with a particular emphasis on the representation of Gypsies and Travellers and co-editor of *Gypsy and Traveller Law*.

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Housing

Defending Possession Proceedings

30 March 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Introductory

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 20 March 2009

Each year over 285,000 possession actions are started in England and Wales. This course is designed for housing practitioners and advisers who act for those threatened with eviction and covers claims against council and housing association tenants, private sector tenants and mortgage borrowers. Emphasis is placed on the practicalities of dealing with possession actions in the county court. The course will include an update on recent case-law, including anti-social behaviour cases and developments concerning the impact of human rights arguments on possession proceedings. Examples of court documents will be used to illustrate the course of a possession claim. The course is suitable for both generalist and specialist advisers, including those taking part in court duty schemes.

Please note that the course does not cover forfeiture or other proceedings taken by landlords of long leaseholders.

Topics include:

- Grounds for possession against secure and assured tenants
- The Rent Arrears Protocol and strategies in rent arrears cases
- Assured shorthold tenancies: the accelerated possession procedure
- Introductory and demoted tenancies
- Family intervention tenancies
- Possession proceedings and the Human Rights Act 1998
- Defending mortgage borrowers
- Mortgage Arrears Protocol
- Practice and procedure in possession cases under Civil Procedure Rules Part 55

Trainers:

JOHN GALLAGHER is a solicitor with Shelter, and has specialised in housing and homelessness law for more than 20 years. DEREK MCCONNELL is a solicitor with South West Law in Bristol. He has worked in a number of Law Centres and writes regularly for *Legal Action* on recent developments in housing law as they affect owner-occupiers. Both trainers are co-authors of the leading text in this area *Defending Possession Proceedings* (LAG, 6th edn, 2006).

Introduction to Housing Law

10 July 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Introductory

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 20 March 2009

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to the principles and practice of the law of rented housing and homelessness. Emphasis is placed on equipping the lawyer or adviser to identify the status of particular occupiers and the remedies available to them. The course includes reference to case studies and an example of a possession claim.

Topics include:

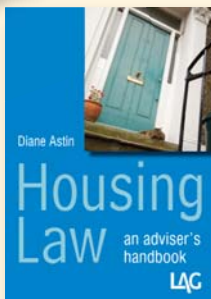
- Types of occupation
- Security of tenure: secure, assured and assured shorthold tenancies
- Protection from eviction
- Court proceedings for possession
- Defending possession claims
- Harassment and unlawful eviction
- Remedies for disrepair and poor housing conditions
- The law of homelessness
- Allocation of social housing

Please note that this course does not deal with owner-occupiers, long leaseholders or the law of mortgages.

Trainers:

DIANE ASTIN is a solicitor with the Public Law Project. She has specialised in housing law for more than 15 years and has extensive experience of training on housing law issues. She is the author of *Housing Law: an adviser's handbook* (LAG, 2008). JOHN GALLAGHER is a solicitor with Shelter, who has specialised in housing and homelessness law for more than 20 years.

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Recent Developments in Housing Law

7 September 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Updating

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 31 July 2009

This practical course provides an update on recent legislation and case-law for experienced practitioners with substantial knowledge and experience of housing law. Designed for practitioners acting for tenants and housing applicants, the course will provide a comprehensive overview of developments over the past 24 months.

Please note that the course does not cover the law relating to long leaseholds or mortgages.

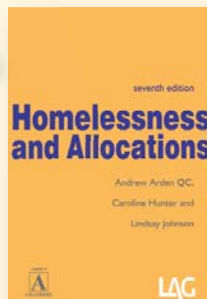
Topics include:

- Security of tenure in the public and private sectors
- Possession proceedings – including recent cases on tolerated trespassers and orders for possession
- Disrepair
- Illegal evictions and harassment
- Homelessness and allocations – including recent cases on vulnerability and priority need
- Anti-social behaviour

Trainers:

CAROLINE HUNTER is a barrister at Arden Chambers and Professor of Law at the University of York. She is co-author of *Homelessness and Allocations* (LAG, 7th edn, 2006) and deputy general editor of the *Journal of Housing Law*. JANE PETRIE is senior lecturer in housing law at Sheffield Hallam University. She practised as a housing solicitor for 20 years in Law Centres and local government.

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Housing and Support for Migrants

9 October 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Intermediate

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 31 July 2009

This course is aimed at solicitors, barristers, advice workers, local authority staff and others whose clients include asylum-seekers and other migrants. We have updated this course, which initially focused on asylum-seekers but now includes other migrants in need of welfare support such as refused asylum-seekers, EU nationals and their family members. The trainers aim to demystify and make sense of this complex area with plenty of time for case studies and question and answer sessions. The course is carefully structured so more experienced advisers can bring themselves up to date, with a refresher for those who are new to or have lost touch with this area.

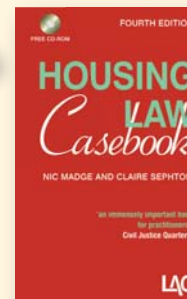
Topics include:

- Changes to asylum and immigration processes
- Asylum support developments and Asylum Support Tribunal appeals
- Latest case-law on section 21 and social services assistance
- Section 4 support and other options for refused asylum-seekers
- EU nationals and eligibility for housing
- Asylum-seekers granted leave
- Access to health-care

Trainers:

ANNE McMURDIE is a solicitor at Public Law Solicitors in Birmingham where she specialises in public law, community care and housing law. SOLANGE VALDEZ is a solicitor who previously worked as an immigration caseworker for Hammersmith and Fulham Community Law Centre for over seven years and now works for Avon and Bristol Law Centre.

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Housing Disrepair

16 December 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Suitable for all levels

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 31 July 2009

This newly-updated course explains the legal steps to successfully tackle disrepair in rented accommodation. It is designed not only as a comprehensive introduction, but also as a refresher course for lawyers and advisers already experienced in this crucial area of tenant protection.

Topics include:

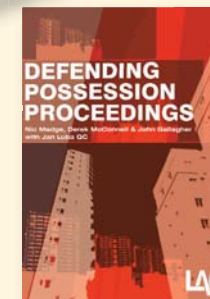
- The landlord's legal liability to repair in contract and tort;
- The disrepair protocol;
- Developments in CPR;
- Calculating damages;
- The latest case-law;
- How to get the best result for your client in county court disrepair proceedings;
- The public funding scheme
- Other ways to fund disrepair cases

Please note that this course is aimed specifically at tenants' advisers.

Trainers:

DEIRDRE FORSTER is a partner at Powell Forster solicitors in London and has specialised in housing law for more than 18 years. BEATRICE PREVATT is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers who specialises in housing law.

LAG title
of interest



£48
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Human rights

Human Rights and Discrimination Update

20 March 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Updating

Usual price – £195 + VAT

This course will lead from an understanding of the basic use of the Human Rights Act 1998 and the European Convention on Human Rights and their use in situations of discrimination, through the case-law to a discussion of the potential applications of human rights arguments in areas such as work with children, gender and race issues, freedom of expression, privacy, religion and belief, and other areas of discrimination.

Topics include:

- The interpretative effect and the breach of statutory duty on public authorities – the definition of public authorities
- Positive obligations and the role of public authorities (equality duties and positive obligations)
- Absolute obligations and qualified obligations
- Relationship between human rights duties and public authorities' internal policies
- Relationship between public authorities' duties and human rights
- Relationship between the public sector equality duties and human rights
- Practical use of public sector duties and human rights to influence public authority decision-making

Trainers:

CATHERINE CASSERLEY and DECLAN O'DEMPSEY are barristers at Cloisters, London.

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Immigration

Immigration Law Update

22 October 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Updating

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 31 July 2009

The purpose of this course is to provide a practical guide to recent developments in immigration law, focussing in particular on legislation, policies, practice and case-law. The course is designed for the busy adviser (solicitor or caseworker) who will have reasonably significant experience and knowledge of immigration law and practice.

Topics include:

- Refugee and asylum law including domestic interpretation and application of the Qualification Directive
- Human rights in the immigration appellate context including the interpretation and application of articles 3, 8 and 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- EU law including the domestic court's approach to close and extended family members pursuant to the Citizen's Directive
- Policies, practice and procedure issues including discussion on current extra-statutory policies, for example, DP 5/96, Indefinite leave to Remain exercise, legacy exercise

Trainers:

RANJIV KHUBBER is a barrister at 1 Pump Court, Temple, with considerable experience in judicial review challenges to immigration decisions. JO SWANEY is a solicitor at Fisher Meredith LLP who has significant experience in a variety of immigration matters including judicial review challenges to immigration decisions.

See also:

Housing and Support for Migrants

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Foreign National Prisoners

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Mental health

Introduction to Mental Health Review Tribunals

16 & 17 June 2009 and 9 & 10 December 2009

■ London ■ 12 hours CPD

■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm both days

Level – Intermediate

Price – £425 + VAT

(Please note there is no Early Bird discount on this course)

This comprehensive two-day course, held in conjunction with Scott-Moncrieff, Harbour & Sinclair and Mind, has been approved by the Solicitors Regulation Authority to meet the requirements of the Mental Health Review Tribunal (MHRT) Accreditation Scheme.

The course is designed for practitioners with a good grounding in mental health law and the issues affecting mentally disordered clients. The training will be delivered by means of formal presentations along with case studies and a question and answer session to enable delegates to explore the recent developments in mental health law.

Topics include:

- Mental health law update
- The tribunal – its constitution, powers and procedures
- The Mental Health Act Code of Practice and government guidance
- Preparing for the hearing
- Understanding classifications used in psychiatric and social circumstances reports
- Taking instructions and preparing the case
- Questioning evidence
- Human Rights Act implications

Chair:

ROBERT ROBINSON is a solicitor at Scott-Moncrieff, Harbour & Sinclair. He is a MHRT president, and writes mental health law update articles for *Legal Action*.

Trainers:

PHIL FENNELL is a Professor at Cardiff Law School. He is a member of the Law Society's mental health and disability sub-committee. BILL JACKSON writes independent social circumstances reports for solicitors, the Criminal Cases Review Commission and other bodies.

LUCY SCOTT-MONCRIEFF is a partner at Scott-Moncrieff, Harbour & Sinclair, which has a large mental health unit. DR ROB FERRIS is a consultant forensic psychiatrist and clinical director of secure services for the Oxfordshire Mental Health Trust.



Prison Law

Foreign National Prisoners

4 June 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Suitable for all levels

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 20 March 2009

This course will provide a comprehensive review of immigration law and prison law as it relates to foreign nationals in prisons or suspected of crime. It will provide an integrated approach between immigration and prison law and is designed for all those whose cases relate to foreign national prisoners whether in the context of parole, Asylum and Immigration Tribunals proceedings or in the higher courts. It will also provide an introduction to Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC) proceedings for those who may intend to extend into that field.

Topics include:

- Deportation
- Loss and denial of international protection
- Immigration detention
- Foreign nationals in prisons: progress and release
- Introduction to the scope and nature of appeals to the SIAC

The relevant human rights aspects of these topics will be integral to their presentation on the course.

Trainers:

LAURA DUBINSKY is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers specialising in immigration law with particular expertise in representing foreign national prisoners in deportation and detention cases. JUDITH FARBEY is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers specialising in public law including prison and immigration law.

Prison Law Basics and Disciplinary Hearings

1 July 2009

■ London ■ 6 hours CPD ■ 9.15 am - 5.15 pm

Level – Suitable for all levels

Usual price – £195 + VAT

Early Bird price – £165.75 + VAT

Book and pay before 20 March 2009

Prison law is a complex, dynamic area of law and there are over 100,000 prison disciplinary hearings, or adjudications, held in prisons in England and Wales each year. A significant proportion of these are referred to outside adjudicators at hearings in which prisoners can be legally represented.

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This course is aimed at practitioners who currently specialise in prison law, as well as those who wish to do so.

Topics include:

- The structure of the Prison Service
- Public funding
- Categorisation
- Complaints
- Privileges
- What charges can prisoners face?
- When are charges referred to independent adjudicators?
- Preparing for hearings
- Advocacy at hearings before independent adjudicators
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The day will combine lecture sessions with interactive case studies. Course material will include detailed notes and relevant extracts of the Prison Rules 1999 and the policy guidance contained in Prison Service Order 2000.

Trainers:

HAMISH ARNOTT and SIMON CREIGHTON are both solicitors at Bhatt Murphy solicitors in London and both previously worked at the Prisoners' Advice Service. They are authors of *ParoleBoard Hearings: Law and Practice* (LAG, 2006).

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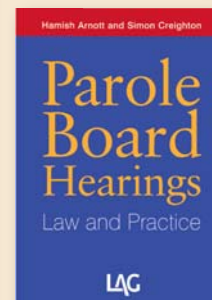
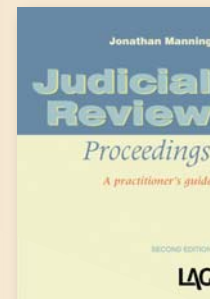
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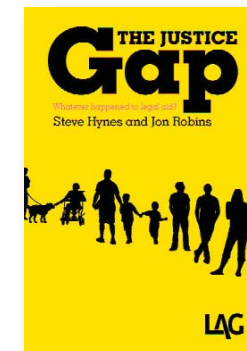
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The conference is part of LAG's programme to mark the 60th anniversary of legal aid, which will see the publication of a new book on legal aid policy, *The Justice Gap: whatever happened to legal aid?* by Steve Hynes and Jon Robins and a new book on managing legal aid practices, *Making Legal Aid work: a handbook for practitioners* by Vicky Ling and Simon Pugh.

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