

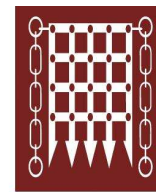
Westminster Legal Policy Forum Keynote Seminar:

Modernising the courts and tribunals service - infrastructure, efficiency and access to justice

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 14th October 2015

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Chairman, All Party Parliamentary Group for the Magistracy
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Delivering efficiency in criminal proceedings - options for policy**
Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson, President of the Queen's Bench Division and Author, *Review of Efficiency in Criminal Proceedings*
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Courts and the Criminal Justice System - digitalisation, infrastructure and the future role of the magistracy**
- Supporting victims and witnesses - assessing court facilities and the court experience*
Baroness Newlove, Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales
- Balancing efficiency and justice - the practitioner's view*
Richard Atkinson, Member, Criminal Law Committee, Law Society and Managing Partner, Robin Murray & Co
- The future of the Magistrates' Court - recruitment, efficiency and innovative working practices*
Richard Monkhouse, Chairman, Magistrates' Association
- Implementing a 'digital court' - key lessons from recent pilots*
Daniel Hillman, Legal Adviser, Birmingham Magistrates' Court
- Criminal procedure and modernisation - a perspective from the Bar*
Richard Atkins QC, Barrister, St Philips Chambers and Leader, Midland Circuit
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Chairman, All Party Parliamentary Group for the Magistracy
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- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Scott of Foscote, former Lord of Appeal in Ordinary
- 11.05 - 11.35 **Access to justice and dispute resolution in the civil courts**
Professor Richard Susskind, Chair, Online Dispute Resolution Advisory Group, Civil Justice Council and IT Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Civil justice - assessing the impact of new court structures, working practices and fees**
- The Modern Commercial Court - a case study*
Mark Beer, Chief Executive and Registrar, Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts
- Improving the user experience - priorities for litigants across debt recovery, insolvency and dispute resolution*
Robert Thompson, Vice Chairman, Greater London and South East Region and Member, Legal & Technical Committee, Civil Court Users Association
- 'Delivering Civil Justice in an Age of Austerity' - increasing access & efficiency to the civil courts and tribunal services*
Andrea Coomber, Director, JUSTICE
- Courts and tribunals in Wales*
Theodore Huckle QC, Counsel General for Wales
- Court digitisation - challenges and opportunities ahead*
Jim Leason, Vice President and Head, Court Management Solutions, Thomson Reuters
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Modernising the courts and tribunals system**
Natalie Ceeney, Chief Executive, HM Courts & Tribunals Service
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Scott of Foscote, former Lord of Appeal in Ordinary
Marc Gammon, Senior Producer, Westminster Legal Policy Forum