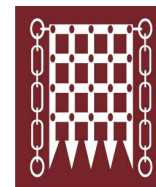


Westminster Legal Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future for family justice in England and Wales - court reform, divorce law and the future of care proceedings

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 25th April 2018

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Suella Fernandes MP
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The Family Courts - current challenges and future priorities**
Sir James Munby, President of the Family Division, High Court of England and Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.50 **Court modernisation and online divorce - latest findings and next steps for implementation**
Adam Lennon, Head of Family Modernisation and Improvement, HM Courts & Tribunals Service
- 9.50 - 10.35 **The future for private family law - modernising divorce, increasing mediation & protecting vulnerable complainants**
Michael Lewkowicz, Business Manager, Families Need Fathers
Philip Marshall QC, Chairman, Family Law Bar Association
Jane Robey, Chief Executive Officer, National Family Mediation
Senior representative, campaign group
Questions and comments from the floor with **Adam Lennon**, Head of Family Modernisation and Improvement, HM Courts & Tribunals Service
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Suella Fernandes MP
- 10.40 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 - 11.35 **Ensuring a child-centred framework - priorities amid reform**
Anthony Douglas, Chief Executive, Cafcass
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 11.45 **The future for problem-solving courts - addressing substance misuse, mental health problems and domestic abuse**
Senior speaker to be announced
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Care proceedings in England and Wales - meeting demand, maintaining standards and developing new approaches**
Cathy Ashley, Chief Executive, Family Rights Group
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, law firm
Senior representative, expert witness
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be announced
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for policy development**
Dr Elizabeth Gibby, Deputy Director, Family Justice Policy Division, Ministry of Justice
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Marc Gammon, Associate Editor, Westminster Legal Policy Forum