

**Westminster Legal Policy Forum and Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar**  
**The future of health and safety law - in search of a 'common sense' approach**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Venue: Telford Theatre, One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Katy Clark MP**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Health and Safety Group
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The Löfstedt review - reviewing and consolidating legislation**  
**Professor Ragnar Löfstedt**, Chair, *Reclaiming health and safety for all: An independent review of health and safety legislation* and Director, King's Centre for Risk Management, King's College London  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.05 **Implementation and enforcement - the view from the regulator**  
**Judith Hackitt**, Chair, Health and Safety Executive  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 - 11.00 **Health and safety regulation - assessing a renewed framework**  
*Perspectives on the current agenda for reform of health and safety regulation since Lord Young's review 'Common Sense, Common Safety'. Has the creation of an official register for Occupational Safety and Health Consultants laid the foundations for adequate regulation of the profession, and to what extent does rogue advice continue to be a problem for the sector? How can Government's plans for light-touch and better targeted regulation produce efficiency gains without reducing health outcomes? What sectors are most likely to flout regulation in search of a competitive advantage, and will proposed financial deterrents for serious breaches be adequate to address this ongoing concern? How have stakeholders reacted to recent initiatives - such as simplified self-assessment forms for small businesses - and will Government's broader aims to shift regulation away from low-risk working environments provide the intended boost to competitiveness and growth?*  
**Susan Murray**, National Health and Safety Advisor, Unite the Union  
**Paul Reeve**, Head of Health, Safety and Environment, Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA)  
**Mary Boughton**, Chairman, Health and Safety and Risk Management Committee, Federation of Small Businesses  
**Andy Lucas**, Operations Manager (Health and Safety), Birmingham City Council  
**Kevin Bridges**, Partner, Pinsent Masons and Member of Council, Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH)  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Katy Clark MP**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Health and Safety Group
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- 11.35 - 11.40 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon The Lord Hunt of Wirral**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Legal and Constitutional Affairs and Chair, Financial Services Division, DAC Beachcroft
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Health and safety law - personal injury litigation, referral agencies and civil justice reform**  
*To what extent will the future of health and safety be impacted by corresponding reforms to civil justice? How might Government's aims to shift the cost of litigation away from the defendant and on to the claimant - such as recently announced proposals to abolish the recoverability of success fees - help curb the perceived compensation culture? What impact will corresponding plans to restrict the operations of referral agencies and control personal injury advertising have on the sector? Does Government's agenda for reform pose a threat to access to justice?*  
**Andrew Dismore**, Campaign Co-ordinator, Access to Justice Action Group (AJAG)  
**Nick Starling**, Director of General Insurance and Health, Association of British Insurers (ABI)  
**Karl Tonks**, Vice-President, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)  
**Paul Hopkin**, Technical Director, Airmic  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **No win no fee: the Government's reforms**  
**Robert Wright**, Head of Civil Litigation and Funding, Ministry of Justice  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon The Lord Hunt of Wirral**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Legal and Constitutional Affairs and Chair, Financial Services Division, DAC Beachcroft  
**Sean Cudmore**, Senior Producer, Westminster Legal Policy Forum and Westminster Business Forum