

**Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:
Next steps for dispute resolution in England and Wales**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 10th May 2024

*****Taking place online*****



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Cathryn Hannah, Deputy Director, Legal Support and Dispute Resolution, Ministry of Justice
- 9.05 **The current dispute resolution policy landscape**
Kim Wager, Head of Dispute Resolution Policy, Ministry of Justice
- 9.15 **Professional standards for mediators moving forwards**
Rebecca Clark, Chair, Civil Mediation Council
- 9.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 **Next steps for mandatory mediation implementation and for those using mediation**
Capacity for increased use | Implications for cost management and access to justice in light of new standards | Impact of mandatory mediation on civil justice system efficiency | Priorities for dispute avoidance
Martin Ellis, Chair, College of Mediators
Stephanie Needleman, Legal Director, Justice
Roger Levitt, Mediator, Roger Levitt Mediation
Richard Miller, Head of Justice, The Law Society
Simon Hammond, Director of Claims Management, NHS Resolution
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Cathryn Hannah, Deputy Director, Legal Support and Dispute Resolution, Ministry of Justice
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, International Arbitrator; and President, Qatar International Court
- 11.00 **Priorities for domestic and international arbitration - implementing the Arbitration Bill**
Jonathan Wood, President, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; and Chair, International Arbitration, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Priorities for the workforce**
Training and professional development | The role of technology in enhancing effectiveness and accessibility | Encouraging diversity in selection and nomination
Professor Pablo Cortés, Chair in Civil Justice, University of Leicester
Johnny Shearman, Practice Group Attorney, Greenberg Traurig
Dr Ula Cartwright-Finch, Managing Director, Cortex Capital
George Burn, Partner and Head of International Arbitration, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
Professor Bryan Clark, Professor of Law and Civil Justice, Newcastle University
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Future role of the courts in dispute resolution in England and Wales**
Lord Neuberger, Arbitrator, One Essex Court; and former President, Supreme Court (2012-2017)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, International Arbitrator; and President, Qatar International Court
Amy Wassif, Westminster Legal Policy Forum