

Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar
Next steps for legal education and training and ongoing competence in the legal profession

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th February 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priority areas for driving up quality and standards in legal education and training and improving ongoing competence within the profession**
Chris Nichols, Director of Regulation and Policy, Legal Services Board
Julie Brannan, Director of Education and Training, Solicitors Regulation Authority
Mark Neale, Director General, Bar Standards Board
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.50 **Supporting ongoing competence at the Bar**
Mark Fenhalls QC, incoming Chair of the Bar of England and Wales
- 10.00 **The rollout of the SQE and new qualifying pathways for barristers - early experiences and areas for improvement, providing clarity for students, and initial impacts on diversity**
Giles Proctor, Chief Executive Officer, The College of Legal Practice
Michaela Hardwick, Director and Solicitor, Beyond Compliance
Lynda Gibbs QC, Dean, The Inns of Court College of Advocacy
Dr Victoria Roper, Associate Professor, Northumbria University; and Chair, National Education and Training Committee of the Law Society
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Low of Dalston
- 11.00 **Widening access - diversifying training routes and pathways into the profession and improving access from disadvantaged backgrounds**
Jo-Anne Pugh, Dean of BPP University Law School, BPP University
Denise Wright, Graduate Development Adviser, Weightmans
Nicholas Miller, Chief Executive, The Bridge Group
Professor Chris Bones, Chair, The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives
Patrick McCann, Director, Learning - Legal Operations, Linklaters; and Chair, City of London Law Society Training Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 Break
- 12.00 **Securing a pipeline of talent for the legal profession - assessing emerging skills needs in the sector, facilitating ongoing professional development, and accounting for the growing role of technology**
Jim Moser, Director of Professional Development, The University of Law
Caroline Janes, Head of Learning and Development, Herbert Smith Freehills
Rachel Broquard, Service Excellence Partner, Eversheds Sutherland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Low of Dalston
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Legal Policy Forum