

**Westminster Legal Policy Forum conference:  
Next steps for legal education and training in England and Wales**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **The legal training landscape - innovation, ethics and access**  
Senior academic  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Regulatory priorities for legal education and training**  
**Julie Swan**, Director, Education and Training, Solicitors Regulation Authority  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Bar Standards Board**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Legal Services Board**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Key considerations for professional legal ethics training and workplace culture**  
*integrating professional legal ethics training and considerations for continued professional development | developing ethical cultures early in legal careers | addressing bullying and harassment | building inclusive workplace cultures that adapt to technological and regulatory change | aligning legal services regulation with other sectoral frameworks for working rights, whistleblowing and the right to switch off | upholding client confidentiality and public trust amid increased scrutiny | misconduct reporting and disciplinary procedures | bias, confidentiality, transparency and liability issues*  
**Jonathan Levack**, Director, Policy and Governance, CILEx Regulation  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, education provider  
Senior representative, HR  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.20 **Priorities for widening participation and tackling discrimination in legal education and practice**  
*impact of the SQE format and its effect on incoming lawyers | cost implications for trainees and the impact of increased SQE fees | the future role of legal apprenticeships | improving outcomes for disadvantaged individuals | tackling barriers to entry and progression for underrepresented groups | transition to work for disabled students and initiatives to improve inclusivity | measuring the impact of legal education diversity initiatives | assessing recent SQE results against expectations | policy considerations | roles and responsibilities for leadership in mentoring and career development*  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, university  
Senior representative, apprenticeship  
Senior representative, social mobility  
Senior academic  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Legal education for the practice of the future**  
Senior representative, technology
- 12.10 **Next steps for innovation in training and legal skills**  
*strategic considerations and frameworks for AI implementation and standards | Law Society and SRA guidance on AI and ethical practice | improving AI literacy alongside ethical responsibilities and legal reasoning | developing innovative CPD models to keep pace with innovation | maintaining compliance and competence across career stages | reviews and assessment | addressing evolving public priorities and expectations | digital technology oversight and governance | best practice and knowledge sharing*  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, digital skills  
Senior representative, consultancy  
Senior commentator
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Legal Policy Forum