

Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Next steps for legal professional ethics in the UK

Timing: Morning, Friday, 9th February 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Thomas Barrett, Senior Lawyer, Strategic Data Protection Lead, Government Legal Department
- 9.05 **The developing regulatory and ethical landscape - priorities and issues for regulators and the legal profession**
Professor Andrew Boon, School of Law, City, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The Horizon IT public inquiry - lessons to be learned from professional misconduct and the impact on legal services**
Professor Richard Moorhead, Professor of Law and Professional Ethics, University of Exeter
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 **Assessing ethics in today's legal services and priorities going forward**
The modern lawyer's role | Identifying ethical considerations for legal practitioners and in providing services to clients | Managing professional tensions between serving greater public good and the use of tools such as NDAs | Trust, appropriate transparency, and the new regulatory position of SLAPPs
Zelda Perkins, Co-Founder, Can't Buy My Silence
Dana Denis-Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Obelisk Support
Susan Coughtrie, Director, The Foreign Policy Centre; and Co-Chair, UK Anti-SLAPP Coalition
Lucy Dennett, Director of Policy, The Law Society
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Thomas Barrett, Senior Lawyer, Strategic Data Protection Lead, Government Legal Department
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Peter Goldsmith, former Attorney General for England, Wales and Northern Ireland (2001-2007)
- 11.10 **The role of education, training and legal practice culture and management**
Embedding ethical training into legal education | Self-regulatory frameworks | Support for staff, and approaches to culture change and training in firms | The role of leadership in legal practices | Governance and monitoring structures | Impact of in-house ethical strategies
Anthony Davis, Partner, FisherBroyles; and Lecturer in Law, Columbia University
Louis Harman, Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader, University of Lincoln
Sybill Raphael, Legal Director, Protect
Becky Hewitt, Chief Executive Officer, Kin&Co
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **Reshaping legal services - regulating legal professional ethics**
Mathew Hill, Chief Executive, Legal Services Board
- 12.15 **Codes of conduct - next steps for increasing compliance and awareness of regulatory change**
Juliet Oliver, Deputy Chief Executive, General Counsel and Executive Director, Investigations and Enforcement, Solicitors Regulation Authority
- 12.25 **'Practitioners and bars: international variance and challenges to the concept of public interest'**
Sara Carnegie, Director of Legal Projects, International Bar Association
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Peter Goldsmith, former Attorney General for England, Wales and Northern Ireland (2001-2007)
Alice Burgess, Senior Researcher, Westminster Legal Policy Forum