

## Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:

### Next steps for legal professional ethics - regulation, responsibilities, culture and the impact of AI

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Bellamy KC**, former Parliamentary-Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice (2022-24)
- 9.05 **'The Legal Services Board's consultation on professional ethics - implications for policy, regulation and best practice'**  
**Craig Westwood**, Chief Executive, Legal Services Board  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **AI in the legal profession - developing role, impact and ethical innovation**  
**Akber Dattoo**, CEO and Founder, D2 Legal Technology; and Co-Chair, Technology and Law Committee, The Law Society
- 9.40 **Priorities for addressing key ethical challenges for the legal profession**  
*key proposals in the LSB consultation / best practice for handling NDAs and mitigating SLAPP misuse / ethical standards in litigation conduct / upholding client confidentiality and public trust amid increased scrutiny / developing transparency and accountability mechanisms / misconduct reporting and disciplinary procedures / Law Society and SRA guidance on AI and ethical practice / tackling bias, confidentiality, transparency, liability and misuse / cross-sector collaboration and the role of regulators in ensuring coherent standards, continued education and training of legal professional duties*  
**Susan Coughtrie**, Director, Foreign Policy Centre; and Co-Founder, UK Anti-Slapp Coalition  
**Jenifer Swallow**, Strategic Advisor, JeniferSwallow.com  
**Karen Jackson**, CEO, Didlaw
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lord Bellamy KC**, former Parliamentary-Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice (2022-24)
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Brennan KC**
- 10.55 **The impact of national policy developments and key considerations for the legal profession**  
*assessing the developing regulatory landscape and implications for legal practice / tackling greenwashing, climate change litigation and advising on how ESG issues are addressed / ensuring responsible corporate governance advice, including corporate disclosures and regulatory findings due when disclosures fail / professional independence in sensitive cases / managing conflicts between corporate and national interests / maintaining independence in politically sensitive cases and complex corporate environments / implications of increased regulatory and public scrutiny / governance and leadership*  
**Shruti Ajitsaria**, Head, Fuse, A&O Sherman  
**Professor Stephen Mayson**, Centre for Ethics and Law, University College London  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Next steps for developing ethical cultures in the legal sector and supporting legal professionals**  
*EDI best practice and addressing challenges for implementation / addressing bullying and harassment / tackling barriers to entry and progression for underrepresented groups / supporting mental health and wellbeing initiatives for practitioners and clients / roles and responsibilities for leadership / building inclusive workplace cultures that adapt to technological and regulatory change / SRA transparency rules and BSB disciplinary procedures / consistent enforcement and unified national standards for legal ethics / aligning legal services regulation with other sectoral frameworks / implications of rapid regulatory changes*  
**Lucinda Soon**, Trustee, LawCare; and Co-Chair, International Bar Association Professional Wellbeing Commission  
**Joel Woolf**, Consultant and Freelance Solicitor, Joel Woolf Rural Consultant  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Policy moving forward for regulating legal professional ethics**  
**Richard Orpin**, Director, Regulation and Policy, Legal Services Board  
**Juliet Oliver**, General Counsel, Solicitors Regulation Authority  
**Ewen MacLeod**, Director, Strategy and Policy, Bar Standards Board  
**Lucy Dennett**, Director, Policy, The Law Society  
**Tom Hayhoe**, Chair, Legal Services Consumer Panel  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Brennan KC**  
**Hermione Whitehead**, Westminster Legal Policy Forum