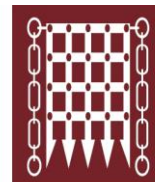


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**Next steps for court modernisation - new technology and working practices, the shift to virtual courtrooms, and ensuring access to justice**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Next steps for the courts and tribunals system - nightingale courts, addressing the backlog, and the future delivery of jury trials**  
**Kevin Sadler**, Acting Chief Executive, HM Courts & Tribunals Service  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Progress with the court modernisation programme**  
**Oliver Lodge**, Director, National Audit Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 Break
- 10.10 **Modernisation and the criminal justice workforce - adopting new ways of working, new skills and remote hearings**  
**Dr Joe Tomlinson**, Senior Lecturer in Public Law, University of York and Research Director, Public Law Project  
**David Johnson**, Partner, Complex and Catastrophic Injury, DAC Beachcroft Claims  
Barrister  
Senior representative, trade union  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Transitioning to online courts - priorities for delivering justice through virtual courtrooms and the impact of artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and asynchronous processes**  
**Professor Richard Susskind**, IT Adviser to The Lord Chief Justice  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **Data sharing, protection and infrastructure**  
**Dr Natalie Byrom**, Director of Research and Learning, The Legal Education Foundation
- 12.10 **Court infrastructure - technology, collecting data and preventing digital exclusion**  
**Penelope Gibbs**, Director, Transform Justice  
**Paul Yates**, Counsel, Freshfields Bruckhaus Derringer  
**Dr Lisa Wintersteiger**, Chief Executive, Law for Life  
Senior representative, technology  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Natalie Byrom**, Director of Research and Learning, The Legal Education Foundation
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Westminster Legal Policy Forum