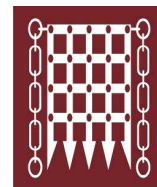


Westminster Legal Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future for family justice in England and Wales - court reform, divorce law and care proceedings

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 25th April 2018

Venue: 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Deech QC
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The Family Courts - current challenges and future priorities**
Rt Hon Sir James Munby, President of the Family Division, High Court of England and Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.50 **Court modernisation and online divorce - latest findings and next steps for implementation**
Adam Lennon, Head of Family Modernisation and Improvement, HM Courts & Tribunals Service
- 9.50 - 10.50 **The future for private family law - modernising divorce, increasing mediation & protecting vulnerable complainants**
Philip Marshall QC, Joint Head of Chambers, 1 King's Bench Walk and Fellow, International Academy of Family Lawyers
Michael Lewkowicz, Director of Communications, Families Need Fathers
Jane Robey, Chief Executive Officer, National Family Mediation
Katie Ghose, Chief Executive, Women's Aid
Questions and comments from the floor with **Adam Lennon**, Head of Family Modernisation and Improvement, HM Courts & Tribunals Service
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Deech QC
- 10.55 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ian Lucas MP
- 11.20 - 11.40 **Ensuring a child-centred framework - priorities amid reform**
Anthony Douglas, Chief Executive, Cafcass
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 11.50 **The future for problem-solving courts - addressing substance misuse, mental health problems and domestic abuse**
Dr Mike Shaw, National Unit Co-Director, Family Drug and Alcohol Court
- 11.50 - 12.45 **Care proceedings in England and Wales - meeting demand, maintaining standards and developing new approaches**
Cathy Ashley, Chief Executive, Family Rights Group
Mike Devlin, Partner and Head of Family Department, Stephenson
Dr Sue Candy, Clinical Psychologist and Managing Director, Psychology Associates
Mel Meggs, Deputy Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Mike Shaw**, National Unit Co-Director, Family Drug and Alcohol Court
- 12.45 - 13.10 **Next steps for policy development**
Dr Elizabeth Gibby, Deputy Director, Family Justice Policy Division, Ministry of Justice
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 - 13.15 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Ian Lucas MP
Sam Dolton, Senior Producer, Westminster Legal Policy Forum