

Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar
Next steps for legal education and training in England and Wales

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 29th June 2021

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Brennan QC, Senior Associate Member, Matrix Chambers
- 9.05 **The state of play for legal education and training and key priorities for ongoing competence in the profession**
Chris Nichols, Director of Policy and Regulation, Legal Services Board
Julie Brannan, Director, Education and Training, Solicitors Regulation Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9:45 Break
- 9.50 **Next steps for academic qualifications - the introduction of the SQE and recent changes to the BPTC**
Mark Neale, Director General, Bar Standards Board
Professor Peter Crisp, Pro Vice-Chancellor, External, University of Law
James Catchpole, Associate Dean (Postgraduate and Professional Degree Programmes), City Law Schools
Katrina Watson, Learning and Development Senior Manager, Reed Smith
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Brennan QC, Senior Associate Member, Matrix Chambers
- 10.50 Break
- 11:00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sir Robert Neill MP, Chair, Justice Select Committee
- 11:05 **Improving access to the profession, alternative routes to qualification, and entry into the job market**
Claire Debney, Co-Founder and Director, MOSAIC Collective
Jo Sidhu QC, Vice-Chair, Criminal Bar Association
Natasha Pearman, Managing Associate, Mishcon de Reya and Founder, Free School Meals Club
Linda Ford, Chief Executive Officer, Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX)
Alisa Gray, Director of Learning, BARBRI International
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12:00 Break
- 12.05 **Facilitating effective continued professional development across the legal profession**
Professor Nigel Spencer, Professor in Education Innovation and Professional Practice, School of Law, Queen Mary University of London
Sarah Chambers, Chair, Legal Services Consumer Panel
Senior representative, non-legal regulation
Senior representative, solicitors
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Sir Robert Neill MP, Chair, Justice Select Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Legal Policy Forum

