

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*****



Draft agenda subject to change

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**

Chris Nichols, Director of Policy and Regulation, Legal Services Board

11.05 **Improving access to the profession, alternative routes to qualification, and entry into the job market**

Jo Sidhu QC, Vice-Chair, Criminal Bar Association

Linda Ford, Chief Executive Officer, Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX)

Alisa Gray, Director of Learning, BARBRI International

Jo-Anne Pugh, Director of Programme Development, BPP University

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

Rita McGucken, Head of Learning and Development, Simpson Millar

Ray Clare, Training Design Team Leader, College of Policing

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**

Chris Nichols, Director of Policy and Regulation, Legal Services Board

Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Legal Policy Forum