
Solicitors in Local Government

53rd Annual Weekend School for Local Government Lawyers

29th March to 1st April 2012 • University of Warwick



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Colleague

Weekend School at Warwick University 29th March – 1st April 2012

In 2012 we will be at Warwick University where we have had some very successful Schools. We hope as many of you as possible will be there for what will be a great event. The price will be only £399.00 as we are still acutely aware of the difficult economic climate.

It is intended to put the programme and application form on the SLG Website again (www.slgov.org.uk) and you are urged to apply online. However, attached is the usual printed application form which you can complete instead if you prefer to post or fax it to the LGG office.

You will, of course, get the 13 CPD hours but coupled with those you will, once again, enjoy a really varied and comprehensive programme with something for everyone. All this is set out in the rest of this flyer. Please look at it and come and join us in what will, I am sure, benefit all of you personally and your Authorities also.

Once again there is a very diverse set of sessions covering most subjects that have been requested and proved popular over the past few years, but also including the latest relevant topics. There should be enough choice to please everyone, in fact in some sessions there are five alternatives.

There will be a reception hosted by the Chair on the Thursday evening for Trainees and those of you who are with us for the first time, so that you can get to know people and have any questions you might have answered. After dinner we will be visiting Warwick Castle.

The University has done us proud in the past years we have been there and I am sure it will prove very popular in 2012 and that it will be a great few days during which you will be able to relax and enjoy the company of friends and colleagues from all over the country as well as hear many speakers.

We have said before, that the Weekend School is not only a very cost effective way indeed of meeting your CPD needs, but it also provides real opportunities for networking with colleagues and making good friends. It is great value, very informative and you can have a great time as well.

A separate letter is being sent to all members of the BSM SIG about the **Business Support Managers Seminar**. If you have a colleague who is not a member of the SIG but who would be interested in that seminar or if you know of any Local government Solicitor or Barrister who has not received this information please can you let them have a copy of this or ask them to contact a member of the LGG office team.

Finally a **message to all trainee solicitors**. It is still not too late to enlist for the residential element of the Core Modules or Electives of the PSC, which are being run by the College of Law in conjunction with the School. So please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

We very much look forward to seeing you there and hope that as many of you as possible will support us.

Best Wishes

Dudley Lewis

Director

SOLICITORS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP LTD MAIN WEEKEND SCHOOL SPEAKING PROGRAMME

Weekend School Registration
15.00 – 18.00 Thursday 29 March

THURSDAY 29th MARCH

EVENING

1 Visit to Warwick Castle

FRIDAY 30th MARCH

MORNING

PLENARY SESSIONS

- 2 Local Authority Law Annual Review
- 3 Where Will You Be Working in Five Year's Time – The Future of the In-House Lawyer

AFTERNOON

4 & 5 Parallel Sessions

EVENING

SLG's Annual Dinner

SATURDAY 31st MARCH

MORNING

- 6 Parallel Sessions
- 7 Parallel Sessions

AFTERNOON

8 Workshops

EVENING

The WES Quiz and Disco

SUNDAY 1st APRIL

MORNING

- AGM of Solicitors in Local Government Ltd
- 9 The Big Fat (Employment Law) Quiz of the Year

End of the Weekend School

Plenary: formal lecture, with time for questions - main session, free access

Parallel Sessions: mini-plenary sessions - restricted access. Pre-booking required

Workshop: mix of lecture/group discussion - restricted access. Pre-booking required

Booking a place on the Workshops / Parallel Sessions

Please indicate your choice for each session on the booking form

PARALLEL SESSIONS

- 4a Open Public Services – What Does It Really Mean?
- 4b Latest Market Developments in Outsourcing
- 4c Local Authority Property Essentials 2012
- 4d Robust Decision Making and Judicial Review
- 4e Governance – How Not to Get Into a Pickles

- 5a Data Security
- 5b Court of Protection – Recent Problems of Principle and Practice
- 5c Licensing Update
- 5d Outsourcing and How to Do it Right – the Employment Law Implications of Alternative Modes of Service Delivery
- 5e The Localism Act and the Economy – Hot Topics in Planning & Regeneration

- 6a Career Clinic - How to Present Yourself in the Current Market
- 6b Education Law Including Academies and Free Schools
- 6c What's Happening in Local Government Pensions?
- 6d Collaboration, Partnership, Contracting and Making it Happen
- 6e Health and Social Care: Tension or Integration?

- 7a Freedom of Information
- 7b The Planning Act 2008 – National Infrastructure Planning and the Role of Local Authorities
- 7c Power to the People – Making Renewable Energy Work for You
- 7d Local Government Finance
- 7e Presenting a Prosecution

WORKSHOPS

- 8a Making Property Rationalisation Work – Lessons from Central Government and Elsewhere
- 8b Neighbourhood Planning Workshop
- 8c Anti Social Behaviour & Housing Update
- 8d The (ACSeS) New Model Constitution for Local Authorities
- 8e How Legal Knowledge Management Systems Can Help You Deliver More With Less
- 8f Family - Rights of the Child

Annual Weekend School for Local Government Lawyers

WHO ARE THE SPEAKERS?

Richard Clayton QC (4-5 Gray's Inn Square)
Bethan Evans (Bevan Brittan LLP)
Peter Keith-Lucas (Bevan Brittan LLP)
Olwen Dutton (Bevan Brittan LLP)
Judith Barnes (Eversheds LLP)
Frances Woodhead (Eversheds LLP)
Helen Randall (Trowers & Hamblins LLP)
Malcolm Iley (Trowers & Hamblins LLP)
Mike Mousdale (Trowers & Hamblins LLP)
Bill Chandler (Hill Dickinson LLP)
John Holmes (Hill Dickinson LLP)
Graham Archibald (Hill Dickinson LLP)
Bryan McGuire QC (2-3 Gray's Inn Square)
Jennifer Oscroft (2-3 Gray's Inn Square)
Jonathan Goolden (Wilkin Chapman Goolden)
Kirsty Cole (Newark & Sherwood DC)
Jackie Gray (Dickinson Dees LLP)
Alex Ruck Keene (39 Essex Street Chambers)
Victoria Butler-Cole (39 Essex Street Chambers)
James Button (James Button & Co Solicitors)
Jennifer Jones (Harrison Clark LLP)
Lesley-Anne Avis (Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP)
Sarah Beattie (Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP)
Giles Pink (Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP)
Anna Gibbons (Sellick Partnership Group Ltd)
Simon Chappel (TPP Law Limited)
John Hanratty (Pinsent Masons LLP)
Mark Cook (Anthony Collins LLP)
Chris Plumley (Anthony Collins LLP)
Dominic Swift (Browne Jacobson LLP)
Ben Troke (Browne Jacobson LLP)
Dai Durbridge (Browne Jacobson LLP)
Bernadette Livesey (Wakefield MDC)
Graham Smith (Deputy Information Commissioner)
Robbie Owen (Bircham Dyson Bell LLP)
John Qualtrough (Bircham Dyson Bell LLP)
David Kilduff (Walker Morris)
Adam Davidson (Walker Morris)
Stephen Cirell (Walker Morris)
Stephen Sellers (Wragge & Co LLP)
Richard Beckingsale (Wragge & Co LLP)
David Travers QC (Six Pump Court Chambers)
Simon Mortimer (Birmingham City Council)
Marcus Harling (Burgess Salmon LLP)
John Bosworth (Ashfords LLP)
Habib Aziz (Leeds City Council)
Linda Walker (Dickinson Dees LLP)
Phil McCourt (Milton Keynes Council)
Kirsten Maslen (Practical Law Co)
Alistair MacDonald QC (St Philips Chambers)
Nathan Holden (Mills & Reeve LLP)
James Kidd (Mills & Reeve LLP)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

CPD Hours: - 13 if all sessions are attended

Exhibition: - a number of legal publishers, legal firms and computer companies will be present at the Weekend School

Apply Early: - the Weekend School is always popular and places are limited

VENUE

University of Warwick

Rootes Social Building, Coventry CV4 7AL

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications by 10th February 2012

Cancellations by 10th February 2012

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

SLG members . . . £399 (£304 non residential)

Non members . . . £429 (£329 non residential)

DID YOU KNOW?

The delegate fee covers all meals (including the SLG's Annual Dinner), from Thursday dinner to Sunday lunch inclusive, course materials and social events, and if residential, three nights bed and breakfast accommodation in an ensuite room.

LAST WORDS

- We will try to avoid it **BUT** the programme is subject to change.
- **Queries?** - e-mail **Ann Harlow** at ann@lgg.org.uk or call Ann on **01403 788 242** or **LGG reception** on **01403 788240**
- There may be a number of day delegate places for Friday and Saturday available this year. These will be allocated **after** the closing date for applications. Please see the instructions under "Booking a Place".

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