



Access to Justice in an Age of Austerity

A Conference from CEPLER

Friday 23rd November 2012

THIS EVENT ATTRACTS 3.5 CPD POINTS

The University of Birmingham, in partnership with No5 Chambers and Mills & Reeve LLP, is delighted to launch the first CEPLER event.

CEPLER, the Centre for Professional Legal Education and Research, is a major new initiative from Birmingham Law School aiming to foster greater collaboration with the professional legal community to increase vocational opportunities for students and develop a research agenda that is meaningful and relevant to legal practitioners.

The conference includes two plenary sessions:

- *Judicial Proposals for the Modernisation of the Family Justice System* presented by The Honourable Mr Justice Ryder
- *Legal Aid Reforms*, presented by Lord Bach of Lutterworth

Delegates can then select from three specialist Panel Sessions:

- *Public Interest Litigation*
- *Civil Litigation and the Jackson Reforms*
- *The Future of Family Justice*

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Access to Justice in an Age of Austerity: Conference Programme

12.00pm - 1.00pm	Registration and buffet lunch
1.00pm – 1.50pm	Welcome and Plenary Session 1 Judicial Proposals for the Modernisation of the Family Justice System presented by The Honourable Mr Justice Ryder
1.50pm – 2.00pm	Comfort break
2.00pm – 2.45pm	Plenary Session 2: Legal Aid Reforms presented by Lord Bach of Lutterworth
2.45pm – 3.00pm	Coffee Break
3.00pm – 5.00pm	Panel Sessions
Panel One:	<i>Public Interest Litigation</i> Richard Buxton Solicitor Roger Smith OBE Freelance Journalist and Visiting Professor, University of South Bank Ian Dove QC Barrister, No5 Chambers Professor John Flood University of Westminster
Panel Two:	<i>Civil Litigation and the Jackson Reforms</i> Robert Khan Head of Law Reform, Law Society Colin Ettinger Solicitor and Partner, Irwin Mitchell Dr. Claire McIvor Senior Lecturer, University of Birmingham
Panel Three:	<i>The Future of Family Justice</i> Jo Miles Senior Lecturer, University of Cambridge Stephen Abberley Barrister, No5 Chambers Lisa Parkinson Vice-President, Family Mediators Association

The Conference is held at the Nicholson Building, 58 Edgbaston Park Road, Edgbaston, B15 2RT

For the official launch of CEPLER all delegates are cordially invited to join a reception from 5.00pm – 7.00pm in the beautiful galleries of the Barber Institute

Delegate Fees:

Practitioner: £99.00 (3.5 CPD points) | Academic: £79.00 | Student: £69.00

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Plenary Speakers



The Honourable Mr Justice Ryder

Mr. Justice Ryder is a judge of the Family Division of the High Court, and the senior Presiding Judge of the Northern Circuit, responsible for the deployment of all judges in the North West in which role he sits in the criminal, civil and administrative courts as well as in family. As Judge in Charge of the Modernisation of Family Justice, he is responsible to the Lord Chief Justice and to the President for the delivery of recommendations for a modernisation programme.



Lord Bach of Lutterworth

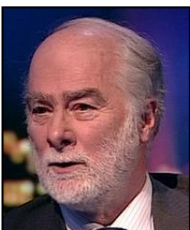
Lord Bach has served in a number of roles in the Labour Government including: Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Lord Chancellor's Department, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State responsible for Sustainable Farming and Food and, most recently, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice. Lord Bach is a trustee of LawWorks and patron of Coventry Law Centre.

Panel Speakers: *Public Interest Litigation*



Richard Buxton

Richard Buxton, partner with his firm Richard Buxton Environmental and Public Law, has worked independently in environmental law since 1989. He is nationally renowned for challenging government in environmental impact issues and has represented claimants in many of the leading Aarhus Convention-related costs cases, including Morgan & Baker, Buglife, Garner, and Edwards (currently before the European Court).



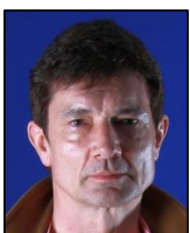
Roger Smith OBE

Roger Smith OBE is a freelance journalist and researcher. He was Director of the Legal Action Group until 1998 and, most recently, Director of Justice, the law reform and human rights organisation. Roger has been solicitor to the Child Poverty Action Group and Director of Legal Education and Training at the Law Society. He is an Honorary Professor at the University of Kent and a Visiting Professor at London South Bank University. He writes regularly on human rights, criminal justice, legal services and other legal matters.



Ian Dove QC

Ian Dove QC enjoys a sterling reputation in the field of public and administrative law, having undertaken major judicial reviews against national government departments. He has acted both against and on behalf of local authorities in respect of judicial reviews dealing with a broad range of public law issues. In 2003 he was appointed as a part-time Member of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal and, later, as a Part-time Immigration Judge. In 2008 he was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge and authorised to sit in the Administrative Court.



Professor John Flood

Professor John Flood studied law and sociology in both the UK and the US and teaches in both countries. He has held a number of research positions and visiting professorships in Europe and the US. He is one of the founders of the Centre for Legal Profession and Legal Services Studies. He is a member of the Research Strategy Group of the Legal Services Board and his research focuses primarily on the legal profession and the globalization of law. He is currently Leverhulme Research Fellow (2012-14) studying the globalization of the new legal services market.

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Panel Speakers: *Civil Litigation and the Jackson Reforms*



Robert Khan

Robert Khan is the Head of Law Reform at the Law Society of England and Wales where he leads on policy issues in relation to civil and criminal justice, defamation and privacy law, commercial law and human rights law. He has previously held roles in the Local Government Association and the Commission for Social Care Inspection.



Colin Ettinger

Colin Ettinger is a solicitor and partner with Irwin Mitchell where he heads the personal injury department in their London office. Colin has been practising personal injury litigation for over 30 years and is on the editorial board of the Journal of Personal Injury Law. He is a senior fellow and past president of APIL and a member of the personal injury panel. He is also a patron of Road Peace, Vice President of the College of Occupational Therapists and an honorary research fellow at the University of Lancaster.



Dr. Claire McIvor

Dr Claire McIvor started her academic career in 2002 when she took up a lectureship at Durham University. She is now a Senior Lecturer in Law at Birmingham Law School. She holds degrees from Queen's University Belfast and Durham University. Her main teaching and research interests lie in the field of tort law and medical law, and she has published numerous articles in leading law journals. She is the author of *Third Party Liability in Tort* (Hart Publishing, 2006) and she is currently completing a monograph on Vicarious Liability in Tort.

Panel Speakers: *The Future of Family Justice*



Jo Miles

Joanna Miles is Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Cambridge, Fellow of Trinity College and Academic Door Tenant at 1 Hare Court, London. Her main research is in family law, in particular its financial and property aspects. She is currently involved in a research project examining the settlement of financial disputes on divorce and a project testing public attitudes to child support. She also has an active research interest in legal aid reform and its impacts, and in the Family Justice Review and subsequent developments.



Stephen Abberley

Stephen Abberley is a barrister with significant experience in acting in care proceedings and has made frequent appearances in the High Court. Stephen acts for local authorities, parents, and for children through their Guardians. His particular experience and interests involve fabricated illness, large scale familial sexual abuse, and cases involving a cross jurisdictional element. Stephen has also developed significant experience in cases involving head injuries and fractures.



Lisa Parkinson

Lisa Parkinson has been a practising family mediator since 1978 and is also a trainer, co-founder and a Vice President of FMA and former member of the Family Justice Council's ADR Committee. She is also a founder member of the European Forum for Family Mediation Training and a former member of the Hague Conference's "Group of Experts" on the Guide to Good Practice in mediation under the 1980 Child Abduction Convention. Her book "Family Mediation - Appropriate Dispute Resolution in a new family justice system" has been published in five foreign language editions.