

The Housing Law Conference

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This year has already thrown up a number of significant challenges for housing law practitioners and these only look set to increase. The HPLA Conference 2011 aims to take a practical approach to a number of these challenges, focusing in particular on funding housing cases, utilising new and developing areas of law and taking our practice into the future.

Speakers will be offering practical guidance in dealing with cases and with important areas of practice including homelessness, unlawful eviction and the role of the recent Equality Act 2010. The HPLA Conference 2011 will arm practitioners with the necessary support and information to ensure that they can continue the essential area of housing law even in the face of adversity.

Particular highlights include keynote addresses from the following speakers:

Sir Stephen Sedley has recently retired from the Court of Appeal where he sat from 1999-2011 and is well known for the important role he has played in the development of human rights law in England and Wales, as well as his long practice in the areas of public law and judicial review. Sir Stephen has been involved, both as advocate and judge, in many significant cases and debates including the inquiry into the death of Blair Peach, the collection of DNA and the case of *M v Home Office* [1994] and has recently published *Ashes and Sparks: Essays on Law and Justice*, a collection of his essays from throughout his career.

Andrew Arden QC is head of Arden Chambers in London and author and editor of many essential housing law texts. Andrew Arden has been involved in many leading cases including the landmark human rights cases, *Harrow LBC v Qazi*, *Kay v Lambeth LBC* and *YL v Birmingham CC* and is considered to be at the forefront of the development of housing law.

Jan Luba QC, of Garden Court Chambers, will be rounding off the day by offering his perspective on the problems and challenges that housing lawyers will confront in 2012. Jan Luba has been involved in many landmark cases including *London Borough of Hounslow v Powell* [2011], *Austin v Southwark LBC* [2010] and *Manchester CC v Moran* and *Birmingham CC v Ali & Ors* [2009], and has written widely on housing issues.

The conference will also include seminars on:

- **Funding housing cases**
- **Housing and the Equality Act 2010**
- **Calculating and negotiating quantum in disrepair cases**
- **Unlawful eviction**
- **Homelessness reviews: Procedure and suitability challenges**

The conference is aimed at all those involved in practising housing law, whether acting for tenants and occupiers of housing or local authorities and social or private landlords. It is relevant to solicitors, barristers, paralegals and advisers in the voluntary, public and private sectors, together with academics and policy workers in the housing and social welfare fields.

The conference is accredited by the Bar Council and the Law Society.

Further information and on-line booking is available from:

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