

## 2009 PROGRAMME OF TRAINING SEMINARS

HLPA's 2009 Programme of Training Seminars for members includes events at advanced, intermediate and introductory level. Advanced and intermediate level training seminars are designed to provide a forum for more in-depth discussion and debate between experienced practitioners than the regular general meetings can provide. Introductory level seminars are designed to provide a brief overview on specific aspects of housing law for less experienced practitioners.

The following programme of seminars has been arranged for the first half of 2009.

### OVERVIEW OF WELFARE BENEFITS FOR HOUSING PRACTITIONERS

*Introductory level*

Thursday 5 March 2009

### USING THE HOUSING ACT 2004: FROM HMOS TO THE TENANCY DEPOSIT SCHEME

*Intermediate level*

Thursday 19 March 2009

### THE TSA AND TOLERATED TRESPASSERS

*Intermediate level*

Thursday 23 April 2009

### HOUSING BENEFIT UPDATE FOR HOUSING PRACTITIONERS

*Advanced level*

Thursday 21 May 2009

### MORTGAGE POSSESSION PROCEEDINGS

*Intermediate level*

Thursday 4 June 2009

The seminars will take place between 18.00-20.00 at a central London venue. Booking forms will be circulated to members in advance of each seminar and will also be available from HPLA's website. Further details of the 2009 programme are given overleaf. The seminars have been awarded 2 hours CPD by the Law Society and the Bar Council.

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### OVERVIEW OF WELFARE BENEFITS FOR HOUSING PRACTITIONERS

Thursday 5 March 2009

An introductory level seminar which will set out the types of benefits most commonly available to social housing tenants and explain questions of eligibility and appeals.

*Seminar Leader:* Desmond Rutledge, Garden Court Chambers

### USING THE HOUSING ACT 2004: FROM HMOs TO THE TENANCY DEPOSIT SCHEME

Thursday 19 March 2009

An intermediate level seminar that aims to demystify the law relating to HMOs and, in particular, to explain how failure to licence an HMO can be used as a defence in possession proceedings, before turning to the Tenancy Deposit Scheme and considering the circumstances in which tenants can recover damages for failure to protect their deposits properly.

*Seminar Leaders:* Francis Davey, Barrister  
David Smith, Painsmith Solicitors

### THE TSA AND TOLERATED TRESPASSERS

Thursday 23 April 2009

An intermediate level seminar focusing on two particular aspects of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. The seminar will address the powers and role of the Tenants Services Authority (the new RSL regulator) and the abolition of the tolerated trespasser.

*Seminar Leaders:* Andrew Dymond, Arden Chambers  
Faisal Sadiq, Arden Chambers

### HOUSING BENEFIT UPDATE FOR HOUSING PRACTITIONERS

Thursday 21 May 2009

An advanced level seminar focusing on recent cases of interest to housing lawyers, both at the Commissioner level and also Court of Appeal and House of Lords cases on the interaction between EU law, human rights law and welfare benefits.

*Seminar Leader:* Desmond Rutledge, Garden Court Chambers

### MORTGAGE POSSESSION PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 4 June 2009

An intermediate level seminar focusing on all aspects of mortgage possession proceedings, from tips for the duty adviser through to a detailed analysis of the recent case-law and innovative defences, including the Consumer Credit Act 2006 and the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1999.

*Seminar Leader:* Tim Powell, Powell Forster Solicitors