

## 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 second half of 2009.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LVT/RPTS

*Introductory level*

Thursday 24 September 2009

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

*Intermediate level*

Wednesday 30 September 2009

### INTRODUCTION TO DISREPAIR

*Introductory level*

Thursday 15 October 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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### INTRODUCTION TO THE LVT/RPTS

Thursday 24 September 2009

An introductory level seminar which aims to explain the role and jurisdiction of the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal/Residential Property Tribunal and to enable participants to identify when it would be appropriate to issue or transfer a case to the LVT/RPTS.

*Seminar Leader:* Nik Nicol, Pump Court Chambers and LVT/RPTS Chairman

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

Wednesday 30 September 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, Pain Smith Solicitors

### INTRODUCTION TO DISREPAIR

Thursday 15 October 2009

An introductory level seminar designed to equip participants to deal with a typical disrepair claim, whether on behalf of a private or public sector tenant, covering all stages from compliance with the pre-action protocol through to trial and/or settlement.

*Seminar Leaders:* Emily Orme, Arden Chambers  
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