



the housing law conference 2009

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The 2009 Housing Conference of the Housing Law Practitioners' Association follows a year of change for housing practitioners. The previous 12 months have seen significant legislative and policy developments, from *R (Weaver) v London and Quadrant Housing Trust* to the establishment of the Tenant Services Authority and, of course, the demise of the tolerated trespasser. All these developments, and more, are covered in detail, but particular highlights include:

- **Richard Drabble QC**, our keynote speaker, who has been at the forefront of housing law this year, acting for the tenant in *R (Weaver) v London & Quadrant Housing Trust*; *Manchester City Council v Pinnock* and *Hanoman v LB Southwark*. He has also been active in the field of welfare benefit law (*R (CPAG) v Secretary of State*) and will be appearing in the new Supreme Court in the forthcoming homelessness case of *Birmingham CC v Ali*.
- **Jan Luba QC**, our closing speaker, offering his perspective on the problems and challenges that housing lawyers will confront in 2010.
- **His Honour Judge Platt, District Judge Sterlini and District Judge Backhouse** explaining how the various legislative changes and developing case law are playing out in the county court.
- **Claer Lloyd Jones, Executive Director, TSA** speaking on the future regulation of housing.
- **Professor David Cowan, Professor of Law and Policy, University of Bristol** speaking on the future of Ground 8 in the light of the recently completed research commissioned by the TSA.

The conference also includes afternoon seminars on:

- **The tenancy deposit scheme**
- **Possession proceedings and public law defences**
- **Mobile homes, gypsy and traveller law**
- **Recent developments in community care law**
- **Homelessness update, including the current position on eligibility**
- **Anti-social behaviour update and strategic advice on defending such cases**
- **Mortgage possession proceedings**

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.

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