

#LAPGConf21



Annual Legal Aid Conference

Legal Aid Sustainability &
Adapting to the New Normal

Monday 22 February to
Friday 26 February 2021

To book your place:

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PLP element: Tuesday 23 February – Access to Advice in Wales, co-produced with PLP

Pricing Structure: See the back of this programme





Annual Legal Aid Conference Programme

Monday 22nd February 2021

18:00 - 19:00

Conference Livestreamed
Launch Event

- YouTube: <https://t.co/jPT7szadRd?amp=1>
- **Opening Address:**
Nicola Mackintosh, QC (Hon),
Mackintosh Law and LAPG Co-Chair
- **David Lammy MP, Shadow Lord
Chancellor** in conversation with
Fiona Bawdon, *legal affairs journalist*



LEGAL AID LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- **Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year 2021**
launch event

Fiona Bawdon will be discussing topical justice issues with Labour's MP for Tottenham and Shadow Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice. As part of this role, Lammy has built on his landmark review of the criminal justice system, which explored the treatment of and outcomes for Black and minority ethnic people in British courts and prisons. The review included 35 wide-ranging policy recommendations for the government and criminal justice sectors. Fiona and David will explore these themes and discuss the future of the legal aid system in England and Wales.

The evening also sees the official launch of the 2021 LALY nomination process.



Annual Legal Aid Conference Programme

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

08:00 - 08:30

Pilates with Lucy Merriman

- (All on Zoom) A beginners level group pilates session with Lucy of 'Pilates by Nature' designed to get you moving and stretching and specifically tailored for those stuck in front of a screen all day. *Spaces limited so will be allocated on a first come, first served basis*

09:00 - 10:00

Workshop Session 1

- **Advice Needs in Wales: Strategic Litigation to Bring About Systemic Change with Public Law Project**
Daniel Rourke, *Lead Lawyer, Public Law Project* and Tim Baldwin, *Garden Court Chambers*
- **The Westminster Commission on Legal Aid: Lessons Learned so Far - Criminal Defence, Family, Civil Legal Aid and the Publicly-Funded Bar**
All-Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid: Karen Buck MP ● James Daly MP ● Rohini Teather, *Head of Parliamentary Affairs, LAPG*

12:30 - 14:00

Plenary Discussion

- **Advice Needs in Wales: Access to Justice**
Representatives from:
 - Juliet Morris, *Welsh Government*
 - JJ Costello, *Head of Housing Services (South), Shelter Cymru*
 - Rebecca Woolley, *Citizens Advice*
 - Fran Targett OBE, *Independent Chair of the Welsh Government's National Advice Network* ● Further speakers TBC

13:00 - 14:00

Workshop Session 2

- **Managing for the Future: Confidentially**
Nick Hanning, *Consultant, DG Legal*
- **Court of Protection: Practical Tips**
Nicola Mackintosh QC (Hon) and Zena Soormally Bolwig, *Directors, Mackintosh Law*

16:30 - 17:30

Workshop Session 3

- **Advice Needs in Wales: A Career in Legal Aid with Young Legal Aid Lawyers and Public Law Project**
Chair: Crash Wrigley, *YLAL Cymru*
Speakers: ● David Gardner, *No5 Chambers*
● Hussein Said, *Speakeasy Law Centre*
● Katie White, *Shelter Cymru*
● Matthew Court, *Wales Lawyer, Public Law Project.*



- **Ministry of Justice Engagement Event: The Means Test Review**
Phoebe Clapham, *Head of Legal Aid Means Test Review, Ministry of Justice*
- **Managing for the Future: The Role of the COFA**
Sarah Charlton, *Consultant, DG Legal*

19:00 - 20:00 Caribbean Cook-Along and Cocktails

- With author and TV chef **Shivi Ramoutar** (<http://www.shiviramoutar.com>). Zoom from your kitchen and cook along (recipes sent out in advance) or sit back and relax with a drink. Join us for an interactive session of cooking and cocktails.



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Wednesday 24th February 2021

09:00 - 10:00

Workshop Session 4

- **Civil/Public Law Costs Maximisation**

Kenny Shealey, *Legal Aid Training Co-ordinator, The John M Hayes Partnership Limited*

- **Family Law Update**

Jenny Beck, *Partner, Beck Fitzgerald & LAPG Co-chair* and Daniel Rourke, *PLP Lead Lawyer*

- **The Bar Council - Running on Empty: what is the future of the Civil Legal Aid Bar?**

Kathy Wong, *Policy Analyst: Legal Practice and Remuneration*, Dr Rose Holmes, *Research Manager, The Bar Council* and Sarah Hemingway, *Garden Court Chambers*

13:00 - 14:00

LAPG AGM

- An opportunity for LAPG members to hear from the Board of Directors and staff team about LAPG's activities over 2020 and plans for 2021 and beyond.

The meeting will address the election of Board of Directors and reports from the Co-Chairs, Treasurer and CEO. (All LAPG members welcome)

16:30 - 17:30

Workshop Session 5

- **Latest Issues in Housing Law**

Giles Peaker, *Partner, Anthony Gold* and principal author of the *Nearly Legal* blog and Simon Mullings, *Edwards Duthie Shamash & co-chair of HLPAs*

- **VHCCs in Family & Care Matters**

Shaun Williams, *South West and Wales Deputy Regional Manager, The John M Hayes Partnership Limited*

18:00 - 19:00

LAG book launch

- LAPG in conjunction with LAG are pleased to announce that the book launch of **Vicarious Trauma in the Legal Profession: a practical guide to trauma, burnout and collective care**, by Joanna Fleck and Rachel Francis – the team behind Claiming Space – will take place as part of the LAPG Annual Conference.

'This book is a wake-up call about what is happening to law and access to justice – but it is also a clarion as to what is happening to lawyers.'

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC



Annual Legal Aid Conference Programme

Thursday 25th February 2021

10.00 - 13.00

The Westminster Commission

● **The Westminster Commission on Legal Aid's Inquiry into the Sustainability of Legal Aid:** Fifth Oral Evidence Session: Access to Justice

Brought to you by: the All Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid



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Witness Panel: Clients with direct lived experience of legal aid and the justice system: Inquests, Community Care and Domestic Abuse ● Marcia Willis Stewart, *Partner, Birnberg Peirce* ● Julie Bishop, *Director, Law Centres Network* ● Deborah Coles, *Executive Director, Inquest*

Cross-Party Panel: Karen Buck MP, Chair

- James Daly MP, Vice-Chair
- Baroness Helena Kennedy
- Baroness Natalie Bennett
- Lord Willy Bach ● Lord Colin Low
- Andy Slaughter MP ● Gareth Bacon MP
- Laura Farris MP ● Yvonne Fovargue MP

16:30 - 17:30

Workshop Session 6

● **Crown Court Costs**

Marc Banyard, *Costs Draftsman, The John M Hayes Partnership Limited*

● **Managing for the Future: Planning for the New Normal**

Vicky Ling, *Partnership Quality Systems* and Matthew Howgate, *Meran Consulting*

● **Ministry of Justice Engagement Event - Civil Sustainability Review: Housing Sustainability**

James Wrigley, *Head of Civil and Family Legal Aid* and Natalie Geary, *Policy Officer, Ministry of Justice*

20:00 - 22:00

The Legal Aid Quiz of the Year

● Hosted by **Clive Coleman**, Co-hosted by **Jenny Beck**.

Do you and your colleagues have what it takes to be crowned Legal Aid Quiz Champions 2021?

It's Firm vs Firm vs NfP vs Anyone else brave enough to take you on. And we promise not to ask any questions about legal aid!



Annual Legal Aid Conference Programme

Friday 26th February 2021

09:00-10:00

Workshop Session 7

- **Family & Care Costs Maximisation**
Kenny Shealey, *Legal Aid Training Co-ordinator, The John M Hayes Partnership Limited*
- **Improving LAA decision-making**
Kat Grainger, *Head of Customer Service & Case Management Improvement Team, Legal Aid Agency* and Kate Pasfield, *Director of Legal Aid Policy and Member Services, LAPG*

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13:00 - 14:00

Workshop Session 8

- **Working Remotely with Clients During the Covid-19 Pandemic and Beyond**
Louise Bowers, *Registered Forensic Psychologist* and Lucy Verity, *Partner, Philcox Gray*
- **Housing Costs Maximisation**
Kenny Shealey, *Legal Aid Training Co-ordinator, The John M Hayes Partnership Limited*

16:30 - 17:30

Workshop Session 9

- **Access to Immigration Advice in Prisons (YLAL Session)**
Chair: Ollie Persey, *Garden Court Chambers and YLAL Committee*
Speakers: Jeremy Bloom, *Duncan Lewis*
● Emma McClure, *Swain & Co/ YLAL Committee* ● Marcela Navarrete, *Wilson Solicitors LLP* ● Rudy Schulkind, *Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID)*
- **How Technology Can Make Crime and Civil Law Pay**
Karl Viedman, *Advanced* and Kelly Rotheram, *Sternberg Reed*



18:00 - 19:00

Closing Addresses

- **Jenny Beck, Beck Fitzgerald and LAPG co-chair** – Round up of the key lessons and themes from this year's conference plus a look ahead to the critical issues that the government must address to ensure the long-term sustainability of the legal aid system and those working within it
- **Alex Chalk MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice** with responsibility for legal aid, will provide the closing address for the conference.

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All prices include VAT. Free places for students and Justice First Fellows

Discount available for multiple bookings and for members of Young Legal Aid Lawyers



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All details will be on: www.lapg.co.uk. Contact: office@lapg.co.uk for further information

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Equivalent to 2.5 hours of CPD for each of 23-26 Feb (if 3 workshops attended)