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Thursday, 20th March 2025 / 9am – 5pm

Plus Sponsored Drinks afterwards

@ The St James's Club 45 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 2BG

Hosted by David Wingate of We Solicitors
& Jamie Molloy of Ignite Specialty Risk

Chair – Gregory Treverton-Jones KC - 39 Essex Street

Keynote – His Honour Judge Richard Pearce
& His Honour Judge David Hodge KC

Speakers –

- David Wingate – We Solicitors
- Jamie Molloy – Ignite Specialty Risk
- Jonathan King – Dean's Court Chambers
- Dominic Tucker – iDiscovery Solutions
- Hannah Williams – Kennedys
- Pépin Aslett – St John's Buildings Chambers
- Rory Dillon - Fletcher Bond - Chartered Surveyors
- Victoria Morrison – Hughes – Integral Costs

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7 hours CPD

0900-0930 Registration and refreshments

0930-0935 PNLA Introduction

0935-1015

Keynote: "The Judges Perspective"

- His Honour Judge Richard Pearce & His Honour Judge David Hodge KC

- **His Honour Judge Richard Pearce** was called to the Bar in 1985. He practised in the sphere of common

law. He was appointed a Recorder in 2005 and a full-time civil Circuit Judge in 2015, sitting initially in Chester and Liverpool and more recently in Manchester.

Richard is the Judge in charge of the Circuit Commercial Court in Manchester and also sits in the Technology and Construction Court and the Chancery Division, as well as in the County Court, the King's Bench Division, the Administrative Court and the Upper Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber.

He is a frequent speaker at events organised by the British Irish Commercial Bar Association. He has been involved in the Court Reform programme, including work on online court processes.

- **His Honour Judge David Hodge KC** was appointed as a Specialist Civil Senior Circuit Judge in November 2005.

His principal court is the Manchester Civil Justice Centre although HHJ Hodge KC also sits in Liverpool and at the Rolls Building in London. He is authorised to hear cases in the Chancery Lists, the Circuit Commercial Court, and the Technology and Construction Court. He is also authorised to sit in the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) and the Court of Protection.

HHJ Hodge KC was educated at a local state secondary school (St Margaret's) in Liverpool, where he grew up. He studied at University College, Oxford where he took a first class degree in Jurisprudence and was awarded the post-graduate degree of Bachelor of Civil Law.

He was called to the Bar in 1979 and was one of only four in his year to receive a first class in the Bar Finals. He practised at the Chancery and Commercial Bars from chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London (9 Old Square and then Maitland Chambers) between 1980 and his appointment to the Bench in 2005, specialising in the fields of property and professional liability.

He was appointed a QC (now KC) in 1997 and sat in crime as a fee-paid Assistant Recorder and Recorder (from 1998) and also as a Deputy High Court Judge of the Chancery Division (from 2004) until his appointment as a full-time, salaried judge in 2005. HHJ Hodge KC was elected a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 2000 and he served as Joint Chair of its Students Activities Committee from 2008 to 2014. He has been a lead advocacy tutor and tutor trainer for Lincoln's Inn since 1996. He has served as a member of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting since 2010 and of the Legal Advisory Commission of the General Synod since 2016. HHJ Hodge KC has acted as a Judicial College course tutor on the specialist jurisdictions course since 2010 and he served as its joint course director between 2019 and 2021.

HHJ Hodge KC is the Chancellor of the Dioceses of Blackburn and Oxford and in 2022 he served as the Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely to determine the unsuccessful petition to remove a contested memorial from the Grade I listed chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge. He has served on the Committee of the Council of HM Circuit Judges since 2007 and has acted as the Secretary and then the Chair of its Civil Sub-Committee. He is currently the Senior Vice-President of the Council.

In 2010 he published 'Hodge on Rectification' which is now in its 2nd edition (2015).

1015-1045

"Chair's Address"

- Gregory Treverton-Jones KC TBC

Greg Treverton-Jones KC specialises in regulatory and disciplinary issues concerning legal professionals. He is one of the best known barristers in the field has appeared in many of the leading cases, both for the regulators and respondents. Most of his work nowadays is on behalf of those facing regulatory investigations or disciplinary proceedings. He is instructed by numerous firms, individual solicitors and sole practitioners in connection with the most pressing regulatory issues of the day, He has been described in Chambers and Partners as the leading defence advocate in solicitors' disciplinary cases.

He is regularly instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to advise and appear in costs applications made by acquitted privately-paying defendants in the Crown Court.

He is co-author of successive editions of The Solicitor's Handbook (2008-2022), co-author of Disciplinary and Regulatory Proceedings (9th edition, 2017, 10th edition, 2019) and has previously been an editor of Cordery on Legal Services. He has an extensive advisory practice, concerning all aspects of legal regulation. He regularly writes articles and is quoted in the legal press.

Greg was named 'Silk of the Year' for Professional Discipline at the 2015 Chambers Bar Awards.

Greg is recommended in Chambers and Partners 2020 for Professional Discipline (band 1) and The Legal 500 2020 for Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law (tier 1).

Conference Agenda

1045-1115

"CJC Consultation on Litigation Funding & Costs"

- Jamie Molloy – Ignite Specialty Risk – CJC Working Party Member

Jamie has worked in the ATE market for the past 18 years and is a Chambers and Partners ranked individual. His experience includes underwriting and managing a significant volume of High Court and Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) disputes, as well as supporting a number of successful appeals to both the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. Most recently, Jamie supported the leading authority on the use of supported the leading authority on the use of single claim forms for group actions (Morris & Ors v. Williams & Co (Solicitors) [2024] EWCA Civ 376) and also one of the claimants in the leading BII Test Litigation (Why Not Bar and Lounge Limited v West Bay Insurance plc & QIC Europe Limited [2024] EWCA Civ 376) and also one of the claimants in the leading BII Test Litigation (Why Not Bar and Lounge Limited v West Bay Insurance plc & QIC Europe Limited [2024] EWCA Civ 1026). Jamie also sits as a member of the consultation group on the Civil Justice Council review of litigation funding.

1115-1135

Refreshments

1125-1205

"The Claimant Perspective"

- David Wingate – We Solicitors

David has been a solicitor since 1999 and worked in litigation for the nearly 30 years having weathered the introduction of both the Woolf & Jackson reforms.

Born and raised in Nottingham (and remains a loyal Nottingham Forest fan), David is a graduate from Northumbria University.

From there he spent a couple of years working for the Employment Service before commencing a training contract in Manchester in 1998. David set up his practice, with his co-partner, in 2001 and has specialised in professional negligence claims in the last decade.

He has mainly worked on solicitor negligence claims with much experienced of buyer-funded development related claims against solicitors. More recently, he has been at the forefront of the cases SSB Group Limited concerning the now infamous failed cavity wall clams.

David is instructed by both claimants and defendants and has a great deal of experience of running multi-claimant cases.

1205-1220

"Disclosure Update"

- Dominic Tucker – iDiscovery Solutions

Before joining iDS, Dominic developed his consultative expertise in eDiscovery over the course of 15 years, consulting on the use of technology in support of a range of significant investigations, High Court litigations, and arbitration matters across public and private sectors. In his previous role, Dominic lead EMEA operations and eDiscovery consulting for another leading eDiscovery provider.

At iDS, Dominic's role is focused on the application of technology across all phases of disclosure, including the use of analytics and predictive coding, and he has a particular interest in the Disclosure Pilot Scheme currently proceeding in the English courts. Since the introduction of the GDPR, Dominic has also assisted various law firms and corporations to manage their responses to high volumes of Data Subject Access Requests (DSARS).

1220-1300

"Scope of duty since Manchester Building Society: clarity or uncertainty?"

- Jonathan King – Deans Court Chambers

Jonathan enjoys a busy practice within the business and property and common law sphere, with particular focus on property related disputes, professional negligence, and commercial and insurance related disputes, which often overlap.

Jonathan is regularly instructed (on behalf of claimants and defendants) in relation to actual and threatened professional negligence actions principally involving solicitors, barristers and surveyors, but extending to finance professionals (including brokers) and other fields.

In recent years, this has included:

- Representation of a number of claimants (including a number domiciled overseas) in respect of claims against former solicitors relating to the acquisition of 'off-plan' residential property, including in respect of the resolution (by ADR) of a number of claims, with others ongoing.
- Advice on and input into the pursuit of solicitors' negligence claims arising from the conduct of high volume property damage and financial mis-selling litigation
- Input into recovery claims by and on behalf of litigation funders arising from the failure of funded litigation
- Contested liability trials for Claimants (including establishing liability in a heavily contested trial of former client of a well-known solicitor's firm for mishandling of the client's underlying claim) and for Defendants (including the successful defence of liability dispute in relation to tax advice)
- Advice on and resolution of a number of actual or potential claims, often involving complex issues of scope and breach of duty and causation.

Prior to joining Deans Court Chambers, Jonathan worked as a Vice-President in the legal department of US investment bank Goldman Sachs where he was responsible for advising on and implementing the requirements of domestic and international anti-corruption and anti-money laundering legislation.

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1300–1400 Lunch

1400–1440 “tbc”

- Rory Dillon BSc (Hons) MBA MRICS FNARA - Fletcher Bond - Chartered Surveyors

Rory set up Fletcher Bond in 2016 and has over 18 years' experience in commercial and residential property, agency, valuation, strategic asset management, debt advisory, and development. Rory also sits on the council for NARA, The Association of Property and Fixed Charge Receivers.

1440–1520 “Running collective claims in professional negligence actions ”

- Pépin Aslett – St John's Buildings Chambers

Pépin Aslett is a well-respected Senior Junior barrister and head of the Business and Property Team at St Johns Buildings, one of the largest Chambers in the country. His practice focuses on high-value and large-scale complex litigation and he is a 'go-to' practitioner where advice and representation is required in multi-party litigation.

His first group claim was a USD450m reinsurance insolvency dispute in Bermuda and since then he has advised or represented clients in over twenty group actions up to and including at trial and on appeal, including securities fraud litigation, solicitors' negligence claims and data and information breach actions.

1520–1600 “A Defendants' perspective”

- Hannah Williams – Partner – Kennedys

Hannah is a partner and solicitor advocate in our financial lines and professional indemnity team, who works out of London and Manchester. Hannah also sits on our Global ESG Steering Group.

Hannah advises insurers and reinsurers on coverage issues and policy disputes, with a focus on professional indemnity, directors' and officers' liability and climate litigation. Hannah also acts on behalf of insurers and policyholders on a range of complex and high-value claims against D&Os and professionals, often with cross-jurisdictional elements. Hannah is particularly known for her work with clients in the energy and construction sector - primarily the defence of contractors, engineers, architects and surveyors.

Hannah's extensive experience in the London insurance market has included two secondments at a top-five insurance broker and a leading worldwide insurer. Hannah has also spent time working in Hong Kong.

Hannah is a representative for the Forum of Insurance Lawyers' (FOIL) D&O sub-committee and regularly speaks at market events and is reported in the insurance press.

1600–1615 Refreshments

1615–1645 “The extended Fixed Recoverable Costs regime”

- Victoria Morrison-Hughes – Integral Costs

Victoria is a qualified and regulated Costs Lawyer with a unique understanding of the operational and technical demands of legal businesses. Her principal areas of expertise include obtaining informed consent, retainer reviews, commercial litigation, clinical negligence, catastrophic injury, Court of Protection matters, and solicitor-client disputes. Victoria's primary focus is delivering exceptional client care and service while pursuing commercially sound resolutions for her clients.

Victoria prides herself on fostering strong working relationships with her clients, adopting a “we are in this together” approach. While she is technically proficient and highly knowledgeable, she avoids engaging in unnecessary legal arguments, always striving for the most practical and commercially viable outcomes.

As a confident and accomplished advocate, Victoria is equally effective in court and in the boardroom. She currently serves on the Council of the Association of Costs Lawyers and the Association of Costs Lawyers Training, contributing to the development and future direction of her profession.

Victoria's commitment to client care and integrity sets her apart. Guided by values instilled through her family background in retail, she applies a client-focused approach to her professional expertise. This ethos inspired her to establish Integral Legal Costs in October 2020, a firm that positions itself as an integral part of each client's team.

1645–1700 Questions and discussion – Chairman's closing remarks

1700–1900 “Drinks sponsored by Deans Court and St John's Building”

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