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The Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference is the largest annual gathering of expert witnesses in the UK. This year we are delighted to welcome the **Right Honourable Lord Justice Moses** who will be giving the keynote address. We also welcome a range of other high-profile speakers who are making a real difference to expert witness work. Throughout the day you will be able to hear speakers and participate in workshops that will be of direct benefit to you as an expert witness.

Do you now have a sell by date? In the Shaken Baby appeals Henderson and others, Lord Justice Moses expressed the view that expert evidence from those in practice could provide a "far more reliable source" than that of experts who had retired.

Will there be a decrease in the need for your expert services if successful defendants cannot claim costs? The Jackson report concluded a year-long, comprehensive review of civil litigation costs. Julian Bailey, who assisted in the review, will summarise the report and implications for expert witnesses.

Will you still want to be an expert if you are more likely to be sued? Expert witnesses currently enjoy immunity from suit in respect of their performance in the witness box and contents of their reports. However, this may change when the Supreme Court hears an appeal in the case of Jones v Kaney. Roger ter Haar has been instructed for the appellant in this test case on experts' immunity and will talk about the implications for expert witnesses.

This conference is an essential and extremely worthwhile day for any criminal, civil or family court expert witness.

Conference Timetable

9.15 Registration and coffee

9.45 Welcome and introduction from Chair

*Mark Solon, Solicitor and Director of Bond Solon
Isabel West, Solicitor and Head of Expert Witness Group
at Bond Solon*

10.00 Keynote address

The Right Honourable Lord Justice Moses

10.40 The Jackson report

- An overview of the background to the costs review
- A summary of the key recommendations
- The impact of the reforms on expert evidence
- Key points that expert witnesses need to know

Julian Bailey and Ben Holland, CMS Cameron McKenna LLP

11.15 Coffee

11.35 Experts' immunity from suit in question

- How immunity has evolved
- For and against change
- The current position and the future
- Practical implications – what experts need to know

Roger ter Haar QC, Crown Office Chambers

12.15 Annual legal update

- Key cases for experts in civil courts
- Key cases for experts in criminal courts
- Key cases for experts in family courts
- Procedure update
- Practical issues arising over the last 12 months

*Jason Tucker, Solicitor, Cardiff University Law School,
Centre for Professional Legal Studies*

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Parallel sessions

Please choose one of the following four options:

Medico-legal update

Update on cases, practice, trends and developments
*Andrew Andrews MBE, Director of Medico-Legal Group,
Bond Solon*

Putting yourself on the line: the final chapter
– a personal account

*Dr David Southall, Consultant Paediatrician and Expert
Witness in conversation with Andrew Andrews*

Family law update

- Key changes to the Family Procedure Rules
- Developments in the family courts and the implications for experts
- The media in court
- Post Baby P: topical cases

*The Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Wall, President of the Family
Division and Head of Family Justice*

Working effectively with the CPS: prosecuting experts – mind the gap

- Fact –v- opinion
- Hypotheses –v- law
- Case management –v- trial of the issues
- Complying with the Criminal Procedure Rules 2010
- CPS Guidance for Experts
- Validation and accreditation
- The future

*Karen Squibb-Williams, Barrister, Strategic Policy Adviser,
CPS HQ
Nazir Afzal OBE, LLB (Hons.) Solicitor-Advocate, National
Director of Community Liaison, CPS HQ*

Business skills for experts

- Terms and conditions
- Agency terms and conditions
- Common complaints about experts
- Tips for experts

*Peter Scott, Solicitor and Trainer, Peter Scott Consulting
Alan Bannister, Partner, Vizards Wyeth*

15.15 Tea

15.45 Hot tubbing for experts

- What is hot tubbing?
- Why hot tubbing will increase
- When is it appropriate?
- For and against

*Charles Lazarevic, Expert Witness and Partner at Moore
Stephens LLP*

16.15 Panel discussion and questions

Your opportunity to put your questions to our speakers

17.00 Drinks reception and presentation of Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificates

18.30 Close

Speakers



The Right Honourable Lord Justice Moses is one of the best known judges in the Court of Appeal. Lord Justice Moses has been involved in many high-profile cases including Matrix Churchill, Ian Huntley, the BAE Saudi corruption case and the Shaken Baby appeals Henderson and others.



Julian Bailey assisted Lord Justice Jackson in phases of his costs review in 2009, including the preparation of the Final Report. He is a solicitor at CMS Cameron McKenna LLP.



Ben Holland is a Partner at CMS Cameron McKenna LLP. He has used expert witnesses covering a variety of disciplines in litigation, arbitrations, expert determinations and mediations.



Roger ter Haar QC was called to the Bar in 1974 and has practised from chambers at 2 Crown Office Row Temple (now Crown Office Chambers) since 1975. He was made a QC in 1992. He was instructed to represent the Respondent in the Court of Appeal in a leading case on witness immunity in June 2010 (Accident Exchange Ltd v Autofocus Ltd) and for the Appellant in the Supreme Court on a test case on experts' negligence in January 2011 (Jones v Kaney).



Jason Tucker qualified as a solicitor in 1996. He joined Cardiff Law School in January 2003 where he is a member of the Bar Vocational Course teaching staff, delivering Criminal Litigation and Evidence, and Child Care Law. He remains a consultant with Hurlow & Partners, a niche criminal and family law practice, providing litigation and advocacy support. In addition Jason is Deputy Director of the Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate. In 2007, Jason was appointed as a JP for Gwent and sits in the adult criminal court.



The Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Wall was appointed President of the Family Division and Head of Family Justice on 5 April 2010. He was a Judge of the Family Division of the High Court from 1993 until 2004 when he was promoted to the Court of Appeal. He is also the Chairman of the Family Procedure Rule Committee, the single rule-making body for the new family procedure rules.



Andrew Andrews MBE is a lawyer and a respected legal advisor, whose practice is in the public service (predominantly in health). Andrew is an established and recognised medico-legal trainer. His present responsibilities comprise: Medico-Legal Director Bond Solon; Chief Child and Vulnerable Adult Officer and Medico-Legal Advisor for St John Ambulance; Visiting Lecturer Royal College of Psychiatrists and Member of Advisory Panel National Safeguarding Unit for the Third Sector.



Dr David Southall is a retired Professor of Paediatrics and Consultant Paediatrician. He was responsible for the covert video surveillance in hospital of 39 infants and young children, most of whom were being seriously abused. He is an international expert on fabricated and or induced illness. He has been subject to more than 20 inquiries into his child protection and expert witness work.



Peter Scott is a solicitor and was for eight years until 2000 the Managing Partner of Eversheds London and European offices. He acts as an advisor, trainer and coach to many professional firms in the UK and abroad in relation to their performance, financial, strategic, management and risk / compliance issues, with particular focus on helping clients to improve their competitiveness through effective performance management. He is Editor of Practice Management Handbook (Law Society Publishing).



Alan Bannister is a Partner in the firm of Vizards Wyeth which has offices in the City of London and North Kent. Alan was admitted as a solicitor in 1975 and has over 35 years experience in all aspects of insurance law and litigation. He also practices in the areas of regulation, professional misconduct and professional terms of engagement. He is a member of the committee which oversees the Law Society quality mark, Lexcel.



Nazir Afzal OBE is the Crown Prosecution Service National Director for Community Confidence. He joined the CPS in 1991 and has successfully prosecuted many high profile cases. He has instigated many new initiatives and partnerships that have assisted the CPS in raising its profile and reputation as a driving force within the Criminal Justice System, public sector service agencies, wider Civil Service and marginalised communities.



Karen Squibb-Williams was responsible for introducing radical new approaches to cases involving DNA matches and has made significant progress in raising the profile of prosecution requirements across a numbers of key stakeholders. She seeks to combine the legal requirements of the criminal justice system with maximising the efficiencies forensic science and expert witnesses can offer, as practically and meaningfully as possible.



Charles Lazarevic has assisted in over 350 civil cases and complex fraud trials over the last 25 years. In 2009 he gave evidence at a LCIA arbitration, which included a period of "hot tubbing". The experience led him to the conclusion that "hot tubbing" will require a considerable change in culture and strategy for experts, lawyers and judges, which can only be overcome by additional training.

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