The Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference

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Friday 8 November 2019
Westminster, London

Keynote Speaker:
Lord Justice Gross

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| 10.40  | A reflection on Civil Procedure Rules                                   | Lord Woolf                                                                 | • The need for change before 1999 and what was introduced by the CPRs  
• How well the rules have worked over the past 20 years  
• How the CPRs effected changes to the rules in criminal and family matters  
• What experts really need to know to avoid problems in complying with the rules |
| 11.20  | Refreshments                                                            |                                                                           |                                                                         |
| 11.45  | Annual legal update                                                     | Kathryn Clague, Lecturer, Cardiff University                                | • Key cases and legislation for experts in civil, criminal and family matters  
• Procedure update  
• Practical issues arising over the last 12 months |
| 12.15  | Lessons from the non-expert Andrew Ager                                 | Narita Bahra QC, Barrister, 2 Hare Court & Director, Garrick Law          | • Background to the trial  
• How lawyers check experts’ credentials  
• Lessons for all experts |
| 13.00  | Lunch                                                                   |                                                                           |                                                                         |
| 14.00  | Parallel sessions                                                       |                                                                           | Please choose one of the following four options:                        |
|        | Medico-legal                                                             |                                                                           |                                                                        |
|        | The scope of the duty of care, recent case law on experts and a clinical negligence update | Dr Jock Mackenzie, Partner and Solicitor Advocate, Anthony Gold Solicitors | • A review of the scope of a doctor’s duty of care, in particular with reference to Meadows v Khan  
• An update on recent clinical negligence case law and the role of the expert  
• A summary update on recent clinical negligence cases of interest, including on breach of duty, Montgomery, factual causation and legal causation |
|        | Criminal                                                                |                                                                           |                                                                         |
|        | Tackling risks to quality of forensic science in the Criminal Justice System | Dr Gillian Tully, Forensic Science Regulator                             | • Challenges facing forensic science experts in the criminal justice system  
• Reporting concerns about quality standards  
• Statutory enforcement powers to enforce quality standards |
|        | Commercial                                                               |                                                                           |                                                                         |
|        | Commercial Court latest trends                                           | The Hon. Mrs Justice Cockerill DBE                                        | • What’s happening now in the commercial court  
• Current trends in ADR  
• Limiting oral evidence |
|        | Family                                                                   |                                                                           |                                                                         |
|        | Acting as an expert in family proceedings – some issues to be aware of  | Lucy Reed, Family Law Specialist Barrister                                 | • An overview of the rules that apply to expert work in the family court  
• Privacy and public criticism – how do these issues bear on experts reporting in family court cases?  
• Parental attitudes towards family court experts |
| 15.15  | Refreshments                                                            |                                                                           |                                                                         |
| 15.45  | The judges’ view of experts’ oral evidence                              | Sir David Foskett                                                         | • What judges want from experts in the witness box  
• How to use the expert’s report  
• How experts can be really effective in giving their evidence |
| 16.15  | Justifying experts’ fees in court                                       | Matthew Harman, Costs Lawyer, Harmans                                     | • The taxation system as it applies to experts  
• How to justify an expert’s claim  
• What works and doesn’t work for experts |
| 16.45  | Closing comments                                                        |                                                                           |                                                                         |
| 17.00  | Complimentary drinks reception and awards ceremony for experts who achieved the CUBS Expert Witness Certificate this year |                                                                           |                                                                         |
| 18.30  | Close                                                                   |                                                                           |                                                                         |
Speakers

Sir David Foskett
Sir David Foskett was appointed to the High Court in 2007. He had a distinguished career at the Bar with a broad civil law practice. Following his retirement as a High Court Judge, he has joined the set as a door tenant and accepts appointments as an arbitrator, mediator or early neutral evaluator at 39 Essex Chambers.

Narita Bahra QC
Narita Bahra QC is one of the most sought after and able leading defence barristers. She has cemented a reputation as a barrister who can skilfully deal with the most difficult of cases.

Kathryn Clague
Kathryn Clague is an experienced litigator with a background in civil litigation and regulatory law. She has been a lecturer on the Bar Professional Training Course at Cardiff University since September 2015.

The Hon. Mrs Justice Cockerill DBE
Mrs Justice Cockerill was called to the Bar in 1990 (Lincoln’s Inn) and appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2011. Prior to her appointment she sat as an arbitrator in a variety of arbitral proceedings and since 2016 as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Commercial Court and Administrative Court.

Lord Justice Gross
Lord Justice Gross was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2010. He was Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales from 2013 to 2015 and has been Lead Judge for International Relations from early 2018.

Matthew Harman
Matthew Harman has over 30 years’ experience as a Costs Lawyer and Costs Draftsman and was a founding partner of Harmans. He was among the first to qualify as a Costs Lawyer, and is a former Chairman and Hon. President of the Association of Costs Lawyers.

Isabel Litherland
Isabel Litherland is a solicitor qualified in both England and Scotland. After years as a civil litigation partner who routinely relied on the evidence of experts she joined Bond Solon in 2005 and was Head of Expert Witness Group for several years.

Dr Jock Mackenzie
Dr Jock Mackenzie trained at Barts in London and worked as a hospital physician before retraining as a solicitor specialising in claimant clinical negligence. Jock is both an AvMA and Law Society Clinical Negligence panel member and is also a Solicitor-Advocate with Higher Rights of Audience.

Lucy Reed
Lucy Reed is a family law specialist barrister. Her work is now predominantly care proceedings, but Lucy also often acts in complex, multi-party or high conflict intractable private law disputes. Lucy is a Deputy District Judge and Chair of The Transparency Project which explains and discusses family law and family courts in England & Wales.

Mark Solon
Mark Solon is a solicitor and US Attorney at Law. He has organised training and conferences for tens of thousands of experts. He has written several books and numerous articles dealing with expert evidence.

Dr Gillian Tully
Dr Gillian Tully has worked in forensic science for over 25 years, specialising in DNA, innovation, validation and enhancement of quality standards. In November 2014, Gill took up the appointment of Forensic Science Regulator and is responsible for setting standards in forensic science.

Lord Woolf
Lord Woolf was appointed to the Queen’s Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in 1979, as Lord Justice of Appeal in 1986 and a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in 1992. Between 1996 and 2000 Lord Woolf held the position of Master of the Rolls and in 2000 was appointed Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, a position from which he retired in September 2005.
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