

THE ANNUAL BOND SOLON EXPERT WITNESS CONFERENCE 2017

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Friday 10 November 2017

The Church House Conference Centre
Dean's Yard, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ

Keynote:
The Right Honourable Lady Justice Rafferty

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Timetable

9.15 Registration and refreshments

9.45 Welcome and introduction from the Chair

Mark Solon, Solicitor and Director, Bond Solon
Isabel West, Solicitor and Bond Solon Trainer

10.00 Keynote address

The Right Honourable Lady Justice Rafferty, Lord Justice of Appeal

10.40 Mental strength, adaptability and resilience under pressure

- Drawing on personal resources to enhance resilience
- Marshalling your strengths to maximise your energy
- Managing your mindset to increase personal adaptability and choice

Phil Hayes, Chairman, Management Futures

11.20 Refreshments

11.45 Annual legal update

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

Kathryn Clague, Lecturer, Cardiff University

12.15 Is this your business or your hobby?

- Technology time-savers
 - Systems to increase efficiency
 - Marketing techniques to grow your business
- David Pearce, Chief Executive Officer, Nephos Solutions Ltd*
Sheila Robins, Managing Director, Crofton Medical Reports
Emma Carey, Client Manager and Business Development Leader, Expert Witness

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Parallel sessions. Please choose one:

Criminal

- Forensic science quality standards and regulation: latest developments
 - Recent quality issues in forensic science
 - Legal obligations for expert witnesses in criminal cases
- Dr Gillian Tully, Forensic Science Regulator*

Commercial

The in-house lawyer explosion

- In-house lawyers and what they do
- How experts can market themselves to in-house lawyers
- The differences from working with in-house lawyers compared to traditional law firms

Anthony Philpott, Construction Lawyer and a Direct Public Access Barrister, 12 Old Square Chambers
Trevor Drury, Managing Director & Expert Witness, Morecraft Drury

Medico-legal

Personal injury update and medical negligence update
Lesley Graves, Founder & Managing Director, Citadel Law
Dr Jock Mackenzie, Partner and Solicitor-Advocate, Anthony Gold Solicitors

Family

Finding more work in the changing family courts

- Part 25 restrictions, but new opportunities for instructions in other proceedings
 - How to attract direct instructions
 - Interactive: exploring opportunities and success stories
- Francesca Burfield, Barrister and Bond Solon Trainer*

15.15 Refreshments

15.45 Expert debt collection

- Advice from an instructing solicitor
- Chasing invoices - the systems and skills
- What to do if a solicitor is not communicating / refuses to pay

Caroline Moore, Consultant, Hogan Lovells
Alison Somek, Expert Witness and Director, Somek & Associates

16.15 Discussions between experts

- Dealing with bad, biased or obstructive experts
- Tactics, behaviour and mindset during the meeting
- The joint statement

Nick Deal, Barrister and Head of Expert Witness Group, Bond Solon

16.45 Closing comments

17.00 Complimentary drinks reception and presentation of Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificates

18.30 Close

“I try to come each year. I have attended a great many. These conferences never disappoint, nor did this one. I always learn something new.

Consultant Psychiatrist and 2016 delegate

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Speakers include



Lady Justice Rafferty was made a Lord Justice of Appeal of England and Wales in 2011. She became the first female chairman of the Criminal Bar Association in 1995. She is also chairman of the Judicial College which is responsible for training all 36,000 judicial office-holders in England and Wales, and tribunals in the UK.



Phil Hayes is chairman of Management Futures and has over 25 years of leadership development and executive coaching experience. He has published two successful books: 'NLP Coaching' and 'Leading and Coaching Teams to Success'. His current clients include UK ambassadors and leaders from a variety of companies and institutions.



Lesley Graves has litigated, consulted and lectured in all aspects of personal injury litigation during a career spanning 20 plus years. She is the Managing Director of Citadel Law and a Non-Executive Director at Costs ADR.



Dr Jock Mackenzie trained at Barts in London and worked for several years 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.



Anthony Philpott is a Construction Lawyer and a Direct Public Access Barrister at 12 Old Square Chambers, Lincoln's Inn London. He is a former Legal Counsel with Bovis Lend Lease, a construction and project management multi-national. He has the right to conduct litigation.



Trevor Drury has 35 years' professional experience within the construction industry as a quantity surveyor, project manager, construction claims specialist and expert witness. Trevor will be completing pupillage at 12 Old Square in August 2017.



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.



Francesca Burfield is a barrister and Bond Solon's lead trainer for family litigation and child protection. Francesca has been extensively involved in the development of courses for social workers and multi-disciplinary teams. Francesca has also trained many experts who appear regularly in both public & private law proceedings.



Caroline Moore acts for the producers of drugs, vaccines, medical devices and other healthcare products in relation to product liability claims and risk management. She is the lawyer responsible for, and works closely with, the post-doctoral scientists who make up the Hogan Lovells Science Unit.



Alison Somek continues to act as an expert witness as well as running Somek & Associates - a Medico-Legal consultancy with over 200 expert witnesses, including Occupational Therapists, Nurses, Midwives & Physiotherapists. She is currently on the membership committee of EWL.



Nick Deal was called to the Bar in 1989 and had a mixed common law practice. He has trained for Bond Solon since 2003 and is now lead trainer within the expert witness group, developing programmes and qualifications as well as continuing to deliver training courses.



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



Isabel West 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.



Very high standard as usual. Much useful information, discussion and networking.

Dentistry expert and 2016 delegate



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The Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference is the largest annual gathering of expert witnesses in the UK. Now in its twenty-third year, this is your opportunity to hear high profile speakers talk about the key issues that currently affect expert witnesses.

This year's conference includes sessions on:

- **Efficiency.** Your experience and expertise make your time very valuable. Yet a lot of this time is spent on administrative and business tasks. We will look at some of the systems and technology that could decrease the time you spend on these tasks and enable you to increase the number of reports you write.
- **Effectiveness.** We all experience pressure in our professional roles: Pressure to perform, to take on more work – or to find work we need – or simply to manage our energy and our time. Sometimes these pressures are exacerbated by difficult professional relationships. Why is it that some people seem to thrive under pressure whilst others can struggle? In an interactive session with executive coach Phil Hayes we will look at the habits of mind used by highly resilient, resourceful and adaptable professionals from a wide range of backgrounds.
- **Debtors.** Experts often complain about solicitors who are late to pay. In the session 'Expert Debt Collection' you will have the chance to put your questions to an instructing solicitor and to the head of a large expert witness company. You will also receive advice on how to chase invoices and what you can do if a solicitor is not communicating / refuses to pay.

Ensure that you don't miss other important developments with the annual legal update, expert meetings guidance and specialist sessions for medico-legal, commercial, criminal and family experts.

To book

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Confirmation of registration

On receipt of your booking, confirmation will be sent to you by email.

Cancellations must be received in writing by Friday 20 October 2017 and will be subject to a 25% administration fee. Cancellations received after Friday 20 October 2017 and those not received in writing, will not be accepted and the delegate(s) will be liable for the full conference fee. Delegate names may be changed at any point.

Please note that due to circumstances beyond Bond Solon's control, speakers and timings may vary. We reserve the right to cancel the conference if necessary and issue a full refund of fees.

Specific requirements

If you have any specific needs, such as a hearing or visual impairment, limited mobility or dietary requirements, please speak to us about how we can improve the event for you. A vegetarian option is available as standard.



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