

minority lawyers' conference

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2011 Minority Lawyers' Conference

- Saturday 9 April 2011
at the Law Society,
113 Chancery Lane,
London WC2
- **5.75 hours CPD**
- Delegate fee: **£135.00 + VAT**
- Student fee: **£50.00 + VAT**

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09.15 - 09.45	Registration & refreshments
09.45 - 10.00	WELCOME Introduction by Co Conference Chairs Nwabueze Nwokolo & Sundeep Bhatia, Law Society Council Members for Ethnic Minorities
10.00 - 10.45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS followed by Q&A Dominic Grieve Attorney General MP
10.45 - 12.00	MAIN PLENARY Liberalisation of Legal Services An opportunity to outline how they see liberalisation making a difference to the profession, and the main opportunities and threats of "Embracing change" Chair: Sundeep Bhatia, Co Conference Chair Michael Todd QC, Vice Chairman, General Council of the Bar David McGrady, President, ILEX Lucy Scott-Moncrieff, Deputy Vice President, The Law Society
12.00 - 13.15	Networking lunch Sponsored by: Wragge&Co
13.15 - 14.15	BREAKOUT 1 Breakout A Judicial Appointments Despite the efforts of the JAC to increase diversity in the judiciary the number of BAME solicitors/barristers appointed remains disappointingly low. This workshop will look at the current work done by the JAC, the Law Society, Bar Council and ILEX and explore ways in which to improve diversity in judicial appointments. Chair: TBC Panel: Justice Dobbs, High Court Judge Tan Ikram, District Judge Ian Ashley-Smith, Deputy District Judge Kuldip Singh QC, Serle Court Chambers
	Breakout B Sponsored by: ADDLESHAW GODDARD Personal and Career Development In a challenging economy lawyers need to look at innovative ways of marketing themselves and making use of the different career and development tools available to them. This workshop will provide a shopping list of tools which will keep your career heading in the right direction. Chair: Karl King, Hardwicke Chambers Panel: Colin Cook, Senior Clerk, Garden Court Chambers Tim Skipper, First Counsel Recruitment Semaab Shaikh, Broadway House Chambers
	Breakout C Politics of Fear – A European Phenomena? A breakout session to discuss the law and politics of national security featuring prominent speakers giving the benefit of their experiences, in particular the response to issues of national security etc, diversity, multiculturalism and the separation of 'church and state'. The objective will be to define the state's legitimate role (in whatever form) to promote cultural integrity and the freedom of its citizens whilst protecting national interests without directly/indirectly instilling fear in its citizens with 'terror' laws. Chair: Ismet Rawat, Executive Member, Association of Muslim Lawyers Panel: Abid Mahmood, Head of Immigration, No 5 Chambers Dr. Tariq Ramadan, Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies, Oxford University Courtney Griffiths QC, Joint Head of Chambers, Garden Court

14.15 - 15.15	<p>BREAKOUT 2</p> <p>Breakout D</p> <p>Alternative Business Structures/Multi Disciplinary Practices Solicitors/barristers face a number of challenges/opportunities after 2011 with the shake up in the provision of legal services. This breakout will give an overview of ABSs and MDPs from different perspectives.</p> <p>Chair: Babs Akinyanju, Legal Adviser, HM Courts Service & Chair of British Nigeria Law Forum</p> <p>Panel: Alan Kershaw, ILEX Professional Standards Gelaga King, 2 Bedford Row Nick Jarrett-Kerr, Management Consultant David Middleton, Legal Director, SRA</p>
	<p>Breakout E</p> <p>Sponsored by: Simmons & Simmons</p> <p>Globalisation/Emerging Markets The world is changing and to take advantage of globalisation and emerging markets, lawyers need to ensure they are well positioned to take advantage of the business opportunities that global markets will open up.</p> <p>Chair: Shams Rahman, Payne Hicks Beach Solicitors</p> <p>Panel: Elikem Nutifafa Kuenyehia, Oxford & Beaumont Kim Hollis QC, 25 Bedford Row Akin Williams, Partner, Williams Law</p>
	<p>Breakout F</p> <p>Access to Justice With Government cutbacks, and the anticipated reduction in legal aid funding, the implications for legal aid lawyers and the communities they serve will be significant. This workshop will examine what lawyers can do to survive and develop a thriving legal aid practice.</p> <p>Chair: Dorett White, Member, Black Solicitors Network</p> <p>Panel: Lucy Scott Moncrieff, Deputy Vice President, the Law Society Richard Miller, Head of Legal Aid, the Law Society Susan Silver, Vice President, ILEX Peter Herbert, Member, Direct Access, Bar Council</p>
15.15 - 15.50	<p>Refreshments</p>
15.50 - 16.50	<p>CLOSING PLENARY</p> <p>Chairs of Breakouts Feedback and Q&A Chair: TBC</p> <p>Panel: Karl King, Hardwicke Chambers Babs Akinyanju (British Nigerian Lawyers Forum) Ismet Rawat (Association Muslim Lawyers) Shams Rahman (Society Asian Lawyers) Dorett White (Black Solicitors Network)</p>
16.50 - 17.00	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>Nwabueze Nwokolo, Conference Co-Chair</p>
17.00 - 18.30	<p>Networking Reception</p>

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Breakout sessions

Select one workshop per session:

Breakout 1

- ☐ A) Judicial Appointments
☐ B) Personal and Career Development
☐ C) Politics of Fear – A European Phenomena?

Breakout 2

- ☐ D) Alternative Business Structures/Multi Disciplinary Practices
☐ E) Globalisation/Emerging Markets
☐ F) Access to Justice

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Conference Student Fee	£50.00 + VAT = £60.00	No. of delegates	<input type="text"/>
Awards Dinner Fee	£70.00 + VAT = £84.00	No. of delegates	<input type="text"/>
Awards Dinner Table of 10	£600.00 + VAT = £720.00	No. of delegates	<input type="text"/>
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