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Speaker**

The Right Honourable
Lord Hodge

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Welcome

It has been an extraordinary year since last year's conference. The COVID pandemic has fundamentally changed the way the legal system operates with most professionals working away from their offices and the courts massively accelerating the move to digital working. It is vital experts know the full impact of the many changes on their work.

We will hear from the Right Hon Lord Hodge, the Deputy President of the Supreme Court, on what has and will happen in the court system. We will learn how to give expert evidence remotely and what lessons there are from experts who have failed to act ethically. Full BREXIT is only weeks away and we will hear from the Chair of the BREXIT working party of the Bar on how this will affect experts. Michael Mansfield QC will share his views of the current circumstances and we will also hear from top speakers on many other important issues.

We are unable to hold the conference at our usual venue, the Church House Conference Centre, as we would not be able to observe appropriate social distancing. This year will be a live virtual conference. We have organised the event to be as interactive as possible with many opportunities to ask questions, see exhibitions and download notes. There are regular breaks and of course no need to travel!

I look forward to welcoming you to the 2020 Virtual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference on the 6th November 2020.

Mark Solon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Solon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Speakers



Richard Atkins QC

Head of St Philips Chambers, Chair of the Bar of England and Wales in 2019 and Leader of the Midland Circuit from 2014 to 2017, Richard has been part of the leadership team of the profession for a number of years. He has dealt with senior Government Ministers and officials and the country's most Senior Judges. He has had considerable involvement with both the Legal Services Board and the Bar Standards Board dealing with the regulation of the profession. Richard is one of the country's most eminent criminal silks.



Julian Copeman

Julian Copeman from Herbert Smith Freehills is a disputes partner based in London. Julian has some 25 years dispute resolution experience in England, Hong Kong and elsewhere in international dispute resolution. He has particular specialism in major commercial litigation and has experience of the entire range of dispute resolution processes including litigation, arbitration, mediation, expert determination and bespoke processes.



Dr Dennis Cox

Dr Dennis Cox worked as a GP in Cambridgeshire for 34 years. He has written over 1000 medical opinions for the GMC, defence bodies, the criminal and civil courts and for coroners. He is a member of the Medical Advisory Board of MedCo. More recently he has been working as a medical member for the Tribunal Service. Since March 2020 the tribunals have been taking place remotely and like many others, he has had to learn the skills of questioning and assessing appellants remotely.



Nick Deal

Nick Deal is a qualified barrister and was called to the Bar in 1989. He has trained for Bond Solon since 2003 and is the lead trainer within the Expert Witness Group. He has designed and developed various training programmes and qualifications for expert witnesses.



Michael Mansfield QC

Michael Mansfield QC was called to the Bar in 1967. He then established Took's Chambers in 1984 and became Queen's Counsel in 1989. Michael has represented defendants in criminal trials, appeals and inquiries in some of the most controversial legal cases the country has seen, particularly where issues of Civil Liberty have arisen.



The Right Hon Lord Hodge

Patrick Stewart Hodge, Lord Hodge, was appointed Deputy President of the Supreme Court in January 2020. Lord Hodge became a Justice of The Supreme Court in October 2013. He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1983 and appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1996. From 1997-2003, he was a part time Law Commissioner at the Scottish Law Commission. He became a Judge of the Court of Session in Scotland in 2005.

Speakers



Hugh Mercer QC

Hugh Mercer QC is a highly regarded advocate practising in a broad range of areas with a particular emphasis on public law, private international law, EU law and human rights. He chairs the Brexit Working Group of the Bar and the CCBE European Lawyers' Committee. He is also Leader of the European Circuit. He sits as a Deputy High Court Judge and is a Bencher of Middle Temple.



Dr James Piers

Dr James Piers joined Aspire Law in 2017 and he is a dual qualified solicitor and medical doctor specialising in cases of spinal injury arising from medical negligence. Since becoming a solicitor in 2009 he has practised solely in the area of medical negligence.



Andrew Smith QC

Andrew Smith QC prosecutes and defends in cases of gravity and complexity and is regularly instructed in cases involving allegations of homicide, organised crime and serious fraud. Chambers UK Guide describes him as "an impressive top class advocate who prosecutes and defends in serious criminal cases".



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.



Professor Jason Tucker

Professor Jason Tucker was admitted as a solicitor in November 1996, and undertook a broad range of litigation work. He joined the Centre for Professional Legal Studies (CPLS) at Cardiff School of Law & Politics in 2003, and has taught litigation and a range of practitioner skills at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. In addition, he was Director of the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate between 2005 and 2017. Currently, he is University Dean for Graduate Employability. Away from the University, Jason is a member of two Law Society Policy Committees and sits as a judge in the First-tier Tribunal.



The Honourable Mr Justice Williams

The Honourable Mr Justice Williams is a High Court Judge assigned to the Family Division. He is also the Chair of the Family Division Working Group on Medical Experts in the Family Courts. He was called to the Bar in 1990 and went on to specialise in family law, particularly in children cases with an international dimension. He took Silk in 2013. He was appointed as a Recorder in 2016 and authorised to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge in 2017.

Timetable

TIME	SESSION			
9:45	Opening and welcome Mark Solon			
10:00	Keynote speech The Right Honourable Lord Hodge			
10:40	BREAK			
10:50	Giving evidence remotely <ul style="list-style-type: none">Preparing to give remote evidenceHow to give effective evidenceTop tips Dr Dennis Cox			
11:30	BREAK			
11:40	Annual legal update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of new case law for the last 12 monthsCourt rules and procedureRelevant statute law Nick Deal, Barrister and Lead Bond Solon Trainer within the Expert Witness Group			
12:20	BREAK			
12:30	Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none">What are the ethical standards expected of expertsHow experts can avoid breaching standardsThe dangerous implications of breach Andrew Smith QC, St Philips Barristers			
13:00	LUNCH BREAK			
PARALLEL SESSIONS				
14:00	Medico-legal Current trends for medico-legal experts <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clinical negligencePersonal injuryNew ways of working Dr James Piers Senior Solicitor Aspire Law	Criminal Current trends for experts in criminal proceedings <ul style="list-style-type: none">Virtual courtsDelays in coming to trialWorking within tight budgets Richard Atkins QC St Philips Chambers	Commercial Current trends for experts in commercial proceedings <ul style="list-style-type: none">International disputesWhat's happening in the legal professionADR Julian Copeman Partner Herbert Smith Freehills	Family Current trends for experts in family proceedings <ul style="list-style-type: none">Impact of COVID 19Virtual courtsWhat's happening in the family courts The Honourable Mr Justice Williams
15:15	BREAK			
15:35	BREXIT and the Expert <ul style="list-style-type: none">What is the impact of BREXIT on the legal systemWhat do experts need to knowWorking outside the UK Hugh Mercer QC, Essex Court Chambers			
16:05	BREAK			
16:10	What's happening to the English Legal System <ul style="list-style-type: none">The effect of cutsDiversityThe future of experts Michael Mansfield QC, Nexus Chambers			
16:40	Closing Comments Mark Solon			

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