

# The Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference

The largest annual gathering of expert witnesses in the UK  
Friday 5 November 2021

## Hybrid Conference

### Option 1

Attend in person at the Church House  
Conference Centre, Westminster

### Price

In-person attendance: £285+VAT  
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### Option 2

Join remotely via our conference web platform

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## Keynote speaker



### The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Vos

New Master of the Rolls since  
January 2021, who has promised  
to “radically rethink” civil justice.

# Speakers



## Andrew Gordon-Saker

Andrew Gordon-Saker has been the Senior Costs Judge since 2014. He was called to the bar in 1981 and was appointed a Deputy Taxing Master in 1994, a Costs Judge in 2003 and a Costs Officer of the United Kingdom Supreme Court in 2010. He was one of the assessors appointed to assist Lord Justice Jackson on his review of fixed recoverable costs in 2017. He has sat regularly as an assessor on costs appeals in both the High Court and in the Court of Appeal.



## Ben Parry Smith

Ben is a Partner at Payne Hicks Beach. Described in The Lawyer Hot 100 as a "protégé of Fiona Shackleton", Ben advises on all aspects of family law: children, divorce/civil partnership, co-habitation, pre/post nuptial agreements, complex financial disputes and jurisdictional issues. Much of his work has an international element and he is one of a handful of lawyers doing heavy-weight financial and complex children work.



## The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Vos

Sir Geoffrey Vos was appointed Master of the Rolls in January 2021, having been Chancellor of the High Court of England and Wales since October 2016. He was called to the Bar in 1977 and became a QC in 1993. He was appointed a High Court Judge in 2009 and a Court of Appeal judge in 2013. He was a previously a Judge of the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey and Cayman Islands. He was Chairman of the Bar Council in 2007 and has been a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn since 2000. He became Chairman of the European sub-committee of the Judge's Council in 2011 and was President of the European Network for Councils of the Judiciary 2014-16.



## Dr Jock Mackenzie

Dr Jock Mackenzie is a Partner and Solicitor Advocate at Anthony Gold Solicitors. He 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.



## 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.

# Speakers



## **Kathryn Clague**

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



## **Dr. Marion Palmer**

Dr. Marion Palmer is a Senior Scientist at Hogan Lovells. She has spent over 20 years working with lawyers on scientific matters relevant to their legal practices. She is a founder member of the Science Unit which was formed to streamline the acquisition and processing of scientific evidence in scientifically complex legal matters resulting in a more precise and economical service for clients. Her expertise lies in the identification of the relevant scientific themes in complex matters, identification of expert witnesses, analysis of scientific material and briefing lawyers with the information essential to their successful handling of the matter.



## **Mark Solon**

Mark Solon (conference chair) is the founder of Bond Solon. He is a former solicitor and US Attorney at Law. He has organised training and conferences for ten of thousands of experts. He has written several books and numerous articles dealing with expert evidence.



## **Wendy Miles QC**

Wendy Miles QC, from Twenty Essex Chamber, is a specialist in international arbitration and dispute resolution with a focus on private and public international law. With over 25 years of experience, Wendy has advised on international law matters and conducted arbitrations under all the major institutions and ad hoc. She has advised a wide range of multinationals, including corporates, sovereign States and State entities and multilateral State organisations. She has sat as arbitrator since 2005, as sole, co-arbitrator and chair under most major arbitral institutions. Wendy has been appointed by the United Kingdom to the ICSID Panel of arbitrators and ICSID Panel of conciliators effective from 10 November 2020.

# Timetable

## Morning

**09.00** Registration and Exhibition area opens

**09.45** Opening and welcome

Mark Solon

**10.00** Keynote

The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Vos

**10.40** Experts and lawyers: a marriage made in heaven

- The relationship
- The ten tests
- Avoiding divorce

Ben Parry Smith, *Partner, Payne Hicks Beach*

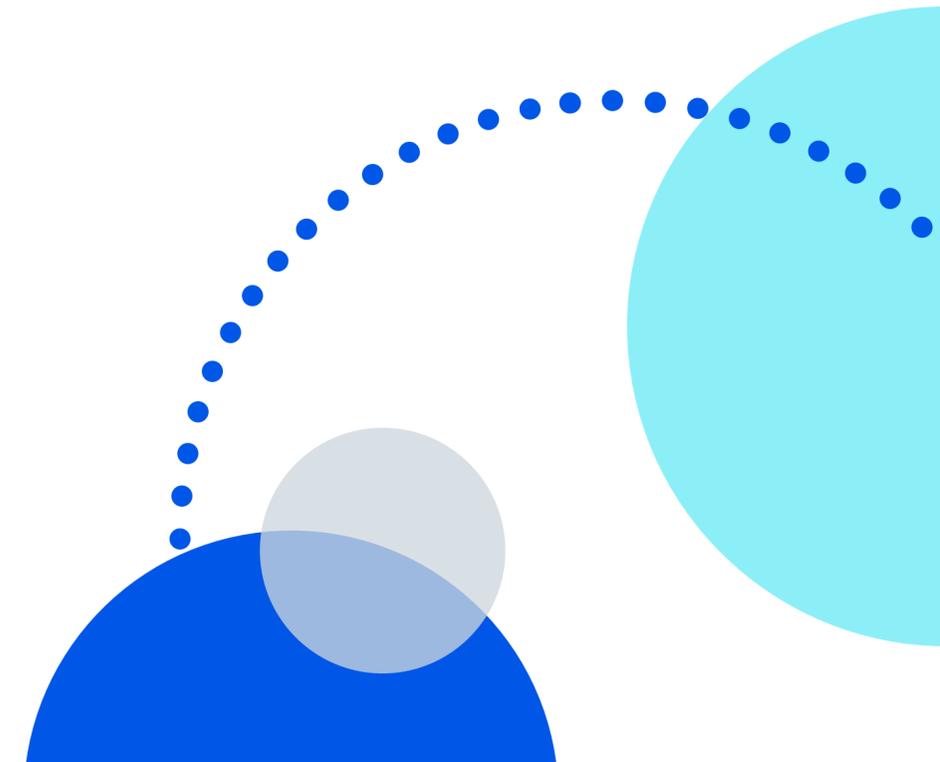
**11.20** Break

**11.45** Annual legal update

- Review of new case law for the last 12 months
- Court rules and procedure
- Relevant statute law

Kathryn Clague, *Lecturer, Cardiff University, School of Law and Politics*

**12.45** Lunch break



## Afternoon

### 13.45 Parallel sessions

#### Medico-legal

Current trends for medico-legal experts

Dr Jock Mackenzie  
Partner and Solicitor Advocate,  
Anthony Gold Solicitors

#### Commercial

Current trends for experts in commercial proceedings

Wendy Miles QC,  
Twenty Essex Chamber

#### Criminal

Current trends for experts in criminal proceedings

Speaker to be confirmed

#### Family

Current trends for experts in family proceedings

The Honourable  
Mr Justice Williams

### 14.45 Break

### 15.05 Consequences of getting things wrong and how to avoid the pinch points

- Jones v Kaney 10 years on
- Learning from the cases since
- Reputational damage, professional bodies and litigation etc

Speaker to be confirmed

### 15.35 Marketing for the expert witness - what lawyers want and due diligence

- How law firms find the right expert. CVs, websites, social media, etc
- Results of survey of lawyers and lessons for experts
- Marketing techniques that produce results or irritate

Dr. Marion Palmer, Senior Scientist, Hogan Lovells

### 16.05 Break

### 16.25 Taxation

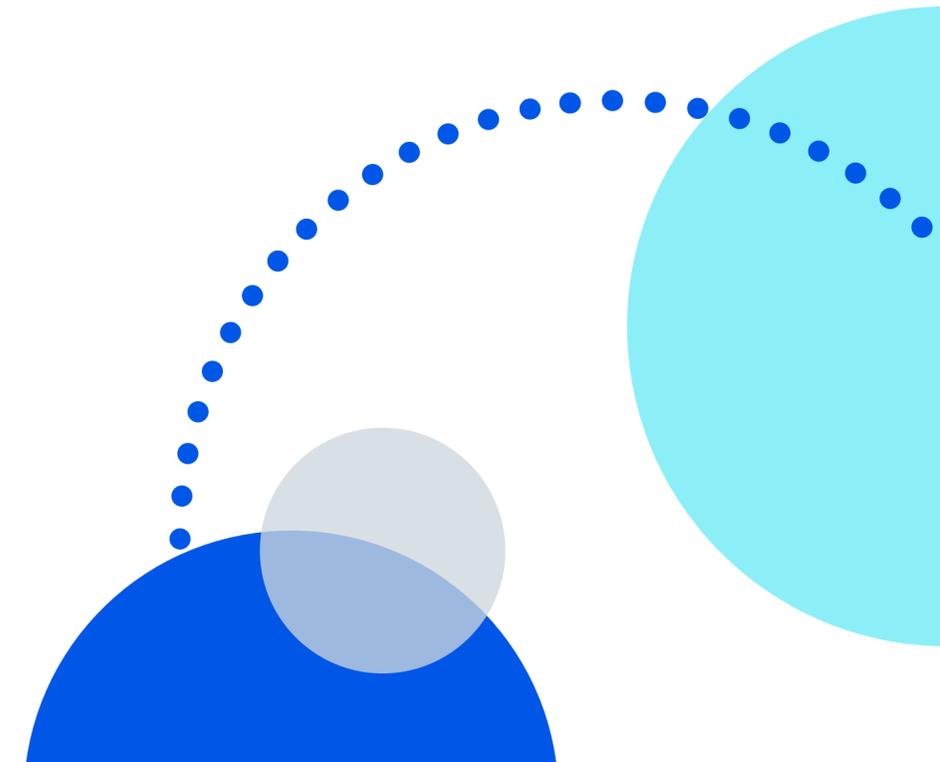
- What taxing judges want
- Time records
- Budgeting

Andrew Gordon-Saker

### 16.55 Closing Comments

Mark Solon

### 17.05 Complimentary drinks receptions and awards ceremony for experts who achieved the CUBS and UABS Expert Witness Certificate in 2020/2021



# How to book

## Option 1: Book and pay online

To book and pay online please visit: [www.bondsolon.com/expert-witness/conference](http://www.bondsolon.com/expert-witness/conference)

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Call us on 020 7549 2549.

*Please use this option if you would like to make a group booking or if you have any questions about the conference.*

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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 15 October 2021 and will be subject to a £25+VAT administration fee. Cancellations received after Friday 15 October 2021 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.

The conference will be recorded and the recordings will be made available to delegates after the event.

**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.