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# The Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference

The largest annual gathering of expert witnesses in the UK  
**Friday 4 November 2022**

**Keynote session featuring**

**The Lord Chief Justice  
and Lady Justice Carr**

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# Welcome

I would be delighted to see you at this year's Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference on Friday 4 November. There is a fantastic line up of confirmed speakers. Opening the conference, there will be an exclusive pre-recorded address from the **Lord Chief Justice**, Head of the Judiciary of England and Wales, followed by an in-person talk from **Lady Justice Carr**, judge of the Court of Appeal.

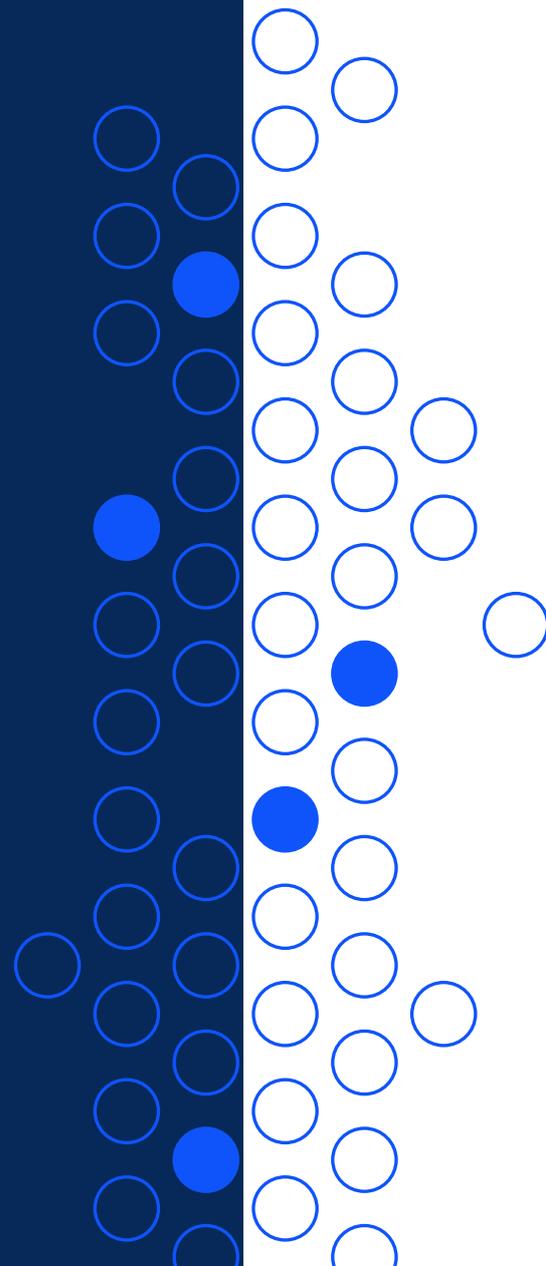
In the morning, **Edward Bird** of Solomonic will speak on how experts are scrutinised by artificial intelligence, and how they can use it to help prepare their evidence and for marketing purposes. **Kathryn Clague** of Cardiff University will lead the popular annual legal update. **Helen Evans KC**, a specialist in professional negligence, will show how you can protect yourself from litigation, particularly in the digital environment.

The four afternoon specialist workshops feature: **Rajesh Pillai KC** senior commercial counsel; **David Dabbs**, advocacy training expert; **Dr Jock Mackenzie** on clinical negligence and **Jackie Spinks**, solicitor, on personal injury litigation; and top family law barristers, **Elissa Da Costa-Waldman** and **Andrew Shaw**.

There is a unique session on working effectively and safely in a digital legal process lead by expert witnesses **Mark Mills** of Aquila Forensics and **Mark Cunningham-Dickie** of Quorum Cyber. The day closes with a lively debate: "Is evidence in person always better than online", between senior counsel **Amanda Pinto KC** and **Alexandra Felix KC**.

The conference is an excellent opportunity to keep up-to-date with all matters relating to your work as an expert witness, is a useful networking opportunity and allows you to accrue 6 CPD hours. The conference will be a hybrid event with the option either to attend at the Church House Conference Centre in Westminster or to access remotely.

*Mark Solon*



# Timetable

## Morning

**09.00** Registration and Exhibition area opens

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**09.40** Opening and welcome  
[Mark Solon](#)

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**09.50** Keynote

Our keynote session features an exclusive pre-recorded interview with the Lord Chief Justice, followed by an in-person talk from Lady Justice Carr. They will share their views on the future of the courts system, particularly around the use of experts.

[The Lord Chief Justice](#), The Lord Burnett of Maldon and [Lady Justice Carr](#), Court of Appeal Judge

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**10.30** Artificial intelligence and the expert witness

Solomonic is a research and analytics business bringing a data-driven perspective to litigation decision-making. Those involved in litigation can identify and monitor clients, track how relevant cases have been treated in the past, research experts, pick out data points which might impact case prospects, and utilise examples of how certain judges have dealt with fact patterns or arguments.

- How experts are scrutinised by AI
- How experts can use AI to help prepare their evidence
- How to use AI for marketing your expert witness practice

[Edward Bird](#), *Managing Director, Solomonic*

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**11.10** Break

**11.30** Annual legal update

The hour all experts need to attend to ensure they are fully aware of new cases and changes to the law and procedure that are relevant to experts. Kathryn is a thorough and engaging lecturer at Cardiff University and is always well received at the conference. She will analyse and discuss what has been happening in the legal world over the past year.

[Kathryn Clague](#), *Lecturer in Law, Cardiff University*

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**12.30** How experts can protect themselves against litigation

Since the case of *Jones v Kaney*, experts are potentially liable in both contract and negligence for the opinion proffered. Helen Evans KC, as a specialist in litigation against professionals, will tell you where the boundaries lie in claims against experts and explain various ways in which parties can bring claims against their experts. She will also offer some insights on how to effectively conduct your expert witness work by thinking evidentially. Good evidence will provide a better defence should an expert be sued.

[Helen Evans KC](#), 4 New Square Chambers

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**13.00** Lunch break

## Afternoon

### 14.00 Parallel sessions

Specialist speakers from four different legal areas will bring you up to date with current issues and best practice.

#### Commercial

Highly experienced litigator and arbitrator, Rajesh Pillai KC, provides a round-up of the key issues affecting expert witnesses involved in commercial cases.

[Rajesh Pillai KC](#),  
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#### Criminal (see note on page 9)

David Dabbs has trained lawyers from all over the world in the skills of written and oral advocacy. Benefit from his insights to inform the way you deal with cross examination.

[David Dabbs](#),  
Hackett Dabbs

#### Family

Get up to speed on the latest developments in family law and procedure with Elissa (matrimonial law) and Andrew (public children law).

[Elissa Da Costa-Waldman and Andrew Shaw](#), New Court Chambers

#### Medico-legal

By popular demand this session has a dual focus on clinical negligence and personal injury litigation with our two leading experts from Anthony Gold.

[Dr Jock Mackenzie and Jackie Spinks](#),  
Anthony Gold Solicitors

### 15.00 Break

### 15.30 Practical advice for the digital expert witness

Fay Silverstone, solicitor and Bond Solon trainer, chairs a discussion with IT expert, Mark Cunningham-Dickie and construction dispute expert, Mark Mills. They will look at how to create an effective workflow using IT, how to unbundle the expert's report as suggested by the Master of the Rolls last year, how to scale your practice in the new environment and how to work with digital evidence.

[Mark Cunningham-Dickie](#), Quorum Cyber  
[Mark Mills](#), Aquila Forensics

### 16.00 Evidence in person is always better than online - the debate

Mark Solon will chair a debate between Amanda Pinto KC and Alexandra Felix KC on expert witnesses giving oral evidence in the court room or remotely. There is a strong trend towards giving evidence online. Some experts love it but many don't. The debate will look at the pros and cons of each and how experts can adapt to both options.

- Is the trend for online evidence a good thing?
- How to give effective evidence either way
- Which should you choose if have a choice?

[Amanda Pinto KC](#), 33 Chancery Lane  
[Alexandra Felix KC](#), QEB Hollis Whiteman Chambers

### 17.00 Close followed by drinks reception and certificate presentation

### 18.00 End of reception

# Speakers



## **The Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales**

The Right Honourable The Lord Burnett of Maldon

Lord Burnett of Maldon studied law at Pembroke College, Oxford and was called to the Bar in 1980. He became a member of Temple Garden Chambers, where he practised until May 2008. His final case at the Bar was as counsel to the inquests into the deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales and Dodi al Fayed.

On appointment to the High Court in 2008 Lord Burnett joined the Queen's Bench Division hearing civil law and public law cases in the Administrative Court, trying serious crime out of London and sitting in the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division. In 2014, he was appointed to the Court of Appeal with responsibility for extradition cases and was also supervising Lord Justice for immigration and public law appeals. He was appointed Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales (Head of the Judiciary of England and Wales) on 1 October 2017.

He is President of all the Courts of England and Wales, sits in both the Criminal and Civil divisions of the Court of Appeal, in the Divisional Court and also, by invitation, in the Supreme Court.



## **The Rt Hon. Lady Justice Carr**

Court of Appeal Judge

Lady Justice Carr read law at Trinity College, Cambridge. She was called to the Bar in 1987 and then practised as a barrister, specialising in general commercial law with an emphasis on professional liability and insurance. She took silk in 2003. She became chair of the Professional Negligence Bar Association in 2007, chair of the Bar Standards Board Conduct Committee in 2008 and was appointed Complaints Commissioner to the International Criminal Court in the Hague in 2011 before becoming head of chambers at Four New Square.

Appointed to the High Court Bench, King's Bench Division in June 2013, Lady Justice Carr became a nominated Judge of the Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court in 2014. She was a member of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal from 2014 to 2016 when she became a Presider of the Midland Circuit, a position that she held from 2016 to 2020.

She was sworn in as a Lady Justice of the Court of Appeal in April 2020. In August 2020, she was appointed senior judicial commissioner and Vice Chair of the Judicial Appointments Commission.



### **Edward Bird**

Managing Director, Solomonik

Edward joined Solomonik from the very early days of the company in 2018. Solomonik is a research and analytics start-up, dedicated to bringing a data-driven perspective to litigation decision-making. Solomonik allows litigators to identify and monitor clients, track how relevant cases have been treated in the past, research experts, pick out data points which might impact case prospects, and utilise examples of how relevant judges have dealt with particular fact patterns or arguments. Edward has extensive experience in the legal sector, including as Marketing Director at LexisNexis UK and as Director of Sales and Marketing at The Law Society.



### **Kathryn Clague**

Lecturer in Law, Cardiff University

Kathryn Clague is an experienced litigator whose specialism lies in the areas of civil litigation and regulatory law. With over 10 years' experience in practice, both at the self-employed Bar and latterly in-house, Kathryn was appointed as a lecturer at Cardiff University in 2015. She is now deputy course leader on the Bar Training Course, with responsibility for teaching civil litigation, drafting and advocacy skills. Kathryn has been an assessor for the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate since 2016. She was responsible for the running of the University part of the programme from April 2017 to May 2020. Kathryn is also an Assistant Chief Examiner for the Bar Standards Board, the regulatory body for the Bar, and an external examiner for Leeds Beckett University.



### **Helen Evans KC**

Barrister, 4 New Square Chambers

Helen is a leading barrister practising in professional negligence, fraud, disciplinary and insurance work. She was appointed KC in March 2022 and was Times "Lawyer of the Week" in April 2022. Helen was ranked by the legal directories as a leading junior in the fields of professional liability, insurance and professional discipline. In 2021 she was named Junior of the Year in the Professional Negligence category by Chambers and Partners. The Legal Directories describe her as "one of the most highly regarded barristers in the field", "highly sought after for her professional negligence expertise" and "considered a go-to by solicitors."



### **Dr Jock Mackenzie**

Partner and Solicitor Advocate, Anthony Gold Solicitors

Jock has been a very popular speaker at previous conferences. He is a partner in the Anthony Gold medical claims team and is a dual qualified doctor and solicitor.

He qualified as a doctor at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London in 1990. He has a broad clinical negligence practice but, due to his background as a hospital physician, he has a particular interest and expertise in cases involving complex medicine and rare medical conditions, general internal medicine and intensive care. Much of his work focuses on cases involving brain injury (adults and children), neurological, neurosurgical, and spinal injuries.



### **Jackie Spinks**

Partner, Anthony Gold Solicitors

Jackie specialises in catastrophic injury cases of the utmost severity, with extensive experience in brain injury, particularly those involving children. Jackie specialises in high value, complex personal injury and clinical negligence work. Her very first case set her clearly on the path that she has pursued since – helping clients who have suffered terrible injuries. The nature of the cases she deals with requires her to build large teams to assist in the litigation, giving her a unique insight into the dynamic of the solicitor/expert relationship.



### **Rajesh Pillai KC**

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Rajesh Pillai KC deals with high-value and complex commercial disputes and has significant international experience in both litigation and arbitration. He leads trial strategy presenting and challenging factual and expert evidence. Rajesh appears in claims across a variety of areas including banking and finance, real estate investment, pharmaceuticals, mining, public transport, energy infrastructure projects, broking and trade finance. Rajesh is called in New York and BVI and has advised and appeared in a number of different jurisdictions. He acts in ad hoc arbitrations as well as those administered by the major institutions.



### **Elissa Da Costa-Waldman MCI Arb**

Barrister, New Court Chambers

Elissa has been a practising barrister for over three decades, having worked in the law for almost 50 years. She is a specialist in matrimonial finance and TOLATA claims and also takes on private law children work, particularly relocation cases, both domestic and international. Although a fearless advocate, Elissa is committed to non-court dispute resolution and is a qualified mediator, collaborative lawyer and Family Law Arbitrator (Finance). She has authored several books on the law, most recently writing the chapter on the law for the second edition of Resolution's Cohabitation Claims. Elissa also frequently writes for law journals.



### **Andrew Shaw**

Barrister, New Court Chambers

Andrew joined New Court Chambers in 2003. He is a skilled and experienced advocate who practises in a wide area of family law cases, including public and private law applications concerning children, and also Court of Protection and financial matters.

Andrew's key strength is his dynamic and adaptable approach towards litigation and the court environment. Clients benefit from his straightforward manner and his frank, detailed advice, which is tailored to the individual's needs. He has experience in conducting lengthy, serious and complex fact-finding hearings, final hearings and appeals, as well as interim hearings and interlocutory applications.

Andrew is frequently instructed in a wide range of private children law cases, including child arrangement applications, international and internal relocation, and abduction proceedings, including applications under the Hague Convention.



## **David Dabbs**

Hackett Dabbs

David Dabbs is a barrister called to the bar in 1984 who is an expert in commercial drafting and disputes. He has advised multinational corporations, banks and UK companies in all types of commercial transactions and litigation.

He was one of the first advocacy trainers at Lincolns Inn, having started teaching in 1994, and has been a Bencher at Lincolns Inn since 2003. He has trained lawyers from all over the world in the skills of written and oral advocacy and will share what he tells the lawyers to inform the way experts deal with cross examination.

He has also been qualified as an Arbitrator since 2002 and is licensed by the Bar Council to conduct litigation.



## **Mark Mills**

Director, Aquila Forensics

Mark is a Director of Aquila Forensics, a consultancy firm specialising in construction dispute, advisory and investigation services. He is a testifying Expert Witness in the field of quantum and has over twenty years' experience in the construction industry working for sub-contractors (civils), main contractors, PQS firms and multi-disciplinary consultancies. Mark's experience is wide-ranging, involving all stages of the construction process. He has been involved in the provision of expert opinion and technical advice to a wide range of clients in the process of litigation, mediation, arbitration and negotiation on projects including infrastructure developments, marine developments, hospitals, large defence projects, major international airports, residential schemes, several hotels, luxury private residences, stadiums and a film production studio.



## **Mark Cunningham-Dickie**

Senior Incident Responder, Quorum Cyber

Mark has, amongst other qualifications, a GCHQ accredited MSc (Distinction) in Advanced Security and Digital Forensics. He is also a Certified Ethical Hacker who, for a number of years, lawfully assessed and compromised the physical and IT systems of a large law enforcement organisation. As part of his role he also provided the technical input into investigations of the Professional Standards Department and Anti-Corruption Unit against serving officers and staff. In more recent roles, Mark has used his knowledge, experience and skill by helping organisations respond to cyber incidents and through this has first-hand experience of the impact that data breaches and loss of personally identifiable information has on individuals.



### **Amanda Pinto KC**

33 Chancery Lane

An expert in financial wrongdoing, Amanda practises in some of the most high-profile cases in the field, including corporate crime, fraud, money laundering and bribery cases with an international dimension. Amanda is recognised as a leader by the directories in both Financial Crime: Corporates and Financial Crime. She is nominated by The Legal 500 as Corporate Crime KC of the Year 2022. She was Chair of the Bar in 2020 and Chair of the International Committee of the Bar Council 2015-2018. In 2021, she was appointed to the PRIME Finance expert panel as a global expert in complex financial products.



### **Alexandra Felix KC**

QEB Hollis Whiteman Chambers

New in silk, Alexandra Felix KC has a respected practice operating at the most serious level. She prosecutes and defends all aspects of serious crime as well as corporate and financial crime, she represents regulators and professionals in tribunals and has substantial experience in the High Court arising out of her significant regulatory law practice including related judicial review proceedings. Alex is highly experienced in the fields of inquests and inquiries. She has significant experience of handling expert witnesses. She is instructed in cases that demand forensic understanding, analysis and presentation of a case.

#### **Important note:** Criminal parallel session

Gary Pugh, the Forensic Science Regulator, is now unable to attend in person but an in-depth video interview with him filmed exclusively for the conference will be available on the conference app.

The video will include the latest on the FSR's powers for compliance and enforcement under the Forensic Science Regulator Act 2021, as well as progress on the statutory code.

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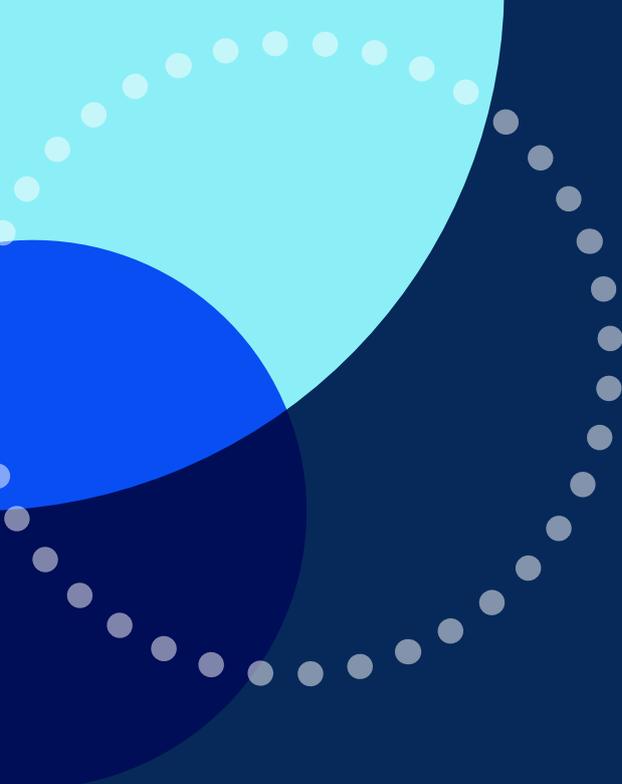
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On receipt of your booking, confirmation will be sent to you by email.

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

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