



Kent Law Society

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Litigation and Dispute Resolution Conference 2018

13 November 2018 – 9.15am to 5.00pm

followed by a Drinks reception hosted by **Six Pump Court**

Following another challenging year for litigation practitioners, Kent Law Society and Six Pump Court are delighted to present this one day Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution Update.

The content, which is subject to change to take into account any up to the minute developments, will cover all the important developments in the principal areas of law, practice and procedure over the past 12 months.

9.15 Coffee and registration

9.30 Chair's Introduction: **Nicholas Baldock, Six Pump Court**

9.45 An Analysis of Recent Relevant Case Law

Experienced former judge and legal author Stephen Gerlis examines relevant civil procedure cases from the past 12 months, including:

- The court's attitude to procedural mistakes
- Service issues including by email and disappeared defendants
- Adjournments on non-attendance of party
- Dishonesty in claims
- Summary judgment and its relationship with strike out
- Recusal of judges
- Litigants in person
- Suing solicitors for negligence

Stephen Gerlis, Former District Judge

10.30 Costs Budgeting and Costs Disputes

Grace Cullen, Six Pump Court

11.15 Coffee

11.30 Contract Law Case Update

Mukhtiar Singh, Six Pump Court

12.15 Questions

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Insolvency Jurisdiction Litigation
Ian Rees Phillips, Six Pump Court

2.15 Alternative Dispute Resolution
Natasha Hausdorff, Six Pump Court

3.00 Tea

3.15 Contentious Probate and Private Client Claims
Ian Rees Phillips, Six Pump Court

4.00 Commercial Landlord and Tenant Disputes
Charles Morgan, Six Pump Court

4.45 Questions and Chair's concluding remarks

5.00 Conference Close

Venue: Holiday Inn – Rochester, Maidstone Road, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9SF

CPD: 6 Hours

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Speakers

Stephen Gerlis was appointed as a full-time District Judge in 1988 and retired in October 2012. He was also a Recorder in both the County Court and the Crown Court. He was originally a solicitor and became secretary and, later, President of the West London Law Society. He has also been Chairman of the London Association of District Judges. Until his retirement he was a member of the Advisory Group on Judicial Appointments and was on the founding group which introduced information technology to the judiciary. He is author of *Domestic Proceedings in the Magistrates Court* (Longmans); *County Court Practice Notes* (Cavendish); co-author of *The Civil Practitioner's Handbook* (Sweet & Maxwell), *Civil Procedure* (Cavendish); *Post-Woolf Briefing* (Hawksmere) and a contributor to the *Civil Court Service* (Jordans). He is one of the co-authors of *The Adoption and Children Act* published by Butterworths. He is also co-editor of the monthly *Busy Solicitors Digest* which features on Lawtel and formerly General Editor of *Civil Court Precedents* (Sweet & Maxwell). He used to write regularly on judicial matters for the *Times* and the Law Society's *Gazette*, for which he still contributes to the "From the Bench" article. In recent years he took part in a BBC programme on 'Legal Language' together with Stephen Fry. He is still writes and lectures widely on a range of subjects surrounding the work of the County Court.

The following are all barristers at Six Pump Court Chambers:

Ian Rees Phillips read Jurisprudence at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University, where he was awarded the Emily Parks and Sheilagh Griffiths Scholarships. He was called to the Bar in 2009 by Middle Temple as an Astbury Scholar. Ian has a focused civil and commercial law practice and commonly appears in the County Court and High Court in fields such as landlord and tenant, personal injury, consumer credit, insurance and trusts of land. He also regularly represents both claimants and employers in the employment tribunal and has a burgeoning criminal regulatory practice.

Natasha Hausdorff began her legal career training at the American commercial law firm Skadden, Arps, where she focused on international dispute resolution, high value litigation and international arbitration (including investment treaty arbitration). While at Skadden she also worked on M&A deals, restructuring projects (including schemes of arrangement) and, on secondment to Brussels, competition investigations and merger clearance with the European authorities. Since coming to the bar, she has undertaken a range of civil and commercial court work and advised on civil claims for insurers and commercial clients.

Charles Morgan has been in practice at the Bar since 1979. He has throughout practised in areas of commercial property law including landlord and tenant, covenants affecting land, easements, development agreements, compulsory purchase and compensation, contaminated land and related planning issues. His former membership of Chancery commercial chambers (Enterprise Chambers) provided a thorough grounding in many other aspects of commercial work including building and engineering contracts, insolvency, banking, insurance and sale of goods. For the past 25 years he has also practised in areas of environmental law with a particular emphasis on water and water industry law, in which field he is an acknowledged specialist.

Nicholas Baldock specialises in personal injury, property damage and commercial disputes. He undertakes inquests and drafts contractual documents. He is a qualified mediator and represents parties in mediations. He is currently advising a large multi-national on the potential civil, regulatory, commercial and criminal liability in the light of the issues arising out of the Grenfell tragedy

Mukhtiar Singh specialises in employment law and is instructed in a wide spectrum of disputes in the tribunal and courts. He acts on behalf of employees and employers, and has a particular interest in discrimination and whistleblowing. With over 30 years' experience of workforce relations, including 20 years as a police detective, he is known for his pragmatism and ability to master fact-heavy cases. He had been ranked in Chambers and Partners since 2016, who note him as, "A patient and tactically astute fighter who is respected by judges. His client care is fantastic." His practice extends to professional discipline and a wide-range of commercial matters, with a particular interest in areas overlapping with employment, such as restraint of trade, breach of confidence and director/shareholder disputes.

Grace Cullen graduated with a law degree from Trinity College, University of Cambridge where she was awarded a Part 1A Tripos Prize and Whittaker Scholarship. She was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 2005 as a Hardwick Scholar. She regularly acts for both Claimants and Defendants in fast and multi-track cases, and appears in the Court of Appeal, including life-altering injuries and stress at work claims. She has a particular expertise in health and safety at work cases, including construction sites, factories and warehouses. Grace also has experience in respect of contractual disputes and landlord and tenant.

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