

HOUSING LAW CONFERENCE 2024

An Opportunity for Change: New Government, New Landscape

This year's Housing Law Conference will once again be held on a hybrid basis. This is a great opportunity for colleagues across the sector to meet both in person and virtually for hands-on training seminars, keynote speeches and the annual social event. The cost of attending the conference has been maintained at the same level since 2022 to encourage maximum participation. Reduced registration fees are available for members and for those booking by 13 November 2024.

THE BACKDROP

The theme of the conference is **An Opportunity for Change: New Government, New Landscape**. It promises to be a pivotal event for the legal profession's representatives and advocates dedicated to social housing law. As a newly elected government is now established and seems likely to be committed to implementing transformative policies, the conference will delve into and explore the evolving legal landscape, addressing critical areas such as renters' rights and housing initiatives and reforms.

Participants will engage in informative seminars and panel discussions. Join us to explore the opportunity for change and chart a path forward in social housing law where you will hear from a line-up of distinguished speakers. The Opening Address will be given by Lord Best, previously Chief Executive of the Joseph Rowntree Trust and Chief Executive of the National Housing Federation.

The programme will also include the following speakers:

- **Nick Bano** Garden Court Chambers, author of *Against Landlords: How to Solve the Housing Crisis*
- **Alex Diner** Senior Housing Researcher, New Economics Foundation
- **Paul Hackett** Director, The Smith Institute
- **Rita Parmar** Housing Law Consultant
- **Giles Peaker** Anthony Gold Solicitors
- **David Renton** Garden Court Chambers, author of *Discrimination in Housing Law*
- **Professor Lisa Whitehouse** Professor of Property Law, and **Dr Tracey Varnava** Research Fellow, University of Southampton authors of *Tackling Housing Debt and Eviction: Enhancing Occupier Engagement Through Improved Communication and Advice*
- **Luigi Sterlini** Former District Judge

As usual there will also be a selection of informative seminars, dealing with key topics including:

- **Disrepair, enforcing standards:** Best practice and future developments
- **Homelessness:** What are the current challenges?
- **Domestic abuse:** Understanding and developing practice

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- **Possession claims:** Securing best outcomes for occupiers
- **Discrimination:** Using the law effectively in housing cases
- **Career progression:** Junior HPLA presents

The full programme for the conference will be available shortly. It will be another not to be missed event.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SOCIAL EVENT FOR CONFERENCE DELEGATES AND HPLA MEMBERS.

THE VENUE

The in person conference will take place once again at 10 Union Street Conference Centre, London Bridge, London SE1 1SZ

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The conference is aimed at all those involved in housing law. It is relevant to solicitors, barristers, paralegals and advisers in the voluntary, public and private sectors, together with academics, policy workers, experts and campaigners in the housing and social welfare fields.

REGISTRATION

The registration fees are as follows

IN PERSON: HPLA MEMBERS

	Before 13/11	Full fee after 13/11
Private practice	£200.00	£240.00
Voluntary sector	£150.00	£185.00
Newly qualified	£130.00	£145.00

(Trainees, pupils, students and practitioners less than three years post-qualification or call)

IN PERSON: NON-HPLA MEMBERS

Flat rate	£290.00
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ON-LINE: HPLA MEMBERS

Private practice	£115.00
Voluntary sector	£95.00
Newly qualified	£85.00

(Trainees, pupils, students and practitioners less than three years post-qualification or call)

ON-LINE: NON-HPLA MEMBERS

Flat rate	£150.00
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Further information and on-line booking is available [HERE](#)

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