

THE PUBLIC LAW AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

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Benefit Sanctions and the Rule of Law

THURSDAY, JULY 20 2017, BPP LAW SCHOOL, ST JAMES'S BUILDING, OXFORD STREET, MANCHESTER

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Our North conference 2017 focuses on the impact and legality of benefit sanctions. There will also be a mix of public law and access to justice seminars and workshops suitable for lawyers, advisers, and policy people in NGO's.

TOPICS: PUBLIC LAW WORKSHOP; PUBLIC LAW REMEDIES AND SANCTIONING; HOW THE FIRST TIER TRIBUNAL DEALS WITH SANCTIONING; TOP PUBLIC LAW CASES OF THE YEAR; INTERIM RELIEF IN URGENT JR CASES; ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR LEGISLATION, POVERTY AND DISCRIMINATION; ARTICLE 6 IN SOCIAL WELFARE LAW; BRINGING AN EQUALITY ACT CLAIM IN THE COUNTY COURT; DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE ADVICE SERVICES; LITIGATING THE CUTS; BREXIT AND BENEFITS; ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW

Speakers: Prof Michael Adler, Ian Brownhill, Oliver Carter, Richard Crellin, Clare Fowler, Matt Howgate, Zoë Leventhal, Sara Lomri, Joseph Markus, Chris Minnoch, Dr Charlotte O'Brien, Alison Pickup, Sumi Rabindrakumar, Tom Royston, Mark Schwenk, Matthew Stanbury, James Stark, Alastair Wallace, Katy Watts, Pete Weatherby QC



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MORNING SESSION

CHAIR: ALISON PICKUP, LEGAL DIRECTOR, PUBLIC LAW PROJECT

9.30 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

10.00 INTRODUCTION

*Alison Pickup, Legal Director,
Public Law Project*

10.05 BENEFIT SANCTIONS AND THE RULE OF LAW

*Michael Adler, Emeritus Professor of Socio-Legal
Studies, School of Social and Political Science,
University of Edinburgh*

10.35 HOW THE FIRST TIER TRIBUNAL (FTT) DEALS WITH
SANCTIONS FOLLOWING 'REILLY'

Stewart Wright, Judge of the Upper Tribunal

11.05 BREAK

11.20 RESEARCH ON THE IMPACT OF BENEFIT SANCTIONS

*Richard Crellin, Policy Officer,
The Children's Society &
Sumi Rabindrakumar, Research Officer,
Gingerbread*

11.50 TOP PUBLIC LAW CASES OF THE YEAR

*Matthew Stanbury,
Garden Court North Chambers
Alastair Wallace, Irwin Mitchell*

12.30 MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

CHOOSE ONE OF THREE ON THE RIGHT

13.30 LUNCH

MORNING SEMINARS: 12.30 - 13.30

Please choose one of the following:

1 Public law remedies and sanctioning

Sanctions can have a very serious and long-lasting effect on claimants' lives, but challenging them is frequently difficult and time consuming. Come to this session and learn how to:

- write a complaint letter which gets results;
- speed up appeals;
- spot and fund test case litigation;
- use judicial review in urgent cases;
- win damages for discriminatory treatment

*Tom Royston, Garden Court North &
Katy Watts, Public Law Project*

2 Public law workshop

Open discussion about how to challenge recurrent themes and systemic problems faced by clients and service users dealing with public bodies.

*Alison Pickup & Alison Pickup,
Public Law Project*

3 Interim relief in review cases

Practice and procedure in urgent judicial review cases.

Ian Brownhill, No 5 Chambers

AFTERNOON SESSION

CHAIR: PETE WEATHERBY QC, GARDEN COURT NORTH CHAMBERS

14.20 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR LEGISLATION, POVERTY AND
DISCRIMINATION

The use of injunctions and other 'remedies' against vulnerable people on the streets

James Stark, Garden Court North Chambers

14.50 ARTICLE 6 IN SOCIAL WELFARE LAW

Zoë Leventhal, Landmark Chambers

15.20 BREAK

15.35 AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS

CHOOSE ONE OF THREE ON THE RIGHT

16.35 BREXIT AND BENEFITS

Dr Charlotte O'Brien, York Law School

17.05 CLOSING ADDRESS:
ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW

Pete Weatherby QC

17.25 FINISH

AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS: 15.35 - 16.35

Please choose one of the following:

4 Bringing an Equality Act claim in the County Court concerning housing, benefits or education

Practice, procedure and common legal aid problems arising in county court discrimination claims, including those brought by way of counterclaim

*Joseph Markus, Garden Court North Chambers &
Clare Fowler, Howells LLP*

5 Developing sustainable advice services

This is a workshop aimed at NfP's in the advice sector and will cover common issues in development and governance for NFP advice services.

*Mark Schwenk, barrister Kenworthy Chambers and
Management Committee Member, Greater
Manchester Law Centre &
Matthew Howgate of Matthew Howgate
Consulting &
Chris Minnoch, Operations Director, Legal Aid
Practitioners Group (LAPG)*

6 Litigating the cuts – an update

*Oliver Carter, Irwin Mitchell &
David Wolfe QC, Matrix Chambers*



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Venue BPP Law School, St James's Building, Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6FQ

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