



The Law Society

Criminal Law Conference: Fighting for Justice

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The Criminal Law Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales is proud to announce its annual conference.

The conference is a practitioner-focused event and will provide busy solicitors with a unique opportunity to learn about the latest changes to criminal law, policy and practice all in one place. Delegates will hear from the Attorney General, leading practitioners, and academics involved in criminal justice.

Why attend?

This conference should be attended by all criminal law solicitors and others who have an interest in the future of the criminal justice system. Our conference is titled 'Fighting for Justice', but as well as fighting for justice the Law Society has been fighting hard for criminal practitioners, for example:

- The judicial review of the 2009 costs from central funds regulations
- The judicial review concerning the abolition of committal fees
- Working with the CPS to make the 'Transformation through Technology T3' project work for the defence
- Challenging the Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates
- Agreeing guidance with ACPO on mobile phones and laptops in police stations
- The publication of practice notes to support practitioners
- Leading the opposition to clause 12 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill, which would allow for the introduction of means testing for police station advice.

This conference gives you the opportunity to hear the latest on topics including:

- Police station legal advice - the importance of defendants' rights during the investigation process and, in particular, the right of a suspect to have access to legal advice at the police station
- Outcome-focused regulation and its impact on criminal law
- DNA and digital forensic evidence
- The importance of legal aid to a fair criminal justice system
- The Criminal Procedure Rules and the changes to the duties of defence solicitors in view of active case management.

The profession faces many challenges in the near future, not only from the government, the Legal Services Commission, and from within the legal profession, but also from without with the development of Alternative Business Structures. The Law Society will be at the forefront of all those battles.

As the Law Society shows its support and commits its resources to criminal practitioners, so practitioners should show their support by attending events such as this. Help the Society to help you by showing that it has the support of practitioners.

Who should attend?

Everyone involved in the practice of criminal law, including:

- Criminal solicitors both defending and prosecuting
- Members of the judiciary and magistrates
- Court staff
- Paralegals
- Caseworkers
- Officials and staff working in the Ministry of Justice
- Legal Services Commission staff



Venue

The Law Society's Hall, 113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1PL

Programme

09:45	Registration
10:15 - 10:30	Opening remarks Speaker: Richard Atkinson, chair, Criminal Law Committee
10:30 - 11:00	Keynote speaker Speaker: Attorney General, Dominic Grieve QC
11:00 - 12:00	Plenary 1 - The importance of the right to legal advice in police custody Speaker: TBC
12:00 - 13:15	Breakout A1 - Outcomes-focused regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How OFR will affect criminal law practitioners• Areas of risk to be aware of including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conflicts of interest- Money laundering- Properly recording client instructions- The SRA's probable approach to breaches Speaker: Ian Kelcey, Kelcey and Hall
	Breakout A2 - Forensic biology Forensic biology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DNA profiling including low template and low copy number• An exploration of examination techniques of different body fluids• Blood pattern analysis Speaker: John Manlove, Manlove Forensics
	Digital evidence Speaker: David Lattimore, Manlove Forensics
13:15 - 14:15	Lunch and networking
14:15 - 15:15	Plenary 2 - Legal aid <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact of the October 2011 changes to criminal funding• The outcome of the judicial review into the abolition of committal fees• The future viability of criminal legal aid firms• What the delay in BVT means Speaker: Richard Miller, head of legal aid, The Law Society
15:15 - 16:15	Plenary 3 - Are the Criminal Procedure Rules redefining the defence lawyers role? Speakers: Christopher Murray, senior partner, Kingsley Napley, member of the Criminal Law Committee and Professor Jenny McEwan, professor of criminal law, School of Law, Exeter University
16:15 - 16:30	Closing remarks Speaker: John Wotton, president, the Law Society

Booking form

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Breakout session preferences.

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A2

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£145.00 + VAT = £174.00

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Total payment

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