



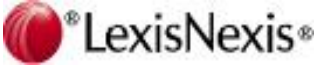
Solicitor Sole Practitioners' Group Conference



Supported by the Law Society

[The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate](#)

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th May 2011

Programme

Friday 6 th May	
12.30pm : Lunch 2.00pm : Tee-off	Golf Tournament You are welcome to attend the annual golf tournament, to be held this year at the Oakdale Golf Club. The cost of attending is £40 (bring your own equipment, light lunch provided). Places are limited, to book please contact John Scott e-mail: reedrydermeikle@unicombox.com
5.00-9.00pm	Conference - registration desk open
6.30pm-7.00pm	Local Groups Meeting Optional meeting for members of local groups and those interested in meeting your local group coordinator – SPG's Local Groups Convenor is Lubna Shuja
7.00pm and 8.30pm	Welcome Buffet (2 sittings) Sponsored by: 
Saturday 7 th May (5 hours CPD)	
8.30am -12.00pm	Registration desk open
9.30am – 9.40am	Welcome to the Conference from SPG Introduction by the Chairman of SPG, Lawumi Biriyouk
9.40am – 10.00am	Welcome from the Law Society Keynote address from Linda Lee, President of the Law Society
10.00am- 10.20am	LSB update An update from Chris Kenny, Chief Executive of the Legal Services Board Chair: David Leigh-Hunt, SPG Executive Committee
10.20am-11.00am	LeO - 7 months on An update from Adam Sampson, the Chief Legal Ombudsman Chair: David Leigh-Hunt, SPG Executive Committee
11.00am-11.30am	Refreshments, exhibition and networking
11.30am- 12.30pm	LSA, OFR, ABS – all change in Regulation Antony Townsend, Chief Executive of the SRA considers the new legal landscape Chair: Clive Sutton, SPG Executive Committee
12.30pm- 1.30pm	Lunch, exhibition and networking
1.30pm-2.30pm	Got a question? Ask the experts! Panel session with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Lee, President of the Law Society • Des Hudson, Chief Executive of the Law Society • Chris Kenny, Chief Executive of the Legal Services Board • Antony Townsend, Chief Executive of the SRA • Adam Sampson, Chief Legal Ombudsman • Chairs: Karen Purdy & Sharan Hassett, SPG Executive Committee

2.30pm-3.30pm	Annual General Meeting of SPG Sponsors' address followed by SPG's AGM with a Question & Answer session with sponsors and SPG Executive Committee Chair: Lawumi Biryok, Chair, SPG Executive Committee
3.30pm-4.00pm	Coffee Break – Law Society Council members, available for questions
4.00pm-5.30pm	Annual Legal Review – what's been happening in your practice area? Brief updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family - Andrew Meehan, Chair of Resolution in West and North Yorkshire • Civil Litigation - speaker TBA • Wills & Elderly Client issues - Helen Clarke, Chair of the Law Society Wills and Equity Committee • Crime - Damian Kelly. Arenalegal Solicitors • Legal Aid – Hilary Underwood • Employment law – Geoffrey Bignell, Just Employment Solicitors • Chair: Rupert Scrase, SPG Executive Committee
5.30pm	Close
7.00pm	Drinks Reception <div style="text-align: right;"> Sponsored by:  </div>
7.45pm	SPG Annual Dinner After dinner speaker – Ian Smart, Past President of the Law Society of Scotland <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
Sunday 8th May (3 hours CPD)	
9.45am-9.55am	Good Morning! Linda Lee, President of the Law Society
9.55am-10.55am	Property Law in Focus Update on conveyancing issues and lenders, including the Law Society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Des Hudson, Chief Executive of the Law Society • Chair : John Scott, SPG Executive Committee
10.55am-11.20am	Refreshments, exhibition and networking
11.20am-12.00pm	PI insurance – is 2011 going to be better? An update from Linda Lee and Richard Brown, Prime Professions Chair: Hamish McNair, SPG Executive Committee
12.00pm-12.30pm	Risk Management in Focus Lexcel – how it can work for Sole Practitioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Jarratt, Lexcel Manager • Juliette Kinsey, Kinsey & Co, Lexcel-accredited sole practitioner • Chair: Hamish McNair, SPG Executive Committee
12.30pm-1.30pm	OFR, the new handbook and what to look out for when the SRA come to visit... How the SRA visit regime might change under OFR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanessa Shenton, The Compliance Partner • Chair: Lubna Shuja, SPG Executive Committee
1.30pm -1.40pm	Closing comments SPG Chairman, Lawumi Biryok
1.40pm	Close - SPG Conference

Please note this programme may be subject to change