

A conference by and for social housing professionals and their lawyers

SHLA's fourth annual conference aims to provide up to date information, discussion and practical guidance on topical issues facing RSLs, ALMOs, and local authorities and their lawyers. The conference fee includes documentation, lunch and refreshments and the conference carries 5.5 CPD points (Law Society, Bar Council, ILEX and CIH).

09.15 - 09:45		REGISTRATION
09:45 - 09:50		WELCOME & INTRODUCTION , Tim Crook, SHLA Committee Member & Principal Solicitor at housing law services
09:50 - 10:40		OPENING PLENARY The Current Legal Challenges facing Social Landlords: A Judge's Perspective , Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, Master of the Rolls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susceptibility to judicial review and human rights claims in relation to decisions and actions • Article 8, and Article 1 of Protocol 1, as defences to possession claims • Local Authorities' housing allocation policies
10:40 - 11:00		COFFEE & TEA
11:00 - 12:00		BREAKOUT SESSION 1 Advocacy - Using Language to Persuade , Professor David Higham, Nottingham Law School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple arguments win • Persuasive language and structure • Effective skeleton arguments
		Rent Arrears Management Strategies , David Cowan, Professor of Law & Policy, University of Bristol & Barrister, Arden Chambers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Association perspective on possession proceedings and arrears management • Ground 8 and its legitimacy • The ramifications of R (Weaver) v London & Quadrant HT (2009)
		Possession Claims and Human Rights , Gary Webber, Mediator, Property Law UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are registered providers of social housing susceptible to a human rights challenge? • What is the "Gateway (b) Test" and how is it applied?
		Anti-Social Behaviour Update , Sara Beecham, Barrister, 5 Paper Buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case law update • What's new and what's planned? • Tackling problem families
12:00 - 13:00		BREAKOUT SESSION 2 (repeat of topics listed above)
13:00 - 14:00		LUNCH
14:00 - 15:00		BREAKOUT SESSION 3 Possession Claims - The View from the Bench , District Judge Neil Hickman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness - what's expected and required? • The conveyor belt and the rubber stamp • Possession orders following White v Knowsley HT (2008) and the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008
		Managing and Defending Disrepair Claims , Ranjit Bhoze, Barrister, 2-3 Grays Inn Square <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case law update • Quantum • Tactics
		Tackling Subletting and Social Housing Fraud - the Legal and Practical Challenges , Paul Downie, Deputy Director of Housing Management and Performance, CLG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scope of the problem • What practical measures have proved most effective? • What powers are available to investigate and assemble evidence?
15:00 - 15:20		COFFEE & TEA
15:20 - 16:00		CLOSING PLENARY The Tenants Services Authority - 12 Months On , Alison Vydulinska, Head of Law, TSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the Regulator • Building the new regulatory framework - objectives and approach • Commencing the new domain
16:00 - 16:45		QUESTION TIME - ASK THE EXPERTS , Chaired by Jon Holbrook, Barrister, 2-3 Grays Inn Square Alison Vydulinska, Paul Downie, District Judge Hickman, Ranjit Bhoze
16:45		CONFERENCE CLOSE
17:00		INFORMAL DRINKS & NETWORKING , Onyx Restaurant at the Hatton

REGISTRATION (Please use block capitals)

Complete the registration form, ticking your preferred workshops and return with a cheque to:
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Use one form per delegate, please copy this form if more delegates will be attending.
Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

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Any Dietary Requirements: _____

Any Other Special Requirements: _____

Please list the workshops you want to attend by indicating your 1st and 2nd choices for the morning and afternoon sessions. We will endeavour to give you your 1st choice but places are allocated on a first come first served basis:

BREAKOUT SESSION 1, 11:00 – 12:00 (1 hour each)

- Advocacy - Using Language to Persuade
- Rent Arrears Management Strategies
- Possession Claims and Human Rights
- Anti-Social Behaviour Update

BREAKOUT SESSION 2, 12:00 – 13:00 (1 hour each)

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BREAKOUT SESSION 3, 14:00 – 15:00 (1 hour each)

- Possession Claims - The View from the Bench
- Managing and Defending Disrepair Claims
- Tackling Subletting and Social Housing Fraud - The Legal and Practical Challenges

CONFERENCE FEE

Please ensure the registration form and cheque are submitted to SHLA headquarters and tick all that apply:

- £265** full day fee including documentation, lunch and refreshments (SHLA OR NHF MEMBERS ONLY)
- £315** full day fee including documentation, lunch and refreshments (NON-MEMBERS)
- Documentation only. I am not able to attend the conference but please send me a set of conference notes at **£75**
- Book for 3 or more delegates from the same organisation and pay full price for the first two, 50% for the remainder (**£132.50 / £157.50**)
- I enclose a cheque made payable to Social Housing Law Association for **£**_____

VENUE

The Hatton, 51-53 Hatton Garden, London EC1 8HN
Tube: 5 minutes walk from Chancery Lane and Farringdon tube stations
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Map: <http://www.etcvenues.co.uk/venues/the-hatton>

PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Confirmation of your booking will be sent by email within 2 days of receipt of fully completed registration form with cheque. An invoice addressed to your accounts department will be issued and sent before the conference.
2. Payment in full is required before your place on the conference will be confirmed.
3. Cancellation policy: provided written notice is received before Wednesday 13th November, the fee will be credited less a £25 administration charge. Should you cancel on or after this date, no refund is payable.

Date: Friday 27 November 2009 Venue: The Hatton, 51–53 Hatton Garden, London EC1 8HN