



Association of **Lawyers for Children**

Promoting justice for children and young people



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Lawyers for Children 25th Annual Conference

Thursday 13th – Saturday 15th November 2014

Marriott Hotel, City Centre, Bristol

Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Mr Justice Cobb

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Family Law

Conference Programme

- Law Society and Bar Council accredited with 12 CPD hours

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER

1330 – 1500	Registration and CPD signing
1500 – 1530	Welcome and AGM
1530 – 1630	LEGAL AID UPDATE Samantha Little, Russell-Cooke Solicitors and Jerry Bull, Atkins Hope Solicitors
1630 – 1700	Tea
1700 – 1800	UNEXPECTED DEATHS IN CHILDREN: THE IMPORTANCE OF “WORKING TOGETHER” Professor Peter Fleming CBE, Professor of Infant Health and Developmental Physiology, Centre for Child and Adolescent Health, University of Bristol
1800 – 1845	OUR FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS: TRANSPARENCY AND SAFEGUARDING – YP’s PERSPECTIVE ONE YEAR ON NYAS Young People’s Advisory Group
1845 – 1930	HOW TO BECOME A JUDGE DJ Christopher Simmonds, Central Family Court and Judicial Appointments Commission Commissioner
1930	Buffet supper

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

0730 – 0900	Breakfast
0900 – 0930	Registration and CPD signing
0930 – 1000	Introduction and ALC update HHJ Clifford Bellamy, Designated Family Judge for Leicester, Conference Chair Maud Davis and Nicola Jones-King, Co-Chairs
1000 – 1100	Keynote speech – SEEN BUT NOT HEARD? The Honourable Mr Justice Cobb
1100 – 1130	Coffee

PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

1130 – 1245 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS A – MORNING SESSION

- (1) CROSS EXAMINATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN FAMILY PROCEEDINGS**
Ian Peddie QC, Garden Court Chambers
- (2) PRACTICAL GUIDE TO PRIVATE LAW CHILDREN PROCEEDINGS**
DJ Christopher Simmonds, Central Family Court and Judicial Appointments Commission Commissioner
- (3) IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING THE TRAFFICKED CHILD**
Parosha Chandran, 1 Pump Court Chambers and Nadine Finch, Garden Court Chambers and Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Bristol
- (4) ADOPTION – LAST RESORT OR GOLD STANDARD? THE CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL WORK IN THE CURRENT POLICY CONTEXT**
Anna Gupta, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, Royal Holloway University of London
- (5) CARE PLANNING AND THE ROLE OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER**
Professor Jonathan Dickens, Professor of Social Work, University of East Anglia
- (6) PERSONALITY DISORDERS AMONGST MOTHERS IN CHILD CARE PROCEEDINGS**
Dr George Stein, Consultant Psychiatrist, Priory Hospital, Bromley

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch**

THE PROGRAMME (subject to amendments)

1400 – 1500

HEARING AND INTERPRETING THE VOICE OF THE CHILD WITHIN COURT PROCEEDINGS

Dr Margaret DeJong, Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Head of the Parenting and Child Service, Great Ormond Street Hospital

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1500 – 1615

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS B – AFTERNOON SESSION

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1615 – 1645

Tea

1645 – 1745

ISSUES OF JURISDICTION IN CHILDREN CASES

Richard Harrison QC, 1 Kings Bench Walk

1930

Drinks

Kindly sponsored by 9 Gough Square



2000-late

Dinner, raffle and dancing

Kindly sponsored by LEXTOX Drug & Alcohol Testing



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0730 – 0900

Breakfast

0900 – 0930

Registration and CPD signing

0930 – 1030

CHILD LAW UPDATE 1 – PRIVATE LAW

John Vater QC, Harcourt Chambers

1030 – 1130

WHAT PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT MEMORY AND WHY IT MATTERS

Professor Martin Conway, Head of Psychology, City University, London

1130 – 1200

Coffee

1200 – 1300

CHILD LAW UPDATE 2 – PUBLIC LAW

Martha Cover, Coram Chambers

1300

Lunch and Depart

CONFERENCE FEES

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Full residential conference fee at the Marriott Hotel (ALC member)	£525
Full residential conference fee at the Marriott Hotel (Non ALC member)	£595
Full residential conference fee at the Marriott Hotel for Local Authority Lawyers	£450
Full residential conference fee at the Marriott Hotel for 2 delegates sharing	£350 each
Three day non-residential conference fee (excludes B&B and dinner)	£330
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Two day residential (Thursday night and Friday)	£400
Two day residential (Friday night and Saturday)	£440
One-day non-residential fee (excludes B&B)	
Thursday only (including supper but excluding accommodation) (3 CPD hours)	£175
Friday only (excluding dinner and accommodation) (6 CPD hours)	£295
Friday only (including dinner but excluding accommodation) (6 CPD hours)	£335
Saturday only (including lunch) (3 CPD hours)	£175
Partner's rate for B&B (per night)	£20
Partner's rate for Thursday (including B&B and supper)	£50
Partner's rate for Friday (including B&B and conference dinner)	£90
Discounted Fee (all 3 days excluding B&B) available for children's guardians and students	£300
(see General Information for eligibility)	

Special requirements **must** be specified when booking

BOOKINGS CAN ONLY BE MADE ONLINE

TO MAKE A BOOKING & SECURE YOUR PLACE AT
25TH ALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLEASE VISIT ALC WEBSITE:

www.alc.org.uk
then click on the
'Events and Training' button

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GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre
2 Lower Castle Street, Old Market
Bristol, BS1 3AD
Telephone: 0117-929 4281

HOW TO GET THERE

- Rail:** The nearest mainline station is Temple Meads. The station is under a mile from the hotel and served well by taxis and buses. For more information please call National Railway Enquiry Service on 08457 484950
- Air:** The nearest airport is Bristol International Airport, 9 miles (tel. 01275 474444)
- Road:** From the M4 take J19 signposted the M32, stay on the M32 at the first set of lights join the left hand lane signposted towards Temple Meads train station. Do not go under the under pass but take the slip road to the large roundabout (sign posted Broadmead & A420) and move into the right hand lane. Take the third exit of the roundabout, bear right into Lower Castle Street

CAR PARKING

The hotel has a concessionary rate of £6.00 per car per day at the NCP adjacent to the hotel (BS1 3AF). Delegates staying at the hotel will receive complimentary parking during the conference.

FACILITIES

Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre – Pool and fitness on site.

HOW TO BOOK

Bookings MUST be made online and priority will be on a first come, first served basis. Once the Marriott Hotel is full, overflow accommodation will be found nearby and you will be advised accordingly.

Online booking only. Go to ALC website and click on the link directly to booking site.

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then click on the
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Payment by Secure Bank Transfer **OR** Cheque made payable to **CPE** and sent with downloaded invoice to:

CPE
4 Netley Lodge Close
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Queries to:
alc@cpluse.co.uk
Tel: 01371 705050

Please note that payment must be received and acknowledged **prior to the event** and both pre and unpaid bookings will be liable for full charge.

REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made on cancellations received before Monday 13th October, less an administration charge of £50. No refunds will be made after that date. However, a substitute delegate is welcome.

Both pre-paid and unpaid bookings will be liable for full charge if a no-show occurs. Full joining instructions will be sent to delegates approximately 10 days prior to the event when full payment has been received.

If you require assistance with your booking please email the Event Manager at alc@cpluse.co.uk

DISCOUNTS

All members of the ALC are entitled to a £70 discount on full residential fee if their membership is paid up to date.

Children's Guardians, students etc are entitled to the 3 day non-residential discounted rate.

CPD HOURS

This conference qualifies for 12 hours continuing professional development, providing all 3 days are attended and delegates sign attendance each day. Retrospective signing is strictly not allowed.

DRESS CODE

Smart casual during the day.
Lounge suit for conference dinner only.

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

This will be available at the conference or for those who have booked but are unable to attend.

Conference documentation will be available after the conference via the ALC office at a cost of £50.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALC

Membership of the ALC is open to all legal and other professionals working with or for children.

Annual subscription for lawyers: (discount for group membership)	£85
Associate membership (non lawyers)	£40
Student membership	£15

Further details available from:

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