

# Housing Law Seminars Spring/Summer 2006



Garden Court North Chambers are pleased to announce our Housing law seminar programme for 2006. Aimed at housing practitioners at all levels, these seminars will update delegates on the latest developments in housing law.

## Disrepair and defending possession proceedings

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006, 10am until 4.30pm

**Chaired by Adam Fullwood and presented by Laura Cawsey, John Hobson, Ben McCormack and Rory O'Ryan.**

Following an introduction by Adam Fullwood, the morning session will be presented by Laura Cawsey and John Hobson and will review the legal framework for disrepair claims and consider their use in rental possession actions.

In the afternoon, Ben McCormack and Rory O'Ryan will provide a comprehensive update on recent legal developments and caselaw relating to Possession proceedings including a focus upon nuisance possession proceedings.

Lunch and course materials will be provided.

**£50.00 (£35.00 voluntary organizations) 5 hrs CPD**

## Overview and update on Anti Social Behaviour Orders and Anti Social Behaviour Injunctions

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006, 1pm until 4.30pm

**Presented by: Laura Cawsey, John Hobson, Ben McCormack and James Stark**

This seminar is aimed at both housing and criminal practitioners at all levels. It will provide an overview and update on recent developments in ASBO and ASBI proceedings and will also provide a practical guide to assist practitioners in preparing cases defending ASBO and ASBI applications. The seminar will also include guidance on how to appeal such cases to the Crown Court.

Refreshments and course materials will be provided.

**£25.00 (£15.00 voluntary organizations) 3 hrs CPD**

## Homelessness and allocations: including a practical approach to reviews and appeals

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006, 1pm until 4.30pm

**Presented by: Alex Durance, Adam Fullwood and James Stark.**

This seminar is at an intermediate level aimed at practitioners involved in drafting s.202 reviews. It will provide an overview and legal update of the key areas of Homelessness law covering priority need, intentionality, discharge of duty and challenges and reviewing recent legal developments and recent caselaw. This seminar will then go on to provide a practical guide to drafting reviews and appeals.

Refreshments and course materials will be provided.

**£25.00 (£15.00 voluntary organizations) 3 hrs CPD**

**Venue:** Charles Halle Room, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

### Booking information

Please complete the attached booking form and return to Chambers with a cheque payable to: '**Chambers of Ian Macdonald QC**'. Details of the timetable for each seminar will be sent out with your booking confirmation. **For more information please contact Helen Ray or Andy Flannigan on 0161 236 1840.**

### Speakers

#### Laura Cawsey (Call: 2004)

Undertakes all aspects of housing law with a particular interest in homelessness, unlawful eviction and harassment. Before being called to the Bar, Laura was a legal adviser at Shelterline.



#### Alex Durance (Call: 1997)

Practices all areas of housing law and also has an expertise in Judicial Review. Alex has appeared in a number of notable cases involving Anti Social Behaviour and ASBIs including Romano & Samari v Manchester City Council [2004]



#### Adam Fullwood (Call: 1996)

Adam undertakes a full range of housing work and Judicial Review. He has appeared in many notable cases including recent leading cases relating to ASBOs by consent (in the case of T), Homelessness (Griffiths v St Helens MBC [2006]) and in Riverside Housing Association v White [2005].



#### John Hobson (Call: 1999)

Undertakes a range of housing work particularly possession proceedings involving Anti-Social Behaviour and matters of unlawful eviction and disrepair. John recently appeared in Manchester City Council v Higgins [2005].



#### Ben McCormack (Call: 2005)

Ben practices in all areas of housing law, in particular security of tenure, possession, ASBO, homelessness and unlawful eviction. Ben gained 6 years' experience as a housing law solicitor before being called to the bar.



#### Rory O'Ryan (Call: 2000)

Rory's housing law practice includes defending possession proceedings, disrepair, unlawful eviction, harassment / neighbour nuisance, Homelessness and ASBO proceedings.



#### James Stark (Call: 1998)

James' practice covers all aspects of housing law and Judicial Review. He has appeared in many notable cases including R v Manchester Crown Court ex parte McCann (ASBOs), Sheffield City Council v Hopkins (tolerated trespassers) and Manchester City Council v Finn (SPOs). James practiced as a housing solicitor for 6 years before being called to the bar.

