

JUDICIAL REVIEW

NORTH TRENDS & FORECASTS 2009

A CONFERENCE BY PRACTITIONERS FOR PRACTITIONERS
FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2009: 9.30 – 16.30

Venue: BPP Law School, St. James Building, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6FQ
solicitors and barristers earn 5.5 CPD points



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

All practitioners involved in, or who want to become involved in, Judicial Review proceedings.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

This is a unique event, set up by practitioners for practitioners that brings together a mix of both claimant and defendant lawyers. It emphasises the practical aspects of Judicial Review litigation. Leaders in the field will provide up-to-date information on the latest Judicial Review case-law and trends.

Earn 5.5 hours of Solicitors Regulation Authority / Bar Council CPD credit. Course code for SRA is SA / PLP

MORNING SESSION

Chaired by **Pete Weatherby**
Barrister, Garden Court North Chambers

9.30 – 10.00 Coffee and registration

10.00am **Welcome**
Conrad Haley
Director Public Law Project.
Introduction and overview of recent work from PLP including research, casework and policy development work.

10.10 – 10.40 **Opening Address**
The Honourable **Mr Justice Nicol**

10.40 – 11.30 **Top 10 Judicial Review Cases of the year**
Nick Stange
Barrister, Garden Court North Chambers

11.30 – 11.40 coffee break

11.40 – 12.45 **Morning Breakout Sessions**

12.45 – 13.30 Lunch

This conference has been kindly sponsored by Garden Court North Chambers and BPP Law School

Morning Breakout Sessions

Session 1

Recent developments concerning the 'Children Leaving Care Act'.

Adam Fullwood

Barrister, Garden Court North Chambers.

The Children Leaving Care Act duties and how they can assist those who are vulnerable as a result of their immigration status, leaving prison, or family breakdown.

Session 2

Practical hints on drafting effective letters before claim.

Melanie Plimmer

Barrister, Garden Court North Chambers.

Aimed at practitioners relatively new to Judicial Review applications, this session will look at the pre-action protocol, with case studies to assist in drafting letters before claim, compliant with protocol and which set out the issues with a view to achieving a beneficial outcome to claimants as early as possible.

Session 3

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). Equality Duties and Judicial Review interventions over the last year.

Glynis Craig

Senior Lawyer EHRC (Enforcement).

An update on how the EHRC is using litigation to regulate compliance with the equality duties and to promote human rights. Tactics, procedures and advantages of EHRC involvement in public law cases.

MAIN THEMES

Review of the year's Top 10 Judicial Review cases.

Regionalisation of the Administrative Court, including practical workshops and an authoritative panel discussion with key professionals involved in the process.

Workshop discussions led by experienced practitioners on:
The Children leaving Care Act, drafting effective letters before claim,
The Equality Duties & Judicial Review interventions, and new developments in Judicial Review for claimants and defendants.

Presentations from The Honourable Mr Justice Nicol and His Honour Judge Gilbert QC,

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chaired by **Adam Fullwood**

Barrister, Garden Court North Chambers

13.30 – 14.10 Trends and forecasts in Judicial Review

His Honour Judge Gilbert QC

The Honorary Recorder of Manchester and Deputy High Court Judge.

This address will focus on topical issues from a judge's perspective.

14.10 – 15.00 Panel discussion:

Regionalisation of the Administrative Court in practice:

Denise Dolan

Regionalisation Project manager, HM Courts

Frances Patterson QC

Chair of NALA & Head of Kings Chambers

His Honour Judge Gilbert QC

Honorary Recorder of Manchester and Deputy High Court Judge

Bryan McGuire

Barrister, 2-3 Gray's Inn Square

What does regionalisation of the Administrative Court mean for practitioners in the North and how does the court itself envisage this working? What will lay the ground for success, and have the possible pitfalls been addressed? This diverse panel will discuss all these issues, and will be open to questions from the floor.

15.00 – 16.00 Afternoon Breakout Sessions

16.00 – 16.30 Q&A with workshop leaders and closing remarks

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Session 4

Claimant strategies in Judicial Review.

Karen Ashton

Partner, Public Law Solicitors.

An overview of key stages in the judicial review process from the claimant's perspective, looking at new developments, in particular the regionalisation of the Administrative Court.

Session 5

Recent developments in Article 5 case-law

Pete Weatherby

Barrister, Garden Court North Chambers.

Arbitrary detention or arbitrary case law? This workshop will deal with recent case law and the courts restricting the meaning of 'detention' and the reach of Article 5 in respect to determinate and indeterminate sentence prisoners.'

Session 6

Strategy and new developments in Judicial Review for Defendants.

Bryan McGuire

Barrister, 2-3 Gray's Inn Square

Martin Forshaw

Partner, Weightmans Solicitors.

Two practitioners bring a wealth of experience to a special two-hander, including top tips on rules and tactics from the perspective of both defendant solicitors and defendant barristers'.
