Judicial Review Trends and Forecasts



Public Law Project





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MORNING SESSION

Chair: Paul Bowen QC, Brick Court Chambers

9.30 Introduction

Jo Hickman, Director, Public Law Project

9.35 **Opening address**

Some thoughts on the role of the judges in the post-referendum world

Lord Neuberger

10.00 The top public law cases of the year

Naina Patel, Blackstone Chambers Alison Pickup, Public Law Project Nusrat Zar, Herbert Smith Freehills

10.45 Costs in judicial review

This talk will look at the scope and potential impact of Lord Justice Jackson's Review of Fixed Recoverable Costs, with a focus on costs in judicial review.

Peter Mant, 39 Essex Chambers

11.15 **Parliamentary privilege, Article IX of** the Bill of Rights and admissibility

This session is a discussion of the latest case law on the use that can be made of Parliamentary materials in litigation.

Martin Chamberlain QC, Brick Court Chambers James Segan, Blackstone Chambers

11.45 **Break**

12.00 Morning breakout sessions

Please choose one of four:

1. Update on the private/public data divide

This session will look at the likely provisions of the Data Protection Bill announced in the Queen's speech and the impact this will have on often controversial uses of data by public bodies such as the NHS and schools (but not necessarily law enforcement agencies). This session will also look at the current regulatory options for challenging exploitation of data by private companies on previously unseen scales, by organisations looking to influence (amongst other things) elections.

Dan Squires QC, Matrix Chambers Ravi Naik, ITN Solicitors Tim Pitt-Payne QC, 11KBW

2. Judicial review of the regulators

This seminar is an update on the application of judicial review principles to the regulators across a range of commercial sectors, and focuses on recent cases and also particular trends.

Andrew Lidbetter and Jasveer Randhawa, Herbert Smith Freehills

3. Public law and women's rights

This session will look at recent claims by both individuals and organisations for access to healthcare, abortion, legal aid for survivors of domestic abuse and welfare benefits. How far will the courts go to recognise and vindicate women's rights, and what impact do such legal challenges have on policy formation?

Chair: Sara Lomri, Public Law Project Jude Bunting, Doughty Street Chambers Zoë Leventhal, Matrix Chambers Nathalie Lieven QC, Blackstone Chambers

4. Enforcement of ECtHR judgments and what practitioners can do about it

Effective and timely enforcement of final judgments of the European Court of Human Rights is an issue which stretches beyond prisoners' votes. The Committee of Ministers appears poised to use their Art 46(4) power to refer back to the Court and rule changes have encouraged more advocacy from NGOs and applicants' lawyers. The focus remains on securing robust national implementation. Our panel discusses the legal options and tactics for practical engagement on behalf of clients at the Council of Europe; new national barriers to implementation and how to identify and utilise opportunities to secure implementation of judgments both on Whitehall and at Westminster.

Alex Bailin QC, Matrix Chambers Matthew Evans, Director, The AIRE Centre Angela Patrick, Doughty Street Chambers

13.00 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: Dinah Rose QC, Blackstone Chambers

14.00 Panel: Public law and the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

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Professor Catherine Barnard,

Cambridge University

Daniel Greenberg, Parliamentary Counsel Victoria Hewson, Senior Associate CMS and counsel to the Legatum Institute Special Trade Commission

Sir Paul Jenkins QC (Hon), Matrix Chambers and former Head of the Government Legal Department and Permanent Secretary to the Attorney General from 2006 to 2014

15.00 **Break**

15.20 Afternoon breakout sessions

Please choose one of four:

5. Duty of candour, transparency and 'open justice'

The session will look at current issues in duty of candour, such as the perceived increased expectation of transparency on claimants. The second part of the presentation looks at developments in the law on anonymity, access to documents/materials on the court file and reporting restrictions.

Chair: Tim Otty QC, Blackstone Chambers Jesse Nicholls, Doughty Street Chambers Iain Steele, Blackstone Chambers

6. Public law in a new era of counter-terror

This session will look at both domestic and international legal developments in counter terror and counter extremism, including the Prevent strategy, other aspects of TPIMS, the use and abuse of administrative measures to curtail activities of suspected terrorists or extremists, procedural fairness and cross border issues in the context of a changing Europe.

Chair: Rakesh Singh, Public Law Project Zahra Al-Rikabi, Brick Court Chambers Stephanie Harrison QC, Garden Court Chambers Adriana Edmeades, Legal & Policy Director, Rights Watch UK

7. 'They think it's all over...' – post Miller litigation on the legality of Brexit

This session will look at major legal issues subsequent to the Brexit case and the triggering of Article 50, including an evaluation of the 'Three Knights Opinion', constraints on the negotiations, the use of the royal prerogative in related negotiations and the (potential) loss of fundamental rights.

Chair: Prof Jeff King, University College London (UCL), Faculty of Laws John Halford, Bindmans LLP Gerry Facenna QC and Jack Williams, Monckton Chambers

16.20 Enforcing equality and human rights in uncertain times

Elizabeth Prochaska, Legal Director, Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC)

16.40 Applying public law principles in housing cases: the current landscape

His Hon. Judge Jan Luba QC

17.05 Closing address

The Rt Hon. Lord Justice Fulford, Investigatory Powers Commissioner

17.30 Finish & drinks reception