

Evening Seminar 30th June 2009

On 30th June 2009 ALBA will be holding a seminar “**The development of Constitutional Law**”. Our speakers will be **Edward Fitzgerald QC** (Doughty Street Chambers) and **James Dingemans QC** (3 Hare Court).

The seminar is being held from **5.45pm – 7.15pm** at the **Luncheon Room, Inner Temple**. It will be registered for 1.5 CPD points (with the Bar Council and Law Society).

There is no charge for attending, all are welcome, and there is no advance registration. However, numbers are limited (to 70), so please arrive early to ensure a place.

Annual Conference - St John's Cambridge, 24th - 26th July 2009 Booking Now Open

This year's **ALBA Summer Conference** promises to be one of the best yet. The Conference fee has been reduced from last year and additional concessionary places are on offer on a first come first served basis (to those under 5 years' call/voluntary sector lawyers and/or those not requiring accommodation).

As ever, the conference is an opportunity to hear a series of stimulating talks on topical issues in public law, together with social events and **6.5 CPD points** (both Bar Council & Law Society). Highlights this year include:

- Keynote speech by **Sir Christopher Greenwood QC**
- Talks on property rights and the ECHR (**Javan Herberg** and **Tom de la Mare**)
- Talks on the prerogative and judicial review (**John Howell QC** and **Richard McManus QC**)
- A session chaired by **Ouseley J** on special advocates and secret evidence
- Updates on the law of disclosure and costs (**James Maurici** and **Ben Jaffey**)
- A session chaired by **Beatson J** on regionalisation and reform of tribunals

In addition, there will be a conference dinner on Saturday night and the annual Saturday afternoon 'Granchester Grind'. The full programme and booking form is attached for further details.

As usual, the Conference will be held in **St John's College Cambridge** from **Friday 24th July** (evening) – **Sunday 26th July** (lunchtime).

All ALBA members are warmly encouraged to attend what is ALBA's most popular event of the year. Early booking is advised as numbers are limited (and there are a limited number of concessionary places).

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Please send your completed booking form, accompanied by a cheque, to Tom Hickman, Blackstone Chambers, London EC4Y 9BW DX: LDE 281 (London/ Chancery Ln). Queries in relation to the conference should be addressed to Tom.Hickman@blackstonechambers.com and those in relation to booking should be addressed to ALBA's administrative assistant, Laura Lammasniemi, at laura.lammasniemi@yahoo.co.uk.

Future Meetings: Dates for Diaries

On **1 October 2009**, 5.45 pm, ALBA will be holding its ever popular annual Human Rights seminar. This year the speakers will be **James Eady QC** (Blackstone Chambers) and **Raza Husain** (Matrix Chambers). Venue tbc.

On **18 November 2009** **Baroness Hale** will be delivering ALBA's Annual Lecture, **Inner Temple Hall**, at 6 pm (preceded by ALBA's AGM and followed by drinks).

On **1 December 2009**, ALBA will be holding a seminar on the law of public procurement. The speakers will be **Nigel Giffin QC** (11 KBW) and **Christopher McCrudden**. The seminar will be held at the offices of **Taylor Wessing**, 5 New Street Square, London (and followed by drinks).

Consultations and other activities

The ALBA Committee is considering and preparing its response, as one of the specialist Bar Associations, to the consultation being carried out by the **Pupillage Review Working Group** (chaired by Derek Wood QC).

The Committee is also considering ALBA's position in response to the Attorney-General's consultation on **security requirements for data handling**.

For details of responses submitted by ALBA to past consultation exercises please visit:
http://www.adminlaw.org.uk/events_consultations/consultation_papers.php.

Other Events of Interest to Members

On **5 May 2009** Liberty, the Law Society and Norton Rose will be holding a discussion forum on "**Protestors' Rights**", to be chaired by **Shami Chakrabati**, Director of Liberty, 6 pm, Norton Rose, 3 More London Riverside. Places can be reserved (on a first come first served basis) via protestorsrights@norton.rose.com. Further details can be found at: <http://www.nortonrose.com/invitations/2009/invite20383.aspx>.

On **11 May 2009** **Shami Chakrabarti**, Director of Liberty will be addressing the Statute Law Society, on "**How a lobbying group can affect legislation**", Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London, 6 - 7 pm

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(followed by drinks). Enquiries and bookings to Mary Block, Administrator, Statute Law Society: statutelaw@aol.com. www.statutelaw.org.uk

On **12 May 2009** Lexis Nexis Butterworths are holding a 1 day conference and related workshop on **Professional Discipline and Regulation**, chaired by **Matthew Lohn** of Field Fisher Waterhouse and including a panel of expert speakers. 6 CPD points. For further details and to register please visit <http://www.conferencesandtraining.com/professional-regulation> and <http://www.conferencesandtraining.com/tribunal-workshop>. Registration is also possible by email ebookings@lexisnexis.co.uk, or by calling 020 7347 3576. **A 15% discount is available to ALBA members.**

On **27 May 2009** **Professor Jeremy Waldron**, will be speaking on "**Interpretation, Textualism and the Citation of Foreign Law**", Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Russell Square, 6-7pm. Enquiries and bookings to Mary Block (as above).

On **6 June 2009** **Liberty** will be holding its 75th Anniversary Conference, "**Common Values in Times of Crisis**", Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. For details and to register visit: www.liberty75.org.uk or call 020 7378 3663.

On **8 June 2009**, **Murray Hunt**, Legal Adviser to the Joint Committee on Human Rights will be speaking on "**Scrutinising legislation for human rights compatibility**", 6-7 pm (followed by drinks), Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square. Enquiries and bookings to Mary Block (as above).

Discounts available to ALBA members

In addition to the discount offered by Lexis Nexis Butterworths on the Professional Discipline and Regulation Conference (see above), 15% discounts are also available to ALBA members on the following publications:

Judicial Review Handbook, 5th ed, **Michael Fordham**.
<http://www.adminlaw.org.uk/docs/Hart%20Judicial%20Review%20Book.pdf>

Human Rights Law and Practice, 3rd ed, **Lester, Pannick and Herberg**:
<http://www.adminlaw.org.uk/docs/Lexis%20Nexis%20Lester%20Pannick%20Herberg.pdf>.

The Law of Human Rights, 2nd ed, **Clayton and Tomlinson**:
<http://www.oup.com/uk/catalogue/?ci=9780199263578>.

Human Rights: Judicial Protection in the United Kingdom, Jack Beatson; Stephen Grosz; Tom Hickman; Rabinder Singh with Stephanie Palmer. For more information visit <http://www.sweetandmaxwell.co.uk/hrjp/>. To order email: sweetandmaxwell.orders@thomson.com and quote reference 0282104A.

Details of these and other offers are available on our website at http://www.adminlaw.org.uk/library/alba_notices.php.

Membership Subscriptions – Reminder

We wrote to all ALBA members in September 2008, notifying them of the increase in membership subscriptions as 1 October 2008 to the following:

Silks	£55
Barristers (save during approved pupillage):	£35
Solicitors	£30*
Lawyers employed by public/voluntary organisations	£20*
Academics	£20*
Students (including pupil barristers and trainees)	£20*
Other	£20*
* Associate members	

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your subscriptions are up to date. Payment can be made to Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association Bank ("ALBA"), account number 41727176 at HSBC Fleet Street Branch Sort Code 40-06-29. Payments should be notified to membership@adminlaw.org.uk (indicating whether a standing order has been set up). We will shortly be writing to those who have not kept their subscriptions up to date (despite earlier reminders) to provide a final opportunity to do so. We are dependent on members' support so please take a few minutes to check that your payment details are correct. Any queries relating to membership should be addressed to membership@adminlaw.org.uk or to Jonathan Auburn, at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square, 020 7404 5252.

For further information about ALBA and on details of how to join please visit our website at www.adminlaw.org.uk. General enquiries should be addressed to enquires@adminlaw.org.uk and enquires about membership to membership@adminlaw.org.uk.



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2009

Friday 24 July 2009

Evening Arrivals; Dinner in Hall.

Saturday 25 July 2009

Chairman Lord Justice Keene

9.30 -10.30 Key Note Speech Judicial Review and International Law
Sir Christopher Greenwood, Judge, International Court of Justice

10.30 -11 Break

11 -12.30 Chairman Lord Justice Keene

Session 1 Judicial review, the common law and prerogative
John Howell Q.C., Richard McManus Q.C.,

Session 2 Property Rights and the ECHR
Javan Herberg and Tom de la Mare

12.30 Lunch

1.45 -3.00. Special Advocates and Fairness/Evidence and Public Interest
Immunity
Chairman Ouseley J.
Martin Chamberlain and Robin Tam Q.C.

Evening Dinner
After-dinner speaker: Professor John Spencer Q.C.

Sunday 26 July 2009

10 -10.40 Practice and Procedure: Disclosure and Costs Protection
James Maurici and Ben Jaffey

11 -12 Access to Administrative Justice

Chairman Beatson J.

(1) Regionalisation - Frances Patterson Q.C.

(2) Reform of Tribunals: Speaker from the Tribunal.

12:30 Lunch



ALBA Summer Conference Useful Information

Some members may be considering attending the conference but may wish to stay (with their families or friends) elsewhere. The following is a list of some suggestions that members may find of use.

Cambridge Tourist Information

Tel: 0871 226 8006
e-mail: tourism@cambridge.gov.uk

<http://www.visitcambridge.org/wheretostay.php>

Nearby hotels include:

Crowne Plaza Hotel Cambridge

Downing Street, CB2 3DT

Hotel Reservations: 0871 423 4896

Hotel Front Desk: 44-870-4009180

e: reservations-cambridgecp@ihg.com

Regent Hotel

41 Regent Street, CB2

<http://www.regenthotel.co.uk/1A>

t: 01223 351470

f: 01223 464937

e: reservations@regenthotel.co.uk

De Vere University Arms Hotel Regent Street

<http://www.devere-hotels.com/our-hotels/university-arms/the-hotelambridge>

f: 01223 273 000

f: 01223 273 037

e: dua.sales@devere-hotels.com

Garden House Hotel

Granta Place, Mill Lane Cambridge
CB2 1RT, United Kingdom

<http://doubletree.hilton.co.uk>

f: 01223 259988

e: through website



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St John's College Cambridge 24th -26th July 2009
BOOKING FORM

Please book me a place on the conference

Name			
Organisation			
Address			
Postcode			
Tel. (work)		E-mail	

Special Dietary Requirements	
Disability (Please let us know if you require specific facilities)	

Rates [Note that ALBA does not profit from the conference. In fact we make a loss and subsidise it. Please note that the concessionary rates (*) are limited and will be available on a first come first served basis.]

- £220 *** barrister under 5 years' call / voluntary sector lawyers (with College accommodation)
- £130 *** barrister under 5 years' call / voluntary sector lawyers (without College accommodation)
- £330** all others (with College accommodation)
- £230 *** all others (without College accommodation)

- I would like to reserve parking and enclose an additional **£10** to cover 2 nights' parking

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to "ALBA"

Signed _____

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