

AGM, Annual Lecture and Annual Reception **Lord Bingham on “A Fair Trial”**

On **4th November 2008** ALBA's Annual Lecture will be given by **Lord Bingham of Cornhill**. The title of the lecture will be “**A Fair Trial**”. The lecture begins at **6pm**.

Before the lecture, at **5.30pm**, ALBA will hold its **Annual General Meeting**. Any member who wishes to stand for election to the Committee should send notice to the Secretary (at the address set out below, by post or DX) at least a week in advance, naming a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be members of ALBA. Members of ALBA are encouraged to attend the AGM.

The venue for the AGM and lecture is **Inner Temple Hall**. The lecture has been registered for 1 CPD point (with the Bar Council and Law Society).

The lecture will be followed by **ALBA's Annual Reception**, also at Inner Temple. The reception is kindly being sponsored by **Herbert Smith LLP**.

All are welcome, there is no charge to attend, and no advance registration is necessary. We hope that there will be room for all, however please arrive early to ensure that you obtain a seat.

Evening Seminar **“EU Public Law – Inspiration or Anachronism?”**

ALBA will be holding a seminar on **3rd December 2008** entitled “**EU Public Law – Inspiration or Anachronism?**”. The meeting will be Chaired by **Sir Francis Jacobs QC** (Former AG at the ECJ; Fountain Court) and the speakers will be **David Anderson QC** (Brick Court Chambers) and **Daniel Denman** (Cabinet Office).

The seminar is being held from **5.45pm – 7.15pm** at the **Spy Room, Gray's Inn**. 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, so please arrive early to ensure a place.

Future Meeting: Date for Diaries

On **20th January 2009** 17.45 – 19.15 ALBA is holding an evening seminar on “**Public Authorities: Where Are We Now?**”. The speakers will be **David Pannick QC** and **Prof Paul Craig**. The venue of the seminar will be the offices of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP.

Autumn Seminar Series 2008 “Introduction to Judicial Review”

This ALBA seminar series provides a step-by-step introduction to judicial review. The series is divided into two sessions and will deal with judicial review practice and procedure.

We are fortunate to have the same speakers as we secured in 2007: **Nigel Giffin QC**, **Jenni Richards**, **Clive Sheldon** and **Martin Westgate**. Both sessions will be chaired by **Beverley Lang QC**, who is also organising the seminars.

The seminars are being held on **17 and 24 November 2008** at Video Conferencing Studio, **Bar Council**, 289-293 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HZ. Both seminars start at **18.30** and conclude at **21.00**. For practitioners based outside London, a videolink is available. To discuss the cost of this, please contact ALBA's Administrator at administrator@adminlaw.org.uk.

The seminars are registered for 5 CPD points (with the Bar Council and Law Society).

The course of two seminars costs **£30**. Bookings are now being taken, and those interested are advised to apply early as the 2007 seminar was over-subscribed. Bookings can be made online at www.adminlaw.org.uk (via PayPal, and using a debit or credit card). Upon receipt of payment, ALBA's administrator Laura Lammasniemi will confirm that a place has been booked for you. Alternatively, you can send a cheque made payable to 'ALBA' to Laura Lammasniemi (ALBA), c/o Blackstone Chambers, Blackstone House, Temple, London EC4Y 9BW, DX 281 LDE (but payment by PayPal via our website is preferred). Please write your name and e-mail address on the back of the cheque.

Any questions about the contents of the seminars should be directed to BeverleyLang@blackstonechambers.com. For booking queries, please contact administrator@adminlaw.org.uk

Contact Us

Please visit the ALBA website at www.adminlaw.org.uk and click on the link headed “contact us”

Membership enquiries: Please send membership enquiries to **Deok Joo Rhee Membership Secretary, ALBA**, 11 Kings' Bench Walk, London EC4Y 7EQ rhee@11kbw.com. Members who have registered their email addresses and are in receipt of a membership login and password are able to update their own details (with any change of address etc) via the ALBA website (www.adminlaw.org.uk).

Notice of Resolution at AGM Circuit Representatives

The ALBA Committee has decided that it would like to invite each of the Circuits to nominate a representative to sit on the Committee. This is particularly appropriate given the forthcoming regionalisation of the Administrative Court. An amendment to ALBA's constitution is required to permit the appointment of Circuit representatives. Whilst the constitution is being amended, the Committee would like to make certain other relatively minor amendments. Accordingly, notice is given of a **resolution at the AGM** as follows:

"That the Constitution be amended as shown in the following version (with proposed changes tracked):

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW BAR ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association shall be the Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association, to be known as "ALBA".
2. Membership of the Association shall be open to any Member of the Bar of England and Wales interested in Administrative Law and such persons who shall be appointed Honorary Members of the Committee. Associate Membership of the Association shall be open to any lawyer (other than a Member of the Bar) interested in Administrative Law.
3. The objects of the Association shall be:
 - i. to provide a forum for discussion of common interests among its Members;
 - ii. to ascertain and represent the views of its Members on matters relating to and affecting their professional interests;
 - iii. to protect and promote the efficiency of Courts, Tribunals and Inquiries hearing cases involving Administrative Law;
 - iv. to further the study, understanding and development of Administrative Law;
 - v. to do any act or acts in furtherance of the foregoing objects or ancillary thereto.
4. The administration of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee, all of whom shall be Members of the Association.
5. There shall be a President and Vice-Presidents of the Association who shall be appointed by the Committee.
6. The membership of the Committee (who, subject to paragraph 6(iii) and (iv), shall be elected) shall be as follows:
 - i. Five officers, namely Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary and Membership Secretary, of whom the Chair shall be Queen's Counsel. The officers shall hold office for two years, with the possibility of renewal;
 - ii. Up to thirteen other elected Members;
 - iii. Not more than three Members co-opted by the Committee.
 - iv. One member from each Circuit to be nominated by the leader of the relevant Circuit and notified in writing to the Chair of the Association;
7. The whole Committee shall be elected on 2nd March 2000 by the membership of the Association. No person shall be a member of the Committee for more than three years without renewal of their mandate. One third of the elected Members of the Committee

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shall retire each Annual General Meeting. Elections shall be by ballot of all Members present at the Annual General Meeting. Each candidate for election shall be proposed and seconded by Members of the Association. In the event of a contested election there shall be a postal ballot of the entire membership conducted within two weeks of the meeting. Co-options shall be for a maximum period of one year and may be renewed. Any problem relating to the interpretation of this clause is to be settled by the Chair of the Association whose decision is to be final.

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8. The Officers shall be elected by the Committee. The Committee shall also appoint a member to represent the Association on the Bar Council.

9. The Committee may determine its business and procedure at its discretion. A quorum for a committee meeting shall be the Chair (or his/her designate) and three other members.

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10. An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held each year in either October or November. The Committee may (and if requested by at least twelve members of the Association shall) call a General Meeting at any time (other than during Vacation). Notice of fourteen days shall be given of any General Meeting. A quorum for a General Meeting shall be thirty Members.

11. The Constitution of the Association may be altered by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting at any General Meeting. Notice of fourteen days shall be given of any proposal to make such an alteration.

12. The Chair of any Meeting shall have a casting vote.

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13. Associate Members shall be entitled to participate in all activities of the Association save that they shall not enjoy any voting rights whatsoever or be eligible for election to the Committee or office.

14. Each Member of the Association shall as a condition of membership pay insofar as required an annual subscription. The Association may by resolution in General Meeting determine categories of Member and Associate Member, and the rates of subscription (if any) payable by persons within such categories. Such resolution may also delegate to the Committee the power (i) to offer a membership fee rebate, or to impose an additional fee, conditional upon the means by which the subscription is to be paid, and (ii) to offer a reduced or no fee to any category of Member for a limited introductory period. Subscriptions shall be paid on or before 1st October each year. Any Member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall automatically cease to be a Member, but shall be reinstated forthwith upon payment.

15. The Committee shall have power to remove any Member from Membership of the Association if it considers it in the interests of the Association to do so.

June 1986

Amended November 1986

Re-amended January 1987

Further Amended March 2000

Further Amended November 2001

Further Amended November 2007

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The resolutions are proposed by Javan Herberg (Treasurer) and seconded by Jemima Stratford (Secretary)

Membership Subscriptions – Reminder

We wrote to all ALBA members in September 2008, notifying them of the increase in ALBA membership subscriptions. As explained there and in the last ALBA News, after many years of holding the subscriptions at the same level, we have been compelled by rising costs to raise the subscription for the forthcoming year. Increased costs of hiring rooms for our seminars and meetings (which are free to members), of newsletter distribution and administration, and of supporting the annual conference have all contributed to this necessity.

If you have already responded by amending your standing order or paying by cheque, many thanks!

If you have not, and currently pay by standing order, then your old standing order will by now already have been paid (on or about 1 October 2008), and we would now invite you to complete the **standing order form attached to the end of this newsletter** (not the form attached to our 17 September letter) to pay the balance of the membership subscription due for this year and to set up a standing order for future years. A copy of this revised standing order form was also sent to those on ALBA's Email distribution list on 3 October 2008.

The new membership rates are as follows, so that you can calculate (i) the balance due for this year (by deducting from the new rate any amount debited from your account on 1 October) and (ii) the sum due in future years, and enter them on the attached standing order form:

	<u>New Rate</u>
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 hope that you will feel able to renew your membership on the appropriate basis, and to do so by standing order which is by far the most convenient for us. As previously noted, ALBA is, at the same time, moving its banking arrangements to HSBC, and the new standing order form (attached) which you should send back to us (for us to record and forward to your bank), includes an instruction to your bank to cancel your old standing order in favour of ALBA. You are, of course, still able to pay the ALBA membership subscription by cheque (to be made payable to the Administrative Law Bar Association, and sent to Deok Joo Rhee at the address below), although standing order is preferable.

Any queries should be addressed to membership@adminlaw.org.uk.

Other Events of Interest to Members

The **University of Essex Clifford Chance Lecture 2008** will be given by **Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers** on the evening of November 6th 2008 at the offices of Clifford Chance in Upper Bank Street, Canary Wharf. If you would like an invitation, please contact Gail Chapman (gchap@essex.ac.uk) to have your name put on the guest list.

The **Bar Conference 2008** is being held on 1st November 2008 at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London. For full details and how to book please visit <http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/news/BarConference2008/>

A conference on **Constitutional Aspects of the Regulatory State** is being organised by the International Association of Constitutional Law. The conference will be held on 14 and 15 November at Clifford Chance's premises at Canary Wharf. The conference brochure may be viewed at www.ucl.ac/laws/constitution-group/docs/nov-08_conf_brochure.pdf

On 20th November 2008, 17.30, the **Attorney General** will give the Bar Council's **Law Reform Committee Lecture**. The venue for the lecture is Inner Temple Hall

To mark the tenth anniversary of the introduction of the **Civil Procedure Rules** in England and Wales, Oxford Law Faculty will be hosting a conference on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December 2008, at the British Academy in London. Further details, including the programme and registration form, are available from the conference website: www.law.ox.ac.uk/cpr10. There is no charge for this event, which is generously sponsored by Herbert Smith LLP. Registration is essential as space is limited. The event is registered for 12.5 CPD points. If you have any queries about the event, please contact the conference organiser Dr Déirdre Dwyer (deirdre.dwyer@law.ox.ac.uk).

The Centre for Public Law, Cambridge University/School of Law, the Chinese University of Hong Kong are holding a joint conference on "**Effective Judicial Review: a Cornerstone of Good Governance**" on 10th – 12th December 2008 in Hong Kong. Full details are available at <http://jointconference.law.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php>

The Law Society of Hong Kong is hosting the **16th Commonwealth Law Conference** from 5th to 9th April 2009 at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. The theme of the conference is "**The Dynamics of Law in a Rapidly Changing World**". Full details of the speakers and how to register may be found at www.commonwealthlaw2009.org.

The **Second Annual Hart Judicial Review Conference** is being held on 12th December 2008, 9.00 – 17.45, Cavendish Conference Centre, London. ALBA Members are entitled to a **15% discount** on the conference fee. For full details please see the brochure which can be downloaded from the Events section of the ALBA Website at www.adminlaw.org.uk

Standing Order Form

Standing Order (*Please complete in block capitals*)

TO: Bank/Building Society _____

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Please pay on 1 October 2008 (or so soon as this form is received) the sum of

(In words) £_____ pounds
(being the outstanding amount of membership subscription for 2008-9)

AND annually on the 1st October thereafter until further notice the sum of

(In words) £_____ pounds
in accordance with the membership rate.

TO the Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association Bank ("ALBA"),
account number 41727176 at:

HSBC
Fleet Street Branch
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Please charge my account

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Date _____

Please also cancel any existing standing order in favour of the Administrative Law Bar Association from my account, including any to ALBA's account at Messrs Hoare & Co, 37 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 4DQ (Code 159900; account number 01522690).

Post the completed form to Deok Joo Rhee at the following address:

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