

Evening Seminar

“EU Public Law – Inspiration or Anachronism?”

On 3rd December 2008 ALBA will be holding a seminar 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.

Consultations and other activities

ALBA has been invited to contribute its views, as one of the specialist Bar Associations, to the **Pupillage Review Working Group** (chaired by Derek Wood QC). The ALBA Committee will be meeting a member of the Working Group to discuss this contribution.

ALBA has also submitted a response to the UK Border Agency Consultation: Immigration Appeal. For a copy of this response please visit the ALBA website at www.adminlaw.org.uk and go to “Events and Consultations”.

Annual Conference

Request for Members’ Views

ALBA is considering what plans to make for its Annual Conference in 2010 and following years.

Next year, 2009, will see our ever-popular conference being held at St John’s College, Cambridge, during the weekend of 24th – 26th July. We are also hoping to invite an after-dinner speaker for the conference dinner.

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Looking ahead, we are considering whether we might sometimes hold the Annual Conference in a different location or at a different time of year. One possibility would be to hold the conference in Cambridge every other year, and to hold it elsewhere every second year.

It would be very helpful indeed if ALBA members could take a few minutes to respond to the three questions below. We want to arrange a conference at a time and place that will best suit the greatest number of our members.

1. Would you be more likely to attend:
 - (a) ALBA's summer conference during the last weekend of July in 2010 at St John's College, Cambridge; or
 - (b) A one day conference held on a Saturday in another location during the winter or spring of 2010?
2. If ALBA were to hold a conference outside Cambridge, would you be more likely to attend:
 - (a) If the conference were held in central London; or
 - (b) If the conference were held in another non-London location (and, if so, which location would you favour)?
3. If ALBA were to hold a one-day conference, would you like to attend a conference dinner? If so:
 - (a) Would you be more likely to attend a conference dinner held on Friday evening; or
 - (b) Would you be more likely to attend a conference dinner held on Saturday evening, at the end of the conference?

Please send your views by email to administrator@adminlaw.org.uk.

Other Events of Interest to Members

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 **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

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details please see the brochure which can be downloaded from the Events section of the ALBA Website at www.adminlaw.org.uk

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.

Membership Subscriptions – Reminder

We wrote to all ALBA members in September 2008, notifying them of the increase in ALBA membership subscriptions. 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 on the reverse of this page** to pay the balance of the membership subscription due for this year and to set up a standing order for future years.

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

Standing Order Form *(Please complete in block capitals)*

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Please pay on _____ (or as soon as this form is received) the sum of

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(being the outstanding amount of membership subscription for 2008-9)

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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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