

THE ANNUAL BOND SOLON EXPERT WITNESS CONFERENCE 2014

The largest annual gathering of expert witnesses in the UK



Keynote speaker: **The Right Hon Lord Neuberger
President of the Supreme Court**

Friday 7 November 2014

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This is the 20th Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference. It is the largest annual gathering of expert witnesses in the UK and a chance to hear prominent speakers dealing with the issues that affect you.

Good expert evidence is key to good justice. After reorganisations, budget cuts and time restrictions, experts must still provide high quality, independent expertise. We will look at how you can change the way you work in the new environment and still be profitable.

Conference Timetable

9.15 Registration and Refreshments

9.45 Welcome and Introduction from the Chair

Mark Solon, Solicitor and Managing Director, Bond Solon
Isabel West, Solicitor and Bond Solon Trainer

10.00 Keynote Address

The Right Hon Lord Neuberger, President of the Supreme Court

10.40 Jackson Reforms – are they working?

Speaker to be confirmed

11.10 Refreshments

11.30 Jackson Reforms – in the real world

We hear from 4 expert witnesses about their experiences and strategies

12.00 Annual Legal Update

- Key cases and legislation for experts in civil, criminal and family courts
 - Procedure update
 - Practical issues arising over the last 12 months
- Jason Tucker, Solicitor, Cardiff University Law School, Centre for Professional Legal Studies*

12.30 Growing your Expert business via LinkedIn

- Is LinkedIn worth my time?
 - Raising my profile online via LinkedIn
 - Engaging with clients and referrers via LinkedIn
- Emily Miller, Founder & LinkedIn Trainer, Marshall Walker Associates - The LinkedIn Tutors*

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Parallel Sessions. Please choose one:

Medico-Legal

A solicitor's insights into a negligence action
Henry Dyson, Partner, Leigh Day
Sally Moore, Partner and head of personal injury department, Leigh Day

Family

Publication of Ministry of Justice funded research into experts in family law cases: implementation of the Family Procedure Rules (2013) and Standards for Experts (2013).

Dr Sarah Brown, Forensic Psychologist, Coventry University

Criminal

Rehabilitation of criminal experts

- Experts in complex cases
- Experts: good, bad and ugly
- Changes in the criminal courts and how experts should respond

Elwen Evans QC, Iscoed Chambers

Commercial

Complex cases

- What solicitors are looking for in an expert
- How can experts add value? What else can they contribute?
- Maintaining relationships with solicitor and parties in a long case and fee issues

Neil Dooley, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson

15.15 Refreshments

15.40 Budgeting and Proportionality

- What a budget looks like
- Proportionality explored
- Cases
- Working efficiently

Nick Deal, Barrister and Trainer, Bond Solon

16.10 Terms and Conditions

Matthew Harman, Costs Lawyer and Partner, Harmans

16.30 Panel Discussion and Questions

Your opportunity to put your questions to our speakers

17.00 Complimentary Drinks Reception and Presentation of Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificates.

18.30 Close

Speakers



Lord Neuberger is the second President of the Supreme Court. He was appointed a High Court judge in 1996 and a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2004. In 2007 he was made a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and created a life peer as Baron Neuberger of Abbotsbury in the County of Dorset.



Elwen Evans QC is a leading criminal silk. She chooses to live and practise in Wales. She appears for both prosecution and defence in serious, complex and high profile cases including murder, serious sexual offences and fraud. Her style is described as 'determined and formidable' by those instructing her.



Jason Tucker is a solicitor and Reader-in-Law, specialising in criminal litigation and children proceedings. In addition, Jason is Deputy Director of the Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate. Away from the University, he sits as a magistrate and deputy district tribunal judge.



Neil Dooley is a partner at Steptoe & Johnson specialising in contentious commercial work, particularly in respect of frauds on financial institutions (Otkritie, Dubai Islamic Bank, BCCI, Barings) and freezing order applications. He is experienced in heavyweight commercial litigation, insolvency and fraud.



Emily Miller founded the independent LinkedIn training organisation, Marshall Walker, in 2010 and is an experienced business to business (B2B) marketer and business developer. She is the co-creator of 'Grow your Practice with LinkedIn: For Lawyers' an online training course.



Nick Deal was called to the Bar in 1989 and had a mixed common law practice. He has trained for Bond Solon since 2003 and is now lead trainer within the expert witness group, developing programmes and qualifications as well as continuing to deliver training courses.



Henry Dyson specialises in the claimant clinical negligence field. He handles cases of serious injury resulting from a wide variety of medical and surgical errors from all parts of the health service, both NHS and private. He is particularly interested in cardiology and neurosurgery cases.



Matthew Harman has over 25 years experience as a Costs Lawyer and Costs Draftsman and was a founding partner of Harmans. He was among the first group of Draftsmen to qualify as a Costs Lawyer, and is a former Chairman and former Hon. President of the Association of Costs Lawyers.



Sally Moore is lead partner in the accident and personal injury claims team and specialises in high value cases for catastrophic personal injuries. She is regarded by market sources as a "hugely conscientious" lawyer with a "tremendous grasp of the subject" who "fights her client's corner, can be tough and makes good decisions." Chambers guide to the legal profession 2011.



Mark Solon is a solicitor and US Attorney at Law. He has organised the training and conferences for tens of thousands of experts. He has written several books and numerous articles dealing with expert evidence.



Dr Sarah Brown is a Reader in Forensic Psychology Development. Currently she is leading Ministry of Justice funded research examining professionals' views regarding the implementation of the changes to the Family Procedure Rules and proposed new standards for experts in family law cases. This research will be published at the conference.



Isobel West is a solicitor qualified in both England and Scotland. After years as a civil litigation partner who routinely relied on the evidence of experts she joined Bond Solon in 2005 and was Head of Expert Witness Group for several years.

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The twentieth Annual Expert Witness Conference

I have attended all 19 annual conferences and booked for the 20th already. Annual updates are invaluable. The problem with success is that it has to be repeated. Please keep repeating.

Dr Bashir Qureshi, Cultural, Religious and Ethnic Issues in Litigation

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On receipt of your booking, confirmation will be sent to you by email.

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Please note that due to circumstances beyond Bond Solon's control, speakers and timings may vary. We reserve the right to cancel the conference if necessary and issue a full refund of fees.

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