



Association of **Lawyers for Children**

Promoting justice for children and young people



## **“Are we nearly there yet?”**

**A Child’s Journey through the Family Justice System**

**Lawyers for Children 26th Annual Conference**

**Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st November 2015**

**Midland Hotel, Manchester**

Keynote Speaker: Right Honorable Lady Brenda Hale DBE  
Deputy President of the Supreme Court

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**Family Law**

**Conference Programme**

- Law Society and Bar Council accredited with 12 CPD hours

## THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

- 1330 – 1500      **Registration and CPD signing**
- 1500 – 1530      **Welcome and AGM**
- 1530 – 1630      **LEGAL AID UPDATE**  
Samantha Little, Russell-Cooke Solicitors and Jerry Bull, Atkins Hope Solicitors
- 1630 – 1700      **LEGAL PARENTHOOD – NEW DILEMMAS NEW SOLUTIONS**  
Deirdre Fottrell QC, 1 Garden Court Chambers & Jemma Dally, Goodman Ray Solicitors
- 1700 – 1730      **Tea**
- 1730 – 1800      **THE GROUP**  
Young People from the Manchester Youth Council
- 1800 – 1840      **GROWING UP IN ENGLAND**  
Anne Longfield OBE, Children’s Commissioner for England
- 1840 – 1930      **GATHERING EVIDENCE: IMPACT OF NEGLECT ON A CHILD’S HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
Dr Anna Ramsbottom, Consultant Paediatrician, Sheffield Children’s Hospital and Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children Sheffield City CCG
- 1930              **Buffet Supper**

## FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

- 0730 – 0900      **Breakfast**
- 0900 – 0930      **Registration and CPD signing**
- 0930 – 1015      **Welcome and introduction**  
HHJ Clifford Bellamy, Designated Family Judge for Leicester and Conference Chair  
Co-Chairs’ report – Maud Davis and Nicola Jones-King
- 1015 – 1115      **‘ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET?’ A CHILD’S JOURNEY THROUGH THE FAMILY JUSTICE SYSTEM**  
Rt Hon Lady Brenda Hale, DBE, Deputy President of the Supreme Court
- 1115 – 1145      **Coffee**

## PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### 1145 – 1300      PARALLEL WORKSHOPS A – MORNING SESSION

- (1)      **ASK THE EXPERT: FROM INSTRUCTION TO CROSS EXAMINATION**  
Jane Crowley QC, 1 Garden Court Family Law Chambers
- (2)      **ASSESSING PARENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES**  
Jane Andrews, Senior Consultant, Ward Andrews
- (3)      **BEYOND THE ADOPTION ORDER**  
Julie Selwyn, Professor of Child and Family Social Work, University of Bristol
- (4)      **CAN A LEOPARD CHANGE ITS SPOTS? DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATOR PROGRAMMES IN THE UK**  
Nicole Westmarland Professor of Criminology, Durham University and Director of the Durham Centre for Research into Violence and Abuse
- (5)      **WHICH WAY? CHOOSING THE RIGHT EXPERT – PSYCHOLOGIST OR PSYCHIATRIST?**  
Dr. Sheila Redfern, Consultant Clinical Psychologist Head of Service: Trauma and Maltreatment Anna Freud Centre London.
- (6)      **PARENTS IN DISPUTE – CAN THE COURT ROOM & CONSULTING ROOM COLLABORATE IN THE INTERESTS OF CHILDREN?**  
Susanna Abse CEO, Tavistock Centre London

# THE PROGRAMME (subject to amendments)

1300 – 1400	Lunch
1400 – 1500	<b>WHAT IS THE FAMILY JUSTICE RESPONSE TO RECURRENT CARE PROCEEDINGS? Trauma and loss for women who have experienced successive removals of children.</b> Dr Karen Broadhurst, Senior Lecturer in Socio-Legal Studies, University of Manchester and Claire Mason Senior Researcher, University of Manchester

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### 1500 – 1615 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS B – AFTERNOON SESSION

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1615 – 1645 Tea

1645 – 1745 **MURDER? IT'S IN THE BONES**  
Professor Archie Malcolm, Consultant Histopathologist, Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust

1930 **Drinks reception**  
Kindly sponsored by 9 Gough Square



**Dinner and dancing**

Dinner wine kindly sponsored by Coram Chambers



## SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

0730 – 0900 Breakfast

0900 – 0930 Registration and CPD signing

0930 – 1015 **CHILD LAW UPDATE- PUBLIC LAW (1)**  
Martha Cover, Coram Chambers

1015 – 1030 **FAMILY COURT SOLUTIONS**  
John Altman, former Designated Family Judge for London

1030 – 1130 **CHILD LAW UPDATE- PRIVATE LAW**  
Alex Verdan QC, Four Paper Buildings

1130 – 1200 Coffee

1200 – 1300 **CHILD LAW UPDATE- PUBLIC LAW (2)**  
Martha Cover, Coram Chambers

1300 Lunch and Depart

## CONFERENCE FEES

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Full residential conference fee at the Midland Hotel (ALC member).....	£535
Full residential conference fee at the Midland Hotel (Non ALC member).....	£610
Full residential conference fee at the Midland Hotel for Local Authority Lawyers .....	£450
Full residential conference fee at the Midland Hotel for 2 ALC members sharing .....	£350 each
Three day non-residential conference fee (excluding B&B and dinners).....	£330
Three day non-residential conference fee (including gala dinner) .....	£375
Two day residential Thursday night and Friday (including supper).....	£400
Two day residential Friday night and Saturday (including gala dinner).....	£445
Two day non-residential Thursday and Friday (excluding B&B and supper).....	£300
Two day non-residential Friday and Saturday (excluding B&B and gala dinner).....	£300
Two day non-residential Friday and Saturday (including gala dinner).....	£345
<b>One-day non-residential fee (excludes B&amp;B)</b>	
Thursday only (including supper but excluding accommodation) (3 CPD hours) .....	£175
Friday only (excluding dinner and accommodation) (6 CPD hours) .....	£295
Friday only (including gala dinner but excluding accommodation) (6 CPD hours) .....	£340
Saturday only (including lunch) (3 CPD hours) .....	£175
Partner's rate for B&B (per night) .....	£20
Partner's rate for Thursday (including B&B and supper) .....	£50
Partner's rate for Friday (including B&B and gala dinner) .....	£90

Special requirements **must** be specified when booking

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TO MAKE A BOOKING & SECURE YOUR PLACE AT  
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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## VENUE

Midland Hotel (0161 236 3333)  
Peter Street  
Manchester M60 2DS  
(Sat Nav: M2 3NQ)

## HOW TO GET THERE

- Rail:** – Piccadilly Station is 0.5 miles. Take the free Metroshuttle bus to St Peter's Square as tram not stopping there during improvements.
- Air:** – Manchester International 10 miles.
- Road:** – Consult Manchester City Council website for road closures and diversions during improvements to tram system.

## CAR PARKING

NCP Manchester Central car park, Lower Moseley Street (sat nav M2 3GX) offers parking concessions for residential delegates on a first come first served basis. Tickets must be validated at hotel reception.

## FACILITIES

The hotel has a new spa, fitness centre and pool.

## HOW TO BOOK

Bookings MUST be made online and priority will be on a first come, first served basis. Once the Conference Hotel is full, overflow accommodation will be found nearby and you will be advised accordingly.

**Online booking only** via the ALC website.

**[www.alc.org.uk](http://www.alc.org.uk)**  
then click on the  
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Please note that payment must be received and acknowledged **prior to the event**.

## REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made on cancellations received before Monday 19th October, less an administration charge of £50.

No refunds will be made after that date. However, a substitute delegate is welcome.

Both pre-paid and unpaid bookings will be liable for full charge. Full joining instructions will be sent to delegates approximately 10 days prior to the event when full payment has been received.

## QUERIES AND ASSISTANCE

If you require assistance with your booking please contact Helen on 01371 705050 or email [alc@cpluse.co.uk](mailto:alc@cpluse.co.uk)

## DISCOUNTS

All members of the ALC are entitled to a £75 discount on full residential fee if their membership is paid up to date.

## CPD HOURS

This conference qualifies for 12 hours continuing professional development, providing all 3 days are attended and delegates sign attendance each day. Retrospective signing is strictly not allowed.

## DRESS CODE

Smart casual during the day.  
Lounge suit for conference dinner only.

## CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

This will be available at the conference or for those who have booked but are unable to attend.

Conference documentation will be available after the conference via the ALC office at a cost of £50.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALC

Membership of the ALC is open to all legal and other professionals working with or for children.

Annual subscription for lawyers: (discount for group membership)	£85
Associate membership (non lawyers)	£40
Student membership	£15

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