



The Four Jurisdictions Law Conference - London Friday 13 to Sunday 15 May 2022

PROGRAMME

Dress for the Conference is smart/casual. Dress for the Dinners on Friday and Saturday is Lounge Suit.

Friday 13 May 2022

- 19:00 – 19:30 Drinks in Middle Temple Garden (weather permitting)
- 19:30 – 21:30 Dinner hosted by Master Treasurer in Middle Temple Hall

Saturday 14 May 2022

Conference in Middle Temple Hall

- 09:00 – 09:30 Arrival Tea/Coffee and pastries

09:30 – 10:45

Session I – Independence, the Legal Profession, and the Rule of Law

Chair: Judge Brian O'Moore – Republic of Ireland

*Speakers: Nicholas Vineall QC – England and Wales
Roddy Dunlop QC – Scotland
Lord Stephens – Northern Ireland*

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30

Session II – Diversity

Chair: The Hon Mrs Justice McGowan – England and Wales

*Speakers: The Hon Mrs Justice Mary Rose Gearty – Republic of Ireland
Susanne Tanner QC - Scotland
The Right Hon. Dame Siobhan Keegan, Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland - Northern Ireland*

12:30 – 13:15

Buffet Lunch



13:15 – 14:00

Session III – Four Young Bars: Successes, Challenges, Goals

Speakers: Michael Polak, Chair of Young Bar of England & Wales
Antonia Welsh, Chair of Scottish Junior Bar
Alana Harty, Chair of the Young Bar Association of Northern Ireland
Lewis Mooney, Chair of the YB of ROI

14:00 – 15:15

Session IV - Duties of Candour

Chair: Sarah Wolffe QC (Professor the Hon Lady Wolffe) - Scotland

Speakers: The Rt Hon Lord Justice Lewis – England & Wales
Frank O'Donoghue QC – Northern Ireland
Sara Moorhead SC – Republic of Ireland

15:15

Free time

18:45 – 19:30

Drinks in Middle Temple Garden (weather permitting)

19:35

Welcome from the Treasurer in Middle Temple Hall

19:40

Bench Call of the Hon Mr Justice David Scoffield and The Hon Mrs Justice Mary Rose Gearty

19:45

Dinner in Middle Temple Hall

21:30

Speeches from new Benchers

21:45

Drinks in the Prince's Room



Sunday 15 May 2022

Conference in Middle Temple Hall

9:00 – 9:30

Tea/coffee and pastries

9:30 – 11:00

Session V - Humour and the Law

Chair: Henry Toner QC - Northern Ireland

*Speakers: Thomas Grant QC – England & Wales
Donald Findlay QC – Scotland
Sean Guerin SC – Republic of Ireland*

11:15 – 12:15

Matins / or Choral Communion at Temple Church

or

11:15 – 12:15

Tour of The Courtauld Gallery (max 40 persons)
*Please note that this is now sold out. Please pick up your
ticket on arrival at the registration desk on Sunday*

12:30 – 13:00

Drinks in the Prince's Room

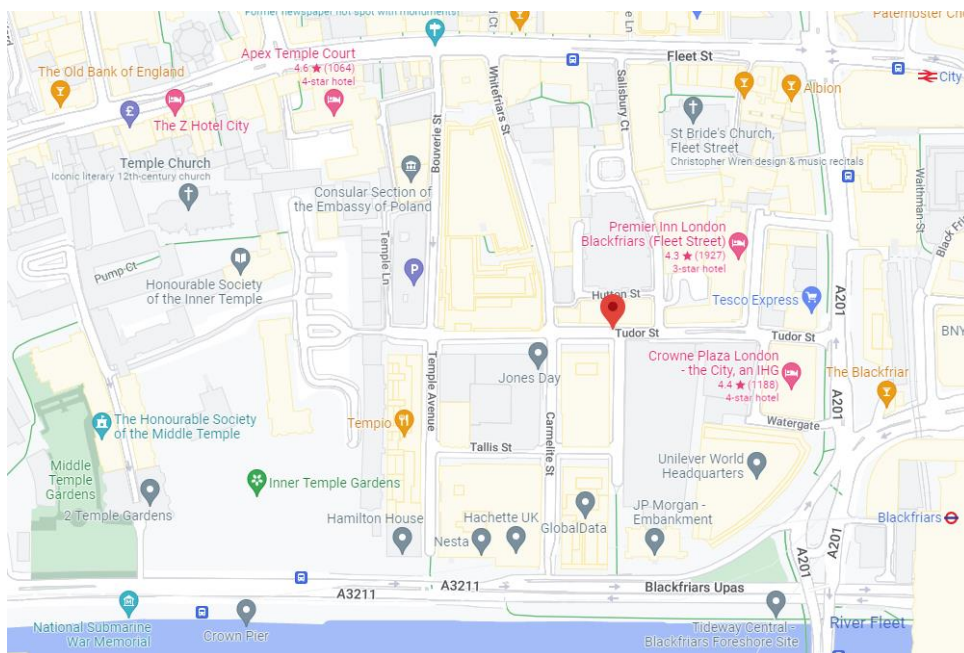
13:00

Buffet Lunch

Helpful Info

Parking

Parking in the Temple is available from 19:00 on Friday night, 13 May for the duration of the weekend. Please note that entrance into the Temple is via Tudor Street. A map is enclosed for your convenience. If you wish to park your car in the Temple during this weekend, please indicate this by providing the details via email to members@middletemple.org.uk.



Access to the Temple

The gates and doors of the Temple are closed and locked from 20:00 to 08:00 Monday - Friday and all weekend, except on Sunday when the door from Fleet Street onto Inner Temple Lane is opened for access to Temple Church. 24-hour pedestrian and vehicular access is via Tudor Street. Maps of the area and the Temple are attached.

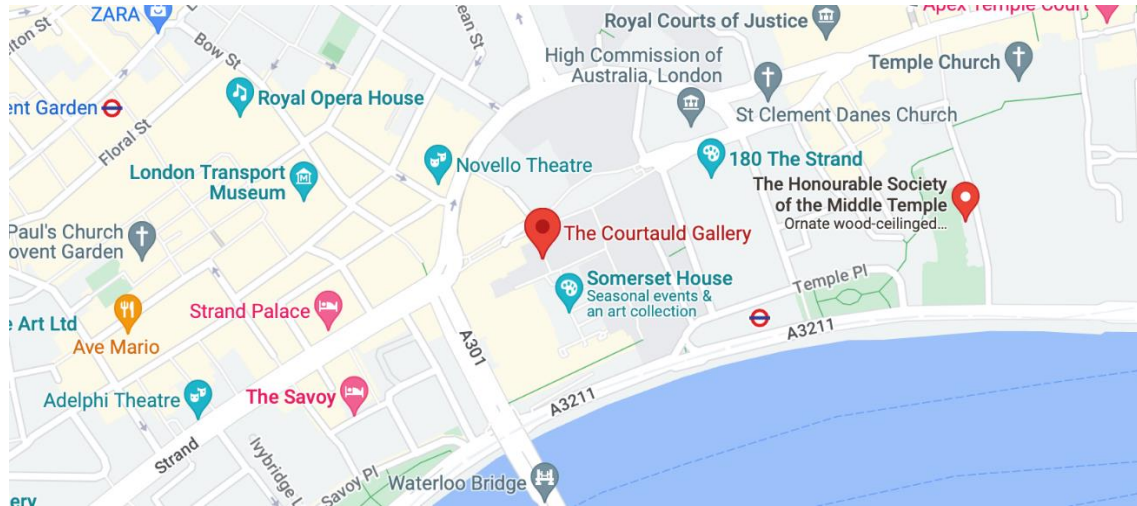
Please use Tudor Street (shown with the **red** marker above) for entrance during the weekend.

Middle Temple Benchers and members can gain access into the Temple by using the Middle Temple ID proximity card. For assistance, please ring the 24-hour security line/duty porter on 020 7797 7768.



The Courtauld Gallery

If you are attending the tour of The Courtauld Gallery on Sunday morning, we ask attendees that they make their own way to the Gallery, where the tour will begin at 11:15. Please see the map below for your convenience. Please enter Somerset House from the Strand side and congregate as a group under the arches of Somerset House, before entering the gallery.



Speakers

The sessions are listed chronologically, with the speakers for each session in alphabetical order.

Session I - Independence, the Legal Profession, and the Rule of Law

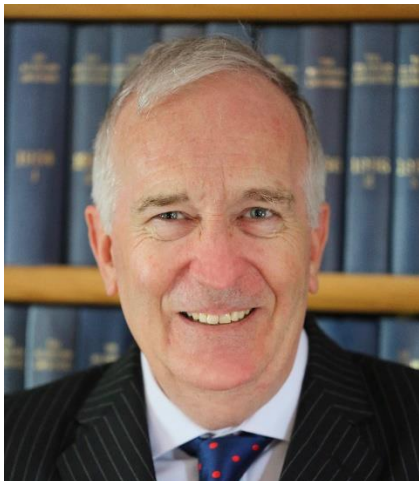


Roddy Dunlop QC

Roddy Dunlop QC is Dean of the Faculty of Advocates. He called to the Scottish Bar in 1998 and took silk in 2010. He is also a Barrister, having called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2019, and is a member of 4 Pump Court. A strong believer in the independence of the legal profession, he has spoken regularly on the importance of avoiding political interference.

Mr Justice Brian O'Moore

Mr Justice Brian O'Moore graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 1982, taking Silk in 1999. At the time of his appointment to the High Court, Mr. Justice O'Moore was lead counsel for the Central Bank of Ireland Inquiry into Irish Nationwide Building Society. He was appointed to the High Court in December 2019. As of May 2022, Mr. Justice O'Moore oversees the Chancery List of the High Court. He is a Bencher of Kings Inns, and a member of the Executive of the Association of Judges of Ireland.



Lord Stephens

Sir Ben Stephens became a Justice of the Supreme Court in October 2020. He was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1977, the Bar of England and Wales in July 1978 and to the Bar of Ireland in 1996. He was appointed as a High Court Judge in Northern Ireland in 2007. He was a Commissioner in the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission between 2013 and 2020, first as a High Court Judge and then as a Lord Justice of Appeal. He was a Senior Lord Justice of Appeal from 2017 to 2020.



Nicolas Vineall QC

Nick Vineall QC is Vice-Chair of the Bar of England and Wales and has been elected as Chair for 2023. He is joint head of chambers at 4 Pump Court where he has a broadly based commercial practice. He sits as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Commercial Court. He is a Bencher of Middle Temple. He was called in 1988 and took silk in 2006.

Session II - Diversity



The Hon Mrs Justice Mary Rose Gearty

Mary Rose Gearty was appointed to the Irish High Court in 2019 and is the inaugural Director of Judicial Studies in Ireland. As an elected member of the Bar Council in Ireland for over ten years, she founded the Advanced Advocacy Course and was one of the first internationally accredited advocacy trainers in Ireland. Mary Rose chairs the judicial sub-committee of Irish Rule of Law International, which promotes the rule of law by creating and managing projects involving judges, lawyers and police services in countries around the world.

The Rt Hon Dame Siobhan Keegan, Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland

Dame Siobhan Keegan has been a High Court Judge, served as Vice Chair of the Bar of Northern Ireland, Chair of the Young Bar, Chair of the Family Bar Association, Chair of the Bar Charity Committee and a member of the Bar Professional Conduct Committee. Dame Siobhan was the Judge in Residence at the Queen's University of Belfast and became a Bencher of the Northern Ireland Inn of Court, an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn and an Honorary Bencher of King's Inns in 2022. She was sworn in as Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland on 2 September 2021.





The Hon Mrs Justice McGowan

Maura McGowan was appointed a High Court Judge in 2014. She sits in the Queen's Bench Division and is currently a Presiding Judge on the South Eastern Circuit – only the second woman ever to have been a Presider on that Circuit. Maura was Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales in 2013. She had previously served on the Conduct and Law Reform Committees. Maura is a consulting editor of Archbold, sits on the editorial board of the Criminal Law Review and is a Trustee of the British and Irish Legal Information Institute. She is Treasurer of Middle Temple in 2022.



Susanne Tanner QC

Susanne Tanner QC is the Assistant Principal Crown Counsel for Scotland. She is currently conducting a Review instructed by the Lord Advocate into the prosecution of sexual crime in Scotland. She chaired an independent survivor-led Inquiry into sexual abuse in a local authority and a Review into the organisation's whistleblowing and organisational culture. Susanne is an arbitrator, mediator, barrister, editor and lecturer.

Session III – Four Young Bars: Successes, Challenges, Goals



Alana Harty

Alana was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 2018. She enjoys a varied practice, with a focus on civil litigation. She is currently the Chair of the Young Bar Association at the Bar of Northern Ireland and an elected member of the Bar Council of Northern Ireland.



Lewis Mooney

Lewis Mooney is a practising barrister at the Bar of Ireland, predominantly based in Dublin. Lewis' practice encompasses media and defamation law, constitutional law and several areas of public and human rights law, including adoption, child protection, mental health and disability law, and housing law. Alongside his practice at the Bar, Lewis is an elected member of the Council of the Bar of Ireland, the Chair of the Young Bar Committee and a member of the Human Rights Committee of the Council.



Michael Polak

Michael Polak is a member of Church Court Chambers and practices in international law, serious crime, human rights and strategic litigation. Prior to becoming Chair of the Young Barristers' Committee in 2022, Michael was President of Middle Temple Young Barrister's Association. Michael is also an elected member of the South-Eastern Circuit and the Bar Council.

Antonia Welsh

Antonia was Called to the Bar in 2020 and is a member of the Advocates Family Law Association. She is on the committee of the Scottish Young Lawyers Association. She has put every effort into promoting education to young lawyers and arranged several educational events during her devilling including arranging events on advocacy and defamation.



Session IV – Duties of Candour

The Rt Hon Lord Justice Lewis

Lord Justice Lewis is judge of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales. He was a judge of the High Court from 2013 to 2020. Prior to that he practised at the Bar from 1992 primarily in the field of public law. He was an academic lawyer and a Fellow of Selwyn College and Lecturer at the University of Cambridge before he began practice. He is a Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple.



Sara Moorhead SC

Sara Moorhead is a Senior Counsel and a CEDR Accredited Mediator. She is primarily a trial lawyer/courtroom advocate. She has represented the Government in proceedings before the European Court of Justice. She has also advised the Office of the Parliamentary Legal Adviser and acted as Legal Counsel in several Tribunals of Inquiry. She is heavily involved in the Denham Fellowship which assists persons from disadvantaged backgrounds to gain access to the Bar and involves financial support and mentoring.



Frank O'Donoghue

Frank O'Donoghue was Called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1985 and took Silk in 2001. He is a former member of the Bar Council and the Executive Council of Northern Ireland and is currently a member of its Education Committee. He has extensive experience before the High Court and Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland and has appeared frequently over the last 20 years in several noteworthy criminal, civil, family and public law cases before the House of Lords and the Supreme Court.

Sarah Wolfe QC (Professor the Hon Lady Wolfe)

Lady Wolfe was appointed as a senator of the College of Justice in 2014. She was appointed as a Queen's Counsel in 2008 and practised principally in commercial and public law. She is also the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Scottish Episcopal Church (appointed 2019). She was appointed a general assessor on the Court of the University of Edinburgh from August 2019. She was the first woman to be appointed as a commercial judge (2016 to 2017; and from August 2018).



Session V – Humour and the Law

Donald Findlay QC

Donald R Findlay QC was Called in 1975 and took Silk in 1988. He is widely recognised throughout the UK for his unrivalled experience in the criminal courts. For a number of years, he has Lectured at Glasgow University to the Students of the Diploma in Forensic Medicine and is now a course examiner. Findlay has appeared before Sport related Tribunals in the UK and abroad and has also sat on such Tribunals.

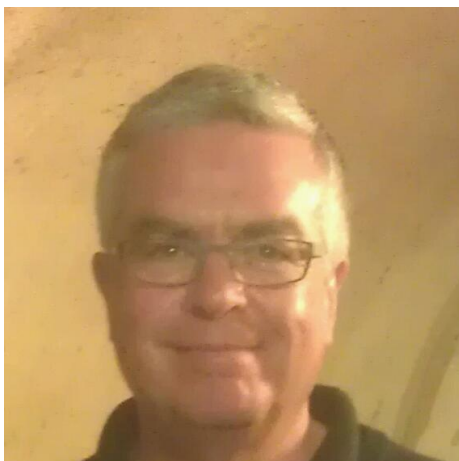


Thomas Grant QC

Thomas practices at the commercial and chancery Bar. He was Chambers and Partners Chancery Silk of the Year in 2021 and is currently the Chair of the Professional Negligence Bar Association. He is also a writer outside of the sphere of black letter law. *Jeremy Hutchinson's Case Histories* – about a former bencher of the Middle Temple and one of the great criminal defenders of the twentieth century - was published in 2015 and was a *Sunday Times* bestseller. Thomas' latest book, *The Mandela Brief: Sydney Kentridge and the Trials of Apartheid* is published in July of this year.

Sean Guerin SC

Sean Guerin SC is a member of the Inner Bar and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2013.



Henry Toner QC

Henry was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1977 and the Inner Bar in 1999. His practice is primarily in the Family and Chancery Divisions. His legal interests are balanced by a lifelong and dedicated interest in science and, of course, humour.



Bench Callees

On Saturday evening, The Hon Mrs Justice Mary Rose Gearty and The Hon Mr Justice David Scoffield will be being Called to the Bench.



The Hon Mrs Justice Mary Rose Gearty

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The Hon Mr Justice David Shoffield

David is a Judge of the High Court in Northern Ireland. He was educated at University College, Oxford and Queen's University, Belfast. He was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1999, where he practised in public and administrative law; took silk in 2011; and was appointed to the High Court Bench in 2020. He is also Chair of the Northern Ireland Law Commission.



Full Delegate List

Please note that not all delegates are attending the full programme of events

Lesley Anderson QC
Michael Ashe QC
Emma Baldwin
Melanie Barbour
Sian Barker
The Hon Mr Justice David Barnville
Jane Barron
The Rt Hon Lord Justice David Bean
Neil Beynon
The Hon Mr Justice George Birmingham
Adam Black
Michael Bowsher QC
Emily Bradbury
Denise Brett
Lorna Cameron
Professor Susan Castillo Street
The Hon Mr Justice John Cavanagh
The Hon Mr Justice Martin Chamberlain
Seamus Clarke SC
John Curran
Paul Darling OBE QC
Donald Davidson
Charlene Dempsey
Stephen Devine
Mr Justice Conor Dignam
Lady Leeona Dorrian
Roger Dowd
Fiona Drysdale
Rachel Duffy
Roddy Dunlop QC
Nuala Egan
Deborah Enix-Ross
His Hon Judge Sean Enright
Jennifer Eugene
Mrs Justice Mary Faherty
Mark Fenhalls
Donald Findlay QC
Marian Flanagan
William Flenley QC
The Hon Mrs Justice Mary Gearty
Sean Gibbs

Thomas Grant QC
The Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones
Sean Guerin SC
Rosemary Guinnane
Alana Harty
Michael Harwood
Timothy Haslett
Clare Hatcher
The Reverend Mark Hatcher
Stephen Hockman QC
Richard Honey QC
Ann Hussey QC
Gordon Jackson
The Rt Hon Dame Siobhan Keegan
Brian Kennedy QC
Eithne Kennedy
Deirdre Kennedy
Mary-Clare Kennedy
Helen Khan
Alyson Kilpatrick
Ruth Kirby QC
The Rt Hon Lord Justice Clive Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Lord Lloyd Jones
Michael MacGrath SC
Neil Mackenzie QC
Elizabeth Maguire
Gerry Mcalinden
Deirdre McDonough
Paul McGarry SC
The Hon Mrs Justice Maura McGowan
Francis McGrath
Shannon McKenna
Julie McKinklay
Lewis Mooney
Deirdre Moore
Christopher Moore
Sara Moorhead SC
The Rt Hon Sir Declan Morgan QC
Lady (Adrienne) Morgan
Valentina Mori



Andrew Murphy
Guest of Andrew Murphy
Sir Robert Neill MP
David Nolan SC
Richard Nowinski
Faith Obukowho Fookes
Ms Justice Karen O'Connor
Frank O'Donoghue
Tara O'Halloran
Charles Oliver
The Hon Ms Justice Iseult O'Malley
Judge Brian O'Moore
Marwan Bey Osseiran
Joseph O'Sullivan
Lord Pentland
Lady Pentland
George Peretz QC
Sara Phelan SC
Michael Polak
Richard Pugh
Ronan Quinn
Kirk Reynolds QC
Eric Robertson
Hallie Rubenhold
The Hon Mr Justice David Schoffield
Nasreen Shah
Michael Sheil
Lady Sheil
The Rt Hon Sir John Sheil
Cameron Smith
Beebee Roomanah Soogund
Cian St. John O'Leary
The Rt Hon Lord Ben Stephens
Lady Nicola Stephens
Thomas Stewart
Rodney Stewart Smith
Susanne Tanner QC
John Temple
Guest of The Rt Hon James Wolffe QC
Henry Toner QC
Neale Tosh
Barry Valentine
Nicholas Vineall QC
Kate Vineall
David Wakefield Lyons

Yvonne Waugh
Antonia Welsh
Fergus Whyte
Richard Wilmot-Smith QC
The Rt Hon James Wolffe QC
Sarah Wolffe QC (Professor the Hon Lady Wolffe)
Derek Wood CBE QC
The Rt Hon The Lord Stephen Woolman
Mr Justice Seamus Woulfe
Tim Young
Airfat Yousaf