



Equality & Access to Justice

The essential conference for anyone interested in equality law

Date Friday, 3rd November 2023
Time 9:40am - 6:00pm
Location Allen & Overy
Bishops Square
London E1 6AD

The Discrimination Law Association's 2023 conference examines how to use discrimination law to address the growing lack of access to justice in the UK. We will consider:

- access to justice for persons with disabilities (both in court procedures and also in access to HMCTS courts and tribunals)
- international law on access to justice
- how to combat the effect of sex and race discrimination in police forces on access to justice for victims of crime
- How to use the public sector equality duty to combat advice deserts
- the Future of Equality Law and the challenges of AI

This will be a HYBRID conference - in-person as well as online. Delegates are very much encouraged to come in person to the conference but those living / working beyond the M25 are very welcome to join online

Morning programme

09:15 Registration

09:40 Welcome

09:50 Keynote speech: Access to Justice in international law

Aileen McColgan KC (11KBW)

Discussion of use of international instruments

10:45 *Break (tea/coffee)*

11:00 Plenary talk: Case law update session

Sean Jones KC (11KBW)

12:00 Breakout session 1 (*please select one of the following*):

■ Discrimination by Police: gatekeepers of victims' access to justice?

Sophie Naftalin (Bhatt Murphy)

■ Reasonable adjustments in court and tribunal procedure

John Horan (Cloisters Chambers)

Afternoon programme

2:00 Breakout session 2 (*please select one of the following*):

- Public Sector Equality Duties and access to justice
Catherine Casserley (*Cloisters Chambers*) & **Professor Richard Owen** (*Chair of The Law Society's Access to Justice Committee*)
- Reasonable adjustments and HMCTS
Elaine Banton (*7BR Chambers*) & **Mike Williams**, *Deputy Director Service Excellence at HMCTS*

3:00 *Break (tea/coffee)*

3:15 Plenary session: the future of discrimination law and the challenges of AI
Dee Masters (*Cloisters Chambers*)
Discussion

4.00 Concluding remarks from the Chair

4.30 Drinks reception

6.00 Finish

The DLA is grateful to Allen and Overy for providing catering for this year's conference as well as donating the use of their venue.

Booking information

Prices

If you're not yet a DLA member, [join now](#) to become eligible for our discounted rates: www.discriminationlaw.org.uk/membership

RATES PER DELEGATE	DLA members	Non-members
Concessionary: vol sector / student/unwaged/retired/UC	£50	£70
Full (non-concessionary):	£110	£130

How to book

Book safely online by clicking on this [link](#) where you will be able to:

- select your preferred breakout sessions
- advise us of any special requirements
- pay by debit or credit card online - no extra charge / alternatively by cheque

Booking closes Thursday 2nd November 2023

Discretionary rate

- **£25** special rate for hardship cases - to apply please email our administrator: info@discriminationlaw.org.uk

CPD points available

The DLA conference is accredited for 5.5 CPD points (Bar Standards Board and Solicitors Regulation Authority)

Breakout sessions

Places on breakout sessions will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Booking early will make it more likely that the DLA can match you with your preferred sessions.

Accessibility

The conference venue is fully accessible.

The DLA is committed to making reasonable adjustments to enable maximum access and full participation in all of its events. The DLA will try to make any adjustments when requested, however it may not be able to meet special requirements that are notified after Monday 30th October 2023.

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