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Legal Wales Conference 2024

11 October 2024, Pembrokeshire Archive Building, Haverfordwest

Conference Programme

09:00	REGISTRATION	09:30
09:30	Opening Address Jonathan Elystan Rees KC Chair of Legal Wales	09:45
09:45	Keynote address by The Counsel General for Wales	10:15
10:15	Judge Barry Clarke President of Employment Tribunals (England and Wales) Chair: Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom (President of Welsh Tribunals)	10:45
10:45	REFRESHMENT BREAK	11:10
11:15	Professor Laura McAllister CBE Chair of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales In conversation with: Huw Williams (Chief Legal Adviser, Senedd Cymru)	11:45

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All strands: 11:45	MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS	All strands: 12:45
<p>Strand 1 Freeport Developments and Opportunities in South and West Wales</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Steven Edwards Chief Executive, Milford Haven Port Authority</p> <p>Sam Pitchford Pembrokeshire County Council</p> <p>Craig Griffiths Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council</p> <p>Joanne Waters DAC Beachcroft</p> <p>Huw Davies <u>30 Park Place & Qatar Freeport</u></p> <p>Peter Ware, <u>Browne Jacobson</u></p> <p>Chair: Tim Edds Browne Jacobson</p>	<p>Strand 2 Workplace Culture and Regulatory Considerations Post Covid</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Mark Evans Deputy President of the Law Society of England and Wales</p> <p>Elizabeth Rimmer LawCare</p> <p>Richard Orpin Legal Services Board</p> <p>Solicitors' Regulatory Authority (Speaker to be confirmed)</p> <p>Chair: Clive Thomas Watkins & Gunn, Law Society Council Member, and member of the Law Society National Board for Wales</p>	<p>Strand 3 The Youard Lecture on Welsh Legal and Social History</p> <p>Giraldus Cambrensis as a Canonist: "Thrice to Rome"</p> <p>Speaker: Professor Norman Doe, KC (honoris causa), Cardiff University</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Thomas Glyn Watkin KC (honoris causa) Welsh Legal History Society</p> <p>The Pardon St Yves 2025 Prof Thomas Watkin KC</p> <p>Invitation to lawyers from Wales to attend the 2025 Pardon at Tréguier, Brittany, in honour of St Yves of Kermartin, patron saint of lawyers, advocates, canon lawyers and notaries, and co-patron saint of Brittany.</p>
12:45	LUNCH	14:00

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AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

(PLEASE NOTE: In the afternoon only, Strand 1 is a one-hour session. Strands 2 & 3 list two half hour sessions taking place in these rooms. You may attend any of the stranded sessions.)

14:00 - 15:00	14:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 14:30
<p>Strand 1 Major Public Inquiries: Challenges and Opportunities for Wales</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Stephanie Needleman Legal Director, Justice</p> <p>Christian Howells 30 Park Place</p> <p>Angharad Hurle Legal Director, Eversheds Sutherland</p> <p>Chair: Michael Imperato Consultant, Watkins & Gunn</p>	<p>Strand 2 Strand 2 (session 1) Legal Apprenticeships in Wales</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Bronwen Williams JP MSTJ Academic Director University Wales Trinity St Davids</p> <p>joined by a panel of students and apprentices</p>	<p>Strand 3 (session 1) Law Commission of Wales and England</p> <p>Introductions by the Chair:</p> <p>Rt Hon Sir Peter Fraser and the new Commissioner for the Law of Wales and Public Law:</p> <p>Prof Alison Young Sir David Williams Professor of Public Law, University of Cambridge</p>

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14:30	AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS	15:00
	<p>Strand 2 (session 2)</p> <p>A Conversation on Accessibility at the Bar: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Legal Practice</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Joseff Morgan 9 Park Place</p> <p>Angharad Price Government Legal Department</p> <p>Rebecca Griffiths Apex Chambers</p> <p>Ewen MacLeod, Director of Strategy and Policy Bar Standards Board</p> <p>Chair: Caroline Rees KC Leader of the Wales and Chester Circuit</p>	<p>Strand 3 (session 2)</p> <p>Pathfinder: Why the pilot was transformative in Wales</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> HH Judge Gaynor Lloyd</p> <p>and</p> <p>District Judge Dylan Lloyd Jones</p> <p><u>Chair:</u></p> <p>The Hon Mrs Justice Morgan DBE Family Presiding Judge for Wales</p>
15:00	AFTERNOON BREAK	15:20

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15:20	Law Council of Wales Update Rt Hon Lord Lloyd-Jones JSC	15:25
15:30	Ambassador Stephen J Rapp Former US Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues & Senior Visiting Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford Chair: Jonathan Elystan Rees KC	16:00
16:00	The President of the Supreme Court Rt Hon. Lord Reed of Allermuir Chair: TBC	16:30
16:30	The Lady Chief Justice of Wales and England Rt Hon. Baroness Carr of Walton-on-the-Hill DBE (To include the Presentation of the Sir Samuel Evans Prize 2024 for the best undergraduate result at a Welsh Law School) Chair: Huw Williams Senedd Cymru	17:00
17:00	Close of Conference Jonathan Elystan Rees KC	17:15

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19:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Conference Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tŷ Milford Hotel Milford Docks, Milford Haven</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Guest Speaker:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Hyde Senior Reporter Law Society Gazette</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner in the Dulse Restaurant</p>	Until late
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