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14-16 November 2024

Delta Hotels Bristol City Centre

Keynote Speaker:

The Rt Hon Lord Justice Peter Jackson

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THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

13:30 – 15:00	Registration Welcome gift sponsored by Coram Chambers	
15:00 – 15:30	Welcome and AGM – Wifi sponsored by 3DJB	
15:30 – 16:30	Legal Aid Update – Samantha Little , Solicitor, Russell-Cooke LLP and Nicola Jones-King , Solicitor, Taylor Rose	
16:30 – 17:00	Tea/Coffee	
17:00 – 17:45	Men’s experiences of domestic abuse: the impact of stereotypes on barriers to help-seeking – Dr Elizabeth Bates , PhD, Associate Professor in Family Violence and Abuse and Principal Lecturer in Psychology and Psychological Therapies, University of Cumbria	
17:45 – 18:45	The assessment of neurodiverse children and young people, and the impact of neurodiversity on care planning – Dr Simon Bird , Consultant Clinical Psychologist	
18:45 – 19:15	Babies in care proceedings: what do we know about parents with learning disabilities or learning difficulties? – Mary Ryan , Associate, Nuffield Family Justice Observatory	
19:15	Buffet supper Dinner wine sponsored by Albion Chambers	

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

07:30 – 09:00	Breakfast	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration for new delegates	
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and Introduction Her Honour Judge Stephanie Cope , Senior Circuit Judge, Designated Family Judge, Bristol Civil and Family Justice Centre – Conference Chair Co Chairs’ Report, Somia Siddiq , ITN solicitors and Sharon Segal KC , 1GC Family Law	
09:30 – 10:30	Keynote presentation by The Rt Hon Lord Justice Peter Jackson	
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Presentation by DNA Legal from 1050am-11am	
11:00 – 12:00	Minoritised children in care proceedings Professor Cheruvallil-Contractor , Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, University of Coventry	
12:00 – 13:15	WORKSHOP A (1) Beyond Together and Apart- sibling relationships in care proceedings Shelagh Beckett , Child Care Consultancy (2) Alienating Behaviours – the challenges and the solutions Dr Emily Phibbs , Chartered Clinical Psychologist (3) Kinship Care: Where are we up to? Caroline Lynch , Principal Legal Adviser, Family Rights Group (4) Children’s Voices in Surrogacy Dr Katherine Wade , Lecturer in Law, University of Bristol Law School (5) Female Genital Mutilation and the Family Court Nkumbe Ekaney KC and Lucy Bennett , 1GC Family Law (6) Care Proceedings with an International Element Fiona Robinson , Service Manager, Children and Families Across Borders and Maria Wright , Solicitor, Hunters Law LLP	



FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER (Continued)

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:15 **Panel Discussion: Contact in Adoption**
Kate Hughes KC, 9 Park Place and **Professor Julie Selwyn CBE**, Department of Education, University of Oxford, chaired by **The Hon. Mrs Justice Judd DBE**, Family Presiding Judge for the Western Circuit

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15:15 – 16:30 **WORKSHOP B**

- (1) **Beyond Together and Apart- sibling relationships in care proceedings**
Shelagh Beckett, Child Care Consultancy
- (2) **Alienating Behaviours – the challenges and the solutions**
Dr Emily Phibbs, Chartered Clinical Psychologist
- (3) **Kinship Care: Where are we up to?**
Caroline Lynch, Principal Legal Adviser, Family Rights Group
- (4) **Children’s Voices in Surrogacy**
Dr Katherine Wade, Lecturer in Law, University of Bristol Law School
- (5) **Female Genital Mutilation and the Family Court**
Nkumbe Ekane KC and Lucy Bennett, 1GC Family Law
- (6) **Care Proceedings with an International Element**
Fiona Robinson, Service Manager, Children and Families Across Borders and
Maria Wright, Solicitor, Hunters Law LLP

16:30 – 17:00 Tea/Coffee

17:00 – 18:00 **How a trauma lens can help us navigate common issues in the Family Court**
Sheena Webb, Consultant Clinical Psychologist

19:30 **Pre dinner drinks**

20:00 **Gala dinner**
 Drinks reception sponsored by Lextox
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SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

07:30 – 09:30 Breakfast

09:00 – 09:30 Registration for new delegates

09:30 – 10:30 **Private Law Update – Edward Lamb KC**, Deka chambers
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10:30 – 11:30 **Burns, Bites and Bruises – Dr Joanne Gifford**, Designated Doctor Child Safeguarding, Coventry and Warwickshire, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Coventry, and Warwickshire Partnership Trust

11:30 – 12:00 Tea/Coffee

12:00 – 13:15 **Public Law Update – Jo Brown KC**, 4PB
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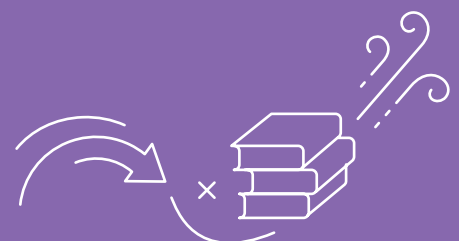
13:15 Closing Remarks and Lunch



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