

Social Housing Law & Practice Conference 2015

The major annual conference addressing all of the important developments in social housing law and practice

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LONDON

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This year's brand new programme includes:

- **The Housing Manager in Court** – including: rights of audience, evidence, adjournments, costs and appeals
- **Tenancy Fraud: the housing manager's role**
- **Thorny Problems and Solutions: succession, joint tenancy problems, safety inspection difficulties and possession cases**
- **ASB Update: the new cases and legislation**
- **What's Been Happening and What's on the Horizon?**
- **Ask the Experts: two Q&A panel sessions to raise your questions**

SPEAKERS

- **Jan Luba QC** (Chairman and speaker),
Garden Court Chambers
- **Peter Marcus**, Barrister, Zenith Chambers
- **Katrina Robinson**, Solicitor and Head of Legal Services,
Viridian Housing
- **Michael Owen**, Partner, Capsticks LLP Solicitors

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Lime Legal's Social Housing Law & Practice Conference is one of the top events in the calendar for housing professionals and lawyers.

This year's 11th anniversary conference will be presented by leading experts and addresses a range of important topics that everyone who works in social housing is likely to encounter in their work.

The programme comprises superb case law and legislation updates coupled with talks devoted to important new powers and duties including ASB and Tenancy Fraud.

This year's event is really one not to be missed!

SPECIAL FEATURE

By popular demand, we have a special session devoted to the legal and practical issues for housing managers and officers appearing in court. Peter Marcus, a highly experienced, specialist housing barrister, will offer guidance on rights of audience, evidential requirements, adjournments, costs and appeals.

Who should attend?

- Housing managers and officers
- Tenancy managers and officers
- Neighbourhood housing teams
- Service development personnel
- ASB/enforcement/community protection teams
- Housing policy staff
- Lawyers
- Heads of housing and heads of housing management



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Testimonials

'Great conference as usual – saves me masses of time/work/money trying to find out all this for myself!'

Housing Manager

'Great – can't wait for next year's conference'

Legal Assistant

'Great conference as usual'

LA Service Development Manager

'Really well tailored to current issues'

Housing Manager

'Very insightful and useful'

Housing Area Manager

'I've been in housing many years and I learnt a lot today'

Senior Housing Officer

'Good range of topics with good quality speakers – got a lot of very useful information'

Policy Officer

'Thoroughly enjoyable day'

Housing Officer

SPEAKERS

Jan Luba QC (Chairman and speaker) Garden Court Chambers. Jan Luba is quite simply one of the leading experts on social housing law in the country. His legal knowledge and understanding of the challenges those working in social housing face is extraordinary.

Peter Marcus Barrister, Zenith Chambers is a specialist in housing law work. Peter has extensive experience in advising in and appearing in court as an advocate in a wide range of housing cases including anti-social behaviour, possession, and other housing related litigation (injunction access, statutory nuisance and much more besides). He has a wealth of knowledge, and front-line court experience. He also has a deserved reputation as an informative and highly entertaining lecturer on housing law and practice.

Katrina Robinson Solicitor and head of legal services, Viridian Housing. Katrina specialises in housing law and has been qualified for over 17 years.

Michael Owen Partner, Capsticks LLP Solicitors. He advises social landlords nationally on all aspects of housing litigation including anti-social behaviour cases.

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Programme

09.15–10.00

Registration and Refreshments

10.00–10.10

Chairman's Introduction

Jan Luba QC

10.10–11.00

Tenancy Fraud: The Housing Manager's Role

Katrina Robinson

- The legal framework
- The powers in practice
 - investigation
 - letters before action
 - drafting notices
- What about fraud by only one of two joint tenants?
- Tackling 'Right to Buy' fraud
- Anti-fraud tenancy agreement policies
- When do you need to 'lawyer-up'?
- Unlawful profit orders: how to get the 'rent' money back from landlords who have sub-let unlawfully
- Criminal sanctions

11.00–11.15

Refreshments

11.15–12.05

The Housing Manager in Court

Peter Marcus

- Rights of audience
 - when you can and cannot appear without a lawyer
 - what if you have to give evidence?
- Overriding duties to the court and the defendant
- Evidence – use of 'Hearsay' evidence
- Documentary evidence – witness statements that hit home to the judge
- Photographs to the rescue – a picture paints a thousand words
- Adjournments
 - when to request one and how to get it
 - how to resist a defendant's delaying tactics and get the order you need
- Costs
 - when and how to challenge a tenant's legal aid funding
 - going for a costs order against the tenant
 - how to avoid adverse costs orders

■ Appeals

- when, why and how?
- will the District Judge resent an appeal and hold it against you?

12.05–12.50

Thorny Problems and Solutions

Jan Luba QC

- Joint tenancies
- Death and Succession
- Giving and getting 'Notice to Quit'
- Fire safety
- Gas inspections
- Other access issues
- Non-ASB possession claims: the latest cases

12.50–13.15

Questions and Answers

Panel

13.15–14.15

Lunch

14.15–15.05

ASB Update: The New Case Law and Legislation

Michael Owen

- The revolution in available remedies
- The new injunctions in practice
- New powers for dealing with gangs
- Getting possession: case law update

15.05–15.25

Refreshments

15.25–16.10

What's Been Happening and What's on the Horizon?

Jan Luba QC

- Unfair terms in tenancy agreements: the new law
- Assured tenancies: new forms
- The Regulator gets tough – the Regulatory Notices we never thought would be issued
- Housing Ombudsman decisions update
- What next in the Courts?

16.10–16.30

Questions and Answers

Panel

16.30

Close of Conference

