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PROGRAMME

09:30 - 11:00

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Deputy High Court Judge Margaret Obi

FIRESIDE CHAT

Richard Ratcliffe in conversation with **Penny Madden KC**

11:30 - 13:00

1. Judicial Review

It has been over two years since the Supreme Court in *SC & Ors* criticised NGOs that ‘support legal challenges brought in their names, as a means of continuing their campaigns’ and stressed that the courts must respect ‘the boundaries between legality and the political process’. This session will enable us to consider whether there has been a change in the courts approach to judicial review in recent years or if cases have simply reflected our longstanding constitutional separation of powers. The panel will consider recent public law developments and issues such as standing, human rights grounds and the level of deference given to government decision-making.

Julian Ghosh KC, One Essex Court
Clare Jennings, Gold Jennings

2. Public Order and Protests

The right to protest is fundamental in a democratic society. Recent years have seen a number of movements demanding change, from racism in our society and institutions, to the urgent challenge of the climate crisis. This session will consider recent cases and legislative developments which have tested the ability to protest. In particular, it will look at the history of protest laws, as well as contemporary challenges as seen most recently in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2023 and the Public Order Act 2023.

Matt Foot, Birnberg Peirce
Alice Hardy, Bindmans LLP

3. Inquests and Inquiries

Black and racialised people are disproportionately subject to state violence and neglect, sometimes with fatal consequences. However, the role played by race and racism in state-related deaths remains largely absent from inquests and inquiries. In light of the expected publication of the Grenfell Inquiry report in 2024, this panel will explore the role of racism in deaths involving the state and the importance of raising race as an issue in post-death investigations

Una Morris, Garden Court Chambers

13:45– 15:15

4. Crime

The criminal justice system is facing severe challenges on multiple fronts, from policing to the courts backlog and major interferences with the rights to liberty and privacy for those accused and for witnesses. This session will explore recent developments in the criminal law, from recent judgments concerning the sentencing of children, to police accountability particularly in the wake of Baroness Casey’s report on the Metropolitan Police.

Garry Green KC, Doughty Street Chambers
Abimbola Johnson, Doughty Street Chambers

5. Social Welfare

This session will discuss the latest legal developments within social welfare, housing and community care law, taking special account of the challenges posed by the cost of living crisis and its resulting impact on human rights.

Bethan Harris, Garden Court Chambers
Zia Nabi, Doughty Street Chambers
James Stark, Garden Court North Chambers

6. Immigration and Asylum

Migration and asylum policy has again been the subject of Parliamentary legislation, political debate and litigation in the courts. In this session, we want to take a step back and consider the wider issue of “safe and legal routes” to the UK which is becoming an increasingly discussed topic. The panel will discuss existing Government schemes, such as the Afghan resettlement scheme, considering how these have worked and what lessons should be learned for any future schemes. In light of the Illegal Migration Bill becoming law and the Government’s Rwanda policy, the panel will consider the discussion of safe and legal routes in the context of the UK’s international obligations under the Refugee Convention and the ECHR.

Stephanie Harrison KC, Garden Court Chambers
Nath Gbikpi, Leigh Day
Vicky Tennant, UNHCR Representative to the United Kingdom

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Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws KC, President of JUSTICE Council

15:30 - 17:15

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

Max Hill KC, current Director of Public Prosecutions for England and Wales

PLENARY DEBATE ON JUSTICE AND PARTY MANIFESTOS

Chair: **I. Stephanie Boyce**

Lord Anderson of Ipswich KBE KC
The Rt Hon Sir Robert Buckland KC MP
The Rt Hon the Lord Falconer of Thoroton KC
The Lord Marks of Henley-on-Thames KC

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