

A unique conference with leading housing experts from the South West and South Wales.

A conference for: Housing policy and practice managers and officers • Local Authority and RSL Housing managers and officers • Housing solicitors and barristers • Voluntary, community and social enterprise advisors • Children and adult social care services



Meeting Housing Needs

Developments in Law and Practice in South West England & South Wales

Chaired by Jan Luba QC

One Day Conference

Tuesday 19th January 2010

speakers

- **Dr. Michael Biles**
Housing Ombudsman England
- **Jan Luba QC**
Garden Court Chambers
- **Steve Povey**
Shelter Cymru
- **District Judge Julie Exton**
Bristol County Court
- **Derek McConnell**
South West Law

including topics on

Key developments in housing allocation

Possession proceedings and the court

Mortgage repossession: recent initiatives

Housing young people and other vulnerable groups

Housing issues: 2010 and beyond

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Programme

Morning Session

09.30 Registration and Refreshments

10.00 **Chairman's Introduction**
Jan Luba QC

10.10 **Keynote Address**
Meeting Housing Needs: Best practice for housing associations and local authorities in meeting the housing needs of applicants and new tenants
Dr. Michael Biles
Housing Ombudsman England

10.50 **Tenants and owners in difficulty: What help from the Courts in avoiding homelessness?**
District Judge Julie Exton
Bristol County Court

11.30 Refreshments

11.50 **Allocations and Homelessness in Wales and England - getting the law and practice right: Codes, court cases and complaints**
Jan Luba QC
Co-author of Housing Allocation & Homelessness

- Applications and homelessness prevention
- Intentional homelessness: the latest law and guidance
- Housing the homeless: what's new?
- Allocation schemes: the new guidance
- Allocation schemes: the new law

12.35 Questions to the panel

13.00 LUNCH

Afternoon Session

14.00 **Housing Need: Helping the most vulnerable with social housing**
Steve Povey
Solicitor, Shelter Cymru

- Teenagers
- Adults with support needs
- Families not entitled to allocation or homelessness support
- Helping the destitute
- Dealing with the bankrupts

14.40 **Home Owners: Helping the mortgage defaulters**
Derek McConnell
Co-author of Defending Possession Proceedings

- Maximising income, reducing outgoings
- Support with mortgage payments
- Temporary support from lenders
- Mortgage rescue in England
- Mortgage rescue in Wales

15.15 Tea

15.35 **Looking ahead: 2010 and beyond**
Jan Luba QC

- The 10-year strategy in Wales
- The new Regulator in England
- The 2010 targets in England
- The pending cases in the Courts

16.00 Questions and answers

16.30 Closing remarks

16.45 Conference ends

delegates will receive:

- * Conference Notes
- * Hot Buffet Lunch
- * Discounted Car Parking

Speaker Profiles

Dr. Michael Biles

Housing Ombudsman England

Dr Michael Biles has been the head of the Housing Ombudsman Service since 2001. Under the Housing Act 1996 the Ombudsman is statutorily responsible for investigating complaints in relation to providers registered with the Tenant Services Authority and private landlords who agree to participate in the Ombudsman scheme.

Jan Luba QC

Garden Court Chambers

One of the country's leading housing practitioners who specialises in public sector housing. He has an enviable reputation having appeared in the majority of recent leading housing cases in the Court of Appeal and what is now the Supreme Court. He lectures widely and has a clear appreciation of not only the legal theory but also what happens in the real world.

Steve Povey

Shelter Cymru

Steve is a specialist housing law adviser working for Shelter Cymru. He has many years of training experience and has the knack of being able to explain complex legal issues in a clear and amusing way.

District Judge Julie Exton

Bristol County Court

District Judge Exton sits at the Bristol County Court. She has considerable experience of housing related litigation having previously been in private practice in Bristol.

Derek McConnell

South West Law

Solicitor with South West Law based in Bristol, Derek has years of experience as a legal aid lawyer representing the consumers of housing. Derek is a member of the Duty Representation scheme in the Bristol County Court. He has a national reputation as an expert in the law relating to owner-occupation.

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