

BICBA LAW FORUM

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Thursday 4 April 2019

The Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh

All Day Conference

with Drinks Reception in the historic Parliament Hall
and Dinner in the Signet Library

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Law in a Time of Change: Innovation, Transformation, Stability?

Overview

The 8th annual British Irish Commercial Law Forum will be held at the Signet Library, Edinburgh. The theme of the conference is innovation and transformation, with speakers addressing both practical and legal matters during this time of geopolitical change and technological development. This conference will be of value to practitioners, in-house counsel and businesses generally. Attracting the highest calibre of speakers, the conference provides an ideal opportunity to network across the four jurisdictions.

Speakers include

- The Right Hon. Lord Hodge, Justice of the Supreme Court
- The Right Hon. Lady Dorrian, Lord Justice Clerk
- The Lord Advocate, James Wolffe QC
- His Honour Judge Richard Pearce
- The Hon. Justice David Barniville
- Ash Denham MSP, Scottish Minister for Community Safety
- The Hon. Lord Docherty, Principal Commercial Court Judge

Venue

The Signet Library, in the centre of Edinburgh's historic Old Town, is synonymous with Scottish legal heritage and Georgian elegance. Steeped in history, the building is home to the prestigious Society of Writers to HM Signet. Dating back to the 15th century, Writers to the Signet (or 'WS') were recognised in 1532 as the original solicitors in Scotland's Supreme Courts.

Programme (may be subject to change)

- 9:00 **Registration**
- 9:15 Introduction by Craig Connal QC, Vice-Chairman, Scotland, BICBA
- 9:20 **Welcome to Edinburgh**
Ash Denham MSP, Scottish Minister for Community Safety
- 9:30 **Opening Address**
The Right Hon. Lord Hodge, Justice of the UK Supreme Court
- 10:15 **Panel Session – Innovation and Modernisation**
Robert Browne (Chair), McKeever Solicitors, Chairman BICBA (Ireland)
His Honour Judge Mark Pelling QC
Mr Justice Mark Horner
Andrew Grantham, Barrister, Kings Chambers, Chairman of the Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
Mr Justice Peter Kelly
- 11:15 **Coffee**
- 11:45 **Address**
The Rt Hon Lady Dorrian, Lord Justice Clerk
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **Address**
The Lord Advocate, James Wolffe QC
- 14:45 **Panel Session – Technology and Transformation**
David Lister (Chair), Ernst & Young
His Honour Judge Richard Pearce
Monye Anyadike-Danes QC, The Bar of Northern Ireland
Roisin Higgins QC, Faculty of Advocates
Harshiv Thakerar, Augusta Ventures
- 15:45 **Coffee**
- 16:00 **Address**
The Hon Mr Justice David Barniville
- 16:45 **Closing Session**
- 18:30 **Drinks Reception** in Parliament Hall, Supreme Courts of Scotland
by the kind permission of the Lord President
- 19:30 **Conference Dinner** in the Signet Library
Dinner Speaker: The Hon Lord Doherty, Principal Commercial Court Judge

See over for further information – registration, accommodation, directions

Registration

Full rate £250

Junior rate* £125

***Lawyers under 5 years call/PQE**

Delegate registration fee includes:

- Entrance to conference sessions
- Conference papers
- Lunch
- Refreshments during conference breaks
- Drinks reception in the historic Parliament Hall
- Gala dinner in the Signet Library

[Online registration is open - click here](#)

Payment can be made by bank transfer or cheque

Cancellation Policy:

Before 20 March 2019 – 50% refund of registration fee

After 20 March 2019 – no refund

Accommodation

- Fraser Suites, 12-26 St Giles Street, Edinburgh
Exclusive 10% discount code: SIGNET
- Radisson Collection Hotel, 1 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh
10% discount on best available rate with corporate ID: 155832
- Marriott Residence Inn, 36 Simpson Loan, Quartermile
Exclusive 10% discount code: 649
- The Balmoral Hotel, 1 Princes Street, Edinburgh
- Motel One, 18-21 Market Street, Edinburgh
- Ibis Edinburgh Centre, Royal Mile, 6 Hunter Square, Edinburgh

For further information on registration, accommodation and enquiries:

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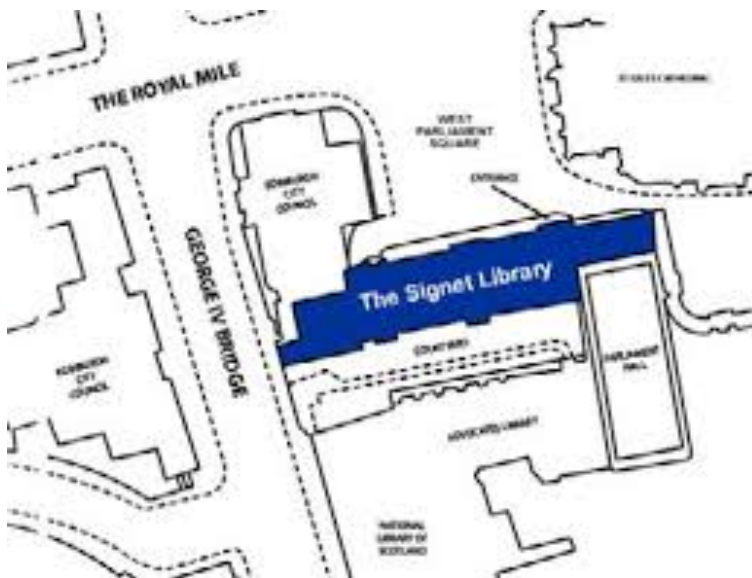
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Directions

Parliament Square is off the Royal Mile in the centre of Edinburgh and is a short walk from Waverley Rail Station, Princes Street and George Street.

Parking is available in the nearby NCP car park on Castle Terrace and within the Radisson Hotel on the Royal Mile, or there is metered parking nearby. There is no parking available at the conference venue. Taxis are plentiful. Several bus routes pass the Royal Mile or the Mound. The Signet Library is 0.2 miles from Waverley Railway Station and 6.7 miles from Edinburgh Airport.



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