



BICBA LAW FORUM

Thursday 4 April 2019

The Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh

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 Doherty, 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.

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Programme*

- 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 on Innovation and Modernisation**
Robert Browne (Chair), McKeever Rowan, 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
- 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 on Technology and Transformation**
Philip Goodwin (Chair), Ernst & Young
His Honour Judge Richard Pearce
Michael Humphreys QC
- 15:45 Coffee
- 16:00 **Address:** 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** at the Signet Library
Dinner speaker: The Hon. Lord Doherty, Principal Commercial Court Judge

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Registration

Delegate registration

Full rate £250

Junior rate* £125

* Lawyers under 5 years call/PQE

Registration fee includes

Entrance to conference sessions

Conference papers

Lunch

Refreshments during conference breaks

Drinks reception in the historic Parliament Hall

Gala dinner at the Signet Library

[Online registration is open](#)

Payment can be made by credit card or bank transfer.

Cancellation policy

Before 20 March 2019 – 50% refund of registration

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

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Directions

Parliament Square is off the Royal Mile in the centre of Edinburgh and 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 Train Station and 6.7 miles from Edinburgh Airport.

