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The Future of

Legal Education and

Training Conference 2019

Welcome

We are delighted you will be joining us at The *Legal Cheek* Future of Legal Education and Training Conference 2019, jointly lead sponsored by BPP University Law School and The University of Law, on Wednesday 22 May at Kings Place, London.

In preparation for the day we have put together this document which outlines all the logistical information you need to attend the event, as well as session timings and speaker profiles.

View the full list of organisations attending [here](#)

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*A few words from **Alex Aldridge**, publisher of Legal Cheek*

“As the clock ticks down to the introduction of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE), the focus is turning to practical implementation. The situation is similar at the bar, where parallel proposals are aiming to increase the flexibility and reduce the cost of qualifying as a lawyer. Our speakers, who include SQE architect Julie Brannan and other leading figures, will consider how the changes will be brought to life, while answering delegates’ questions in wide-reaching interactive sessions.

Meanwhile, at undergraduate level law faculties are starting to build collaborations with computer science departments and legal tech companies to meet firms’ demand for tech-savvy future lawyers, ideally with an entrepreneurial streak. We’re seeing interesting developments, too, around clinical legal education and apprenticeships, as new routes into the profession evolve. And a renewed focus on mental health in legal education and training is helping law firms and chambers to confront some tricky issues about the wellbeing of their solicitors and barristers. During the course of the day speakers will explore these themes.

Drawing this together to provide the big picture view will be keynote speaker Professor Richard Susskind OBE, the preeminent voice on how tech is revolutionising law and legal education.

Thank you to our lead sponsors, BPP University Law School and The University of Law, for helping us put on this event, alongside our silver sponsors, LexisNexis, Nottingham Law School and STEM Future Lawyers, and our additional sponsors, Neota Logic, Cornerstone Barristers and Hardwicke. We hope that you have a great day.”

Information for delegates

Conference Venue, Directions & Accommodation



The Conference will be held at Kings Place, London. Full address and contact details are given below for your reference:

Kings Place

90 York Way
King's Cross, London
N1 9AG

Public Transport

Tube

The nearest Tube station is King's Cross St. Pancras, which can be accessed via the Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan, Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria lines.

There are two routes of similar walking distance from this station. King's Boulevard is a more scenic route while York Way is a more direct route.

Train

King's Cross St. Pancras and Euston are the nearest mainline railway stations. Eurostar travellers will arrive at St. Pancras International.

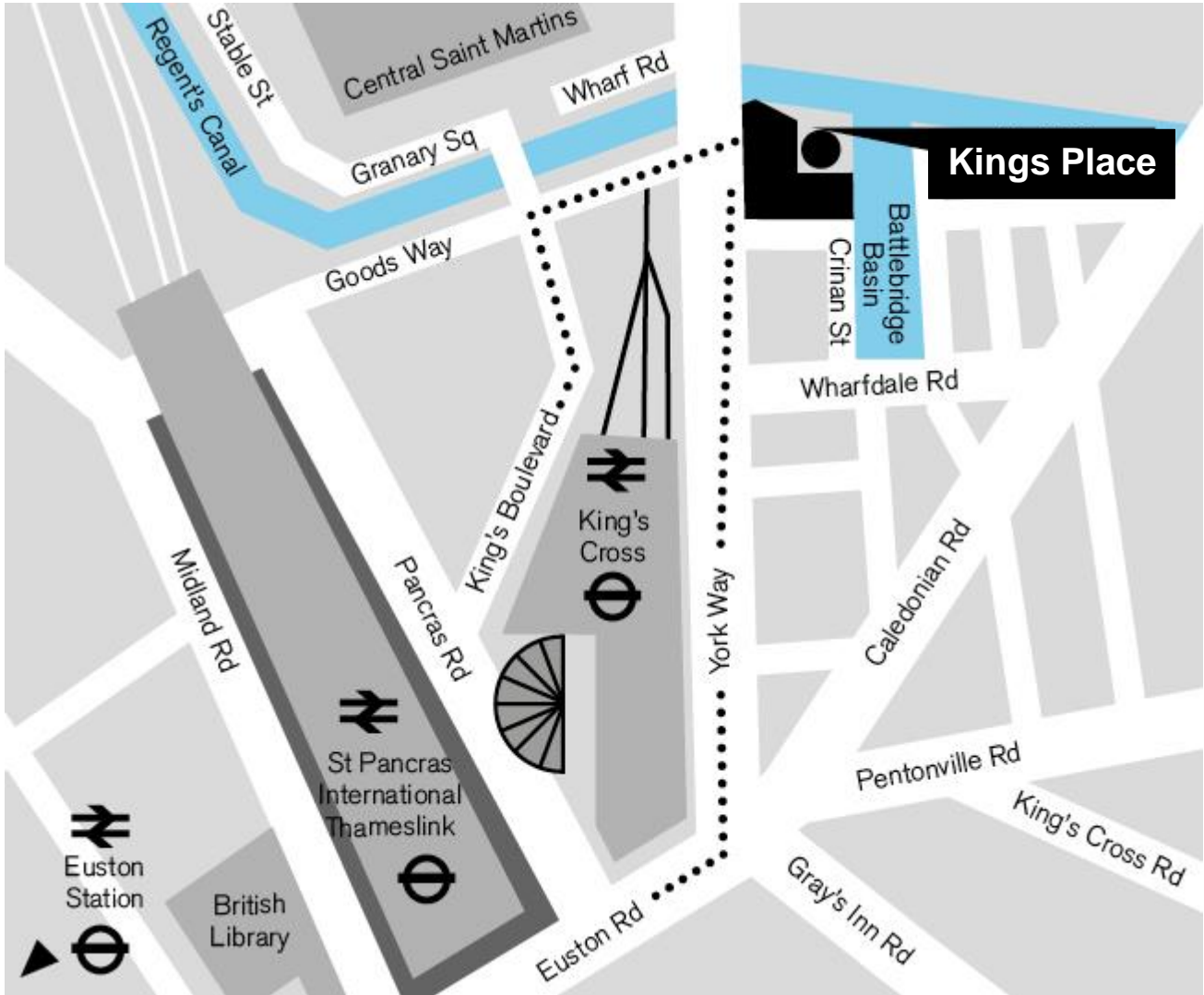
Bus

The nearest bus route to York Way/Kings Place is the 390. [Click here for the 390 bus route information.](#)

Other services running to nearby King's Cross St. Pancras are bus routes 10, 17, 30, 45, 46, 59, 63, 73, 91, 205, 214, 259 and 476.

Car
Kings Place has no dedicated public parking. The nearest public car park is at St. Pancras International Station on Pancras Road (London N1C 4TB). There is also King's Cross Car Park on Canal Reach (London N1C 4BA).
Limited parking is available to visitors in the surrounding streets. The building is outside of the Congestion Charge zone.

Map



Accommodation

Based in the heart of London, Kings Place is close to a number of hotels.
If you are searching for accommodation nearby you may find the following link useful:
<http://kingsplaceevents.co.uk/venue/hotels/>

Conference Organising Team – Contact Details

If you have any questions regarding your attendance at the Conference before the event, please contact the Events Coordinator at 020 7254 7283 or aishah.hussain@legalcheek.com

During the event, the team will be onsite to assist you. However, should you need to contact a member of the team by telephone please contact the Events Coordinator at 07505 890 202.

Registration & Conference Support Desk

The Registration & Conference support desk will be located in the Music Foyer of Kings Place where you can collect your name badge before you enter the event.

Please note that it is important that you wear your name badge to access each Conference session.

The following services will be available from this point:

- Name badge collection
- General enquiries and directions

Dress Code

The dress code is business attire or smart casual.

Security

There is a cloakroom available for you to use in Kings Place's Horsfall Room.

Please note that anything left in the cloakroom is at your own risk.

Neither the venue nor *Legal Cheek* will accept responsibility for anything left in this area.

Access

Wheelchair

At the main entrance of the building there are two accessible doors operated by a large button at wheelchair height and a lift to access the Music Foyer level.

The Stalls floor of Hall One and the St Pancras Room have level access from the Concert level (level -2, basement level). The Balcony floor of Hall One is located on the Gallery level (level -1, basement level). These floors can be reached via the main lift in the ground floor foyer.

Hall One has several dedicated wheelchair user spaces and the flexible seating in the St Pancras Room means that wheelchair users can be accommodated. Please provide the Conference Organising Team with advanced notice should you require space to accommodate a wheelchair. Further access information can be found [here](#).

Visually Impaired

For visually impaired audience members, please provide the Conference Organising Team with advanced notice and we will reserve seats towards the front of Hall One.

If you have any further queries regarding access, please contact the venue at 020 7520 1490 or info@kingsplace.co.uk or the Conference Organising Team in advance of the event.

Photography

Photography and filming will be taking place in all sessions of the Conference.

Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi will be available to use throughout the venue.

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Programme

During the event please consult the programme as advertised on Hall One screens

08:30 – 09:20	Registration and networking breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect your name badge from the registration desk Breakfast (traditional, herbal and fruit teas, coffee, pastries, muffins, fruit and yoghurt) is served on Kings Place's open mezzanine Gallery Level
09:30 Hall One	Conference starts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by <i>Legal Cheek</i> publisher Alex Aldridge
09:40 – 10:40 Hall One	Morning session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1: <u>Embedding entrepreneurship into legal education and training</u> <i>TED-style talks delivered by lawyers turned legal entrepreneurs followed by Q&A discussion chaired by Legal Cheek editor Tom Connelly</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dana Denis-Smith, founder of First 100 Years and CEO of Obelisk Support Mary Bonsor, co-founder and CEO of F-LEX Yasmin Sheikh, founder of Diverse Matters
10:40 – 11:00 Gallery Level	Networking break	
11:10 – 12:30 Hall One	Mid-morning session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 2: <u>Cross-disciplinary skills</u> <i>Interactive discussion about the coming together, in particular, of law and computer science delivered by sector thought leaders Supported by LexisNexis and STEM Future Lawyers</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Curphey (chair), head of development (innovation technology) at BPP University Law School Jonathan Kewley, partner at Clifford Chance and co-head of the firm's Tech Group Jessica Burdon, innovation consultant at Freshfields Jeremy Coleman, innovation manager EMEA at Norton Rose Fulbright Dr John Haskell, senior lecturer at University of Manchester Dani McCormick, director of solutions at LexisNexis
12:30 – 13:20 Gallery Level	Networking lunch	
13:30 – 14:50* Session 3a: Hall One	Afternoon session 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 3a: <u>The SQE: Next Steps</u> <i>Centrepiece debate, chaired by Legal Cheek publisher Alex Aldridge, focusing on the practical effects of the new Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Brannan, director of education and training at Solicitors Regulation Authority Professor Ken Oliphant, head of Bristol Law School, University of Bristol Morette Jackson, director of business development at The University of Law Patrick McCann, global head of learning and development at Linklaters
Session 3b: St Pancras Room	Afternoon session 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 3b: <u>Education and training at the bar</u>

		<p><i>Discussion on the BSB-endorsed changes to the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) and how barrister training should evolve to adequately prepare the next generation of advocates</i> <i>Supported by Hardwicke and Cornerstone Barristers</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deveral Capps (chair), dean of Leeds Law School, Leeds Beckett University and Bar Standards Board's Future Bar Training Programme Board member of the Curriculum and Assessment Review group 2. Andrew Lane, public law barrister at Cornerstone Barristers 3. Mark Keith, BPTC design lead at BPP University Law School 4. Ebony Alleyne, commercial barrister at Hardwicke 5. James Wakefield, director of the Council of the Inns of Court and dean of the Inns of Court College of Advocacy 6. Jacqueline Cheltenham, national director of The University of Law's BPTC
14:50 – 15:10 Gallery Level	Networking break	
15:20 – 16:20* Session 4a: TBC (please consult Hall One screens)	Afternoon session 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 4a: <u>Clinical legal education</u> <i>Panel session featuring a diverse range of universities, law firms and legal tech companies doing interesting things in this area</i> <i>Supported by Nottingham Law School and Neota Logic</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor Richard Owen (chair), professor of law at Swansea University 2. Laura Pinkney, head of Nottingham Law School Legal Advice Centre, Nottingham Trent University 3. Victoria Roper, senior lecturer at Northumbria University 4. Frances Bennett, resource manager at Burges Salmon 5. Maeve Lavelle, director of education and community programmes EMEA at Neota Logic
	Afternoon session 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 4b: <u>Mental health, wellbeing and resilience</u> <i>Discussion on mental illness in the law and what can be done to address rising concerns</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elizabeth Rimmer (chair), CEO of LawCare 2. Professor Richard Collier, professor of law and social theory at Newcastle University 3. Lloyd Rees, knowledge lawyer at Freshfields 4. Kayleigh Leonie, Junior Lawyers Division committee member and employment solicitor at Macfarlanes 5. PJ Kirby QC, commercial silk and joint head of Hardwicke 6. Zoe Swan, senior lecturer and undergraduate law course leader at University of Brighton
16:25 – 17:00 Session 5: Hall One	Keynote speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 5: Keynote speech Professor Richard Susskind OBE, <i>the preeminent voice on how tech is revolutionising law and legal education, to deliver a closing keynote speech summarising the direction of the future of legal education and training in the years ahead</i>
17:00 – 17:05	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by <i>Legal Cheek</i> publisher Alex Aldridge
17:10 – 17:20 Gallery Level	Networking	
17:30	Event close	

*Please could you mark which sessions you will attend during the afternoon when the Conference splits into two streams [here](#)

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