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- Criminal law and human rights
- The new Equality Bill
- Asylum and immigration
- Human rights on the battlefield
- Judicial review
- Extradition
- The new inquests system
- The media and human rights
- Public order, policing and protest

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WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

Human rights law is about striking the balance between competing interests in difficult situations. It inevitably engages where there is crisis, conflict and controversy.

Should soldiers be protected by the Human Rights Act as well as body armour? Should equality law bend to the reality of an economic recession? In an era of 24/7 news and gossip – is the press saint or sinner? How should the police respond to public protest?

From broad brush principles to the minutiae of the latest developments, the Human Rights Law Conference gives a comprehensive and expert analysis of how human rights law is responding to fast-moving events.

Now in its 11th year, this key event is the established forum for ensuring that delegates are fully up to date with all the pertinent issues across a wide range of practice and policy areas.

ENJOY A WIDE-RANGING CONFERENCE

- **Update your knowledge of key areas** – at popular updaters sessions on criminal law, immigration and judicial review
- **Ensure you are aware of major new developments** – such as forthcoming legislation to radically change equality law and the conduct of inquests
- **Learn how human rights law is striking the balance** in hotly-contested arenas – on the battlefield, on the streets, and in the media
- **Discuss the issues that affect your work**, and exchange experience and ideas with delegates from government departments, the legal profession and academia
- **Get a glimpse of the future** – as likely trends are highlighted and analysed

SPECIALIST WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Specialist breakout sessions, each run by leading specialists, will provide in-depth coverage of particularly topical areas:

- Criminal law
- The Equality Bill
- Asylum and immigration
- Human rights on the battlefield
- Judicial review
- Extradition
- Inquests
- The media and human rights

BENEFIT FROM EXPERT ANALYSIS OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS:

- **A comprehensive review of the past 12 months in human rights law** – what you need to know and why
- **Pack, rifle, lawyer** – what will the latest judgments mean for the armed forces?
- **Judicial review** – how will the new Supreme Court affect practice and procedure?
- **Crime and human rights** – what's new from the courts and in Parliament?
- **From Max Mosley to MPs' expenses** – when does the right to know become an undue invasion of privacy?
- **Rights after death** – will the overhauled inquests system be 'a major step forward in providing more rights'?
- **Protesting too much?** Where should the balance be struck between the right to demonstrate and maintaining public order?
- **The Equality Bill** – it's been a long time coming, but what will it mean in practice?
- **Asylum and immigration** – new rules, new legislation, new case-law – what are the implications for policy and practice?

WHAT DELEGATES SAID ABOUT PREVIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CONFERENCES

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"Very good conference with quality presenters and overall value for money. Handouts very good"

"Very up to date and relevant in this challenging field"

"Many of the talks were outstanding, intelligent, informative and helpful"

"Immensely useful to me"



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PROGRAMME

9.00 REGISTRATION

9.30 MORNING PLENARY SESSION

Chaired by **Jennifer McDermott**, Withers LLP
Introduction from the chair

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Lord Justice Sullivan, Lord Justice of Appeal

10.10 REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Michael Fordham QC, Blackstone Chambers

10.40 DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.15 MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

[choose one session from the following four]

1. CRIMINAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS UPDATE

Alex Bailin, Matrix Chambers

Duncan Penny, 6 King's Bench Walk

This session provides an analysis of the key cases and legislative developments in the field of criminal law and human rights. It will include coverage of key decisions of the Divisional Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and European Court of Human Rights. The criminal law provisions of the Coroners and Justice Bill and the Policing and Crime Bill, both currently before Parliament, will also be examined.

2. THE NEW EQUALITY BILL

David Ruebain, Equality and Human Rights Commission

Ulele Burnham, Doughty Street Chambers

The Equality Bill was introduced into Parliament in April 2009. Promising to make Britain "stronger, fairer and more equal", the bill will fundamentally reform law that has built up piecemeal over 40 years. This session looks in detail at the bill's key features, its progress through Parliament, and the implications of such radical change for the work of lawyers and policy-makers.

3. ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION UPDATE

Raza Husain, Matrix Chambers

Judith Farbey, Doughty Street Chambers

The law on immigration and asylum continues to develop through the courts and Parliament. This session looks at all the significant developments in this area, including:

- The draft Protection rules
- The Borders Citizenship and Immigration Bill
- Decisions of the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords in such cases as *RB & U* (Algeria), *Nasseri*, and *ZT* (Kosovo).

4. HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE BATTLEFIELD

Rodney Dixon, 1 Temple Gardens

Shaheed Fatima, Blackstone Chambers

In May 2009, the Court of Appeal ruled that the Human Rights Act applies to UK soldiers serving overseas, including those outside of British bases. At the same time, the European Court of Human Rights has begun to hear appeals in the cases of *Al Skeini*, *Al Jedda*, and *Al Saadoon* involving detainees subject to UK control in southern Iraq. This session analyses the most recent cases and considers the likely human rights implications for UK military activities abroad.

12.45 LUNCH

13.45 AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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5. JUDICIAL REVIEW AND HUMAN RIGHTS UPDATE

Monica Carss-Frisk QC, Blackstone Chambers

Helen Mountfield, Matrix Chambers

This session examines the main cases and measures in the field of public law, judicial review and human rights. It will include coverage of key decisions of the Administrative Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords, the European Court of Human Rights and European Court of Justice. The session also assesses the role of the new UK Supreme Court beginning in October 2009.

6. EXTRADITION

Hugo Keith QC, Three Raymond Buildings

Anand Doobay, Peters and Peters

An increasingly global response to the financial crisis and security issues means that extradition – particularly in cases of fraud and terrorism – is set to become a yet more complex and controversial issue. This session analyses the latest developments relating to extradition, including the EU Arrest Warrant and extradition to the USA and other non Part 1 countries.

7. INQUESTS

Paul Bowen, Doughty Street Chambers

Alison Macdonald, Matrix Chambers

Part 1 of The Coroners and Justice Bill promises a comprehensive overhaul of the law relating to inquests. The bill aims to give bereaved families new legal rights and to restore public confidence in the process. This session includes an examination of the current law and latest case-law – and assesses how the proposed legislation will operate in practice.

8. THE MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Heather Rogers QC, Doughty Street Chambers

Ivan Hare, Blackstone Chambers

The freedom of the press has been called the safeguard of democracy. Does UK law give enough freedom to the media to report the news? Or does the media have too much power to intrude into the personal lives of private individuals? After years of self-regulation by the press, does the UK need a statute governing privacy and the media? This session considers the current state of the law governing the media and human rights in the UK.

15.15 TEA BREAK

15.30 AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE STREETS: PUBLIC ORDER, POLICING AND PROTEST

Edward Fitzgerald QC, Doughty Street Chambers

Is the right to peaceful protest adequately protected by the existing law? Does the law strike the correct balance between public order and freedom of assembly and expression? Are recent provisions to curb incitement proportionate and necessary? In the wake of the G20 protests and the Tamil demonstrations in Parliament Square, is it time to look again at the legal safeguards for the right to demonstrate peacefully? A presentation on these controversial issues, followed by a panel discussion.

16.00 PANEL DISCUSSION:

chaired by **Roger Smith**, JUSTICE

Deborah Glass, Independent Police Complaints Commission

Dr Evan Harris MP, Joint Committee on Human Rights
Association of Chief Police Officers representative - to be confirmed

17.00 CLOSE

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