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“ The acclaimed annual event ensuring you are fully up to date with recent developments in human rights law ”

Coverage includes:

- Criminal law
- Deportation and extradition
- Discrimination
- Education
- Freedom of expression
- Judicial review
- Local government and community safety
- Mental health
- Terrorism

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Why you should attend

2006 has seen growing tension between the legal and political processes. Controversies over deportation, free speech, terrorism, criminal justice and anti-social behaviour are just some of the flashpoints in public policy engaging basic human rights.

Meanwhile, away from the glare of political debate, the Human Rights Act continues to shape UK law and practice. Its influence has been felt on issues as varied as the conflict between religious freedom and school uniforms, the assessment of child support payments for same-sex couples, and the availability of Herceptin on the NHS.

Comprehensive, expert, informative ...

The annual JUSTICE / Sweet & Maxwell Human Rights Law Conference is the established forum for the analysis of legislation and case law across a wide range of practice areas.

By attending this conference you will

- Ensure that you are fully informed of all key recent developments in human rights law
- Gain valuable insights into the likely future direction of law and policy
- Network with delegates from government, academia and the legal professions.

Specialist workshop sessions, each run by leading experts, will provide in-depth coverage of key areas, covering:

- Criminal law
- Deportation and extradition
- Education
- Equality and discrimination
- Judicial review
- Local government and community safety
- Mental health
- Terrorism

Key issues include:

- Under the microscope – what are the most significant developments of the past 12 months?
- Countering terrorism – how will new and proposed policy measure up in practice?
- From community safety to education – how should public authorities balance the rights of a disparate population?
- Do current deportation procedures adequately protect human rights?
- Mental health – what are the implications of proposed amendments to the Mental Health Act 1983?
- Limiting free expression – where, if anywhere, should the line be drawn?

What delegates said about the 2005 Human Rights Law Conference:

“An excellent update”

“Very up-to-date and relevant in this changing field”

“A highly thought provoking and intellectually stimulating day”

“Clear, useful, practical knowledge on the HRA and how it is applied”

“Excellent range of topics”

“Many of the talks were outstanding, intelligent, informative and helpful”

“Thank you – a valuable day”

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09.00 Registration

09.30 **Morning plenary session:
Introduction from the Chair**

Chaired by *Jennifer McDermott*, Addleshaw Goddard

Keynote speech:

Lord Justice Brooke, Court of Appeal

10.10 **Review of the Year:**

Dinah Rose, Blackstone Chambers

10.40 **Discussion / Questions**

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 **Morning breakout sessions**

Choose one from the following four:

1. Criminal Law and Human Rights Update

Peter Carter QC, 18 Red Lion Court

Steven Bird, Birds Solicitors

This session will provide an overview of key cases and legislative developments in the field of criminal law and human rights, including coverage of key decisions of the Divisional Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

2. Equality and Discrimination

Akua Reindorf, Cloisters

Professor Aileen McColgan, Matrix Chambers

In 2007, the right to equality and non-discrimination will receive a significant boost with the establishment of the Commission on Equality and Human Rights. But what is the state of the current law? This session will provide an update on the key cases, legislation and other measures in the field of equality and discrimination, including the government's forthcoming Green Paper on the discrimination law review.

3. The Right to Education

Nigel Giffin QC, 11 King's Bench Walk

Beverley Lang QC, Blackstone Chambers

Article 2 of the First Protocol of the European Convention on Human Rights guarantees the right to education. But what does this mean in practice? This session looks at the content of the right and its implications for the provision of education in the UK, including the impact of recent House of Lords judgments in *Begum v Denbigh High School* and *Ali v Lord Grey School*.

4. The New Terrorism Laws

Edward Fitzgerald QC, Doughty Street Chambers

Alex Bailin, Matrix Chambers

The Terrorism Act 2006 is the fourth major piece of counter-terrorism legislation since 2000, and further consolidating legislation is promised in 2007. This session examines the Act and its compatibility with fundamental rights. It also looks at other key developments in the field including the forthcoming Court of Appeal decision of *Secretary of State for the Home Department v MB*.

13.00 Lunch

13.45 **Afternoon breakout sessions**

Choose one from the following four:

5. Judicial Review and Human Rights Update

Philip Havers QC, One Crown Office Row

Helen Mountfield, Matrix Chambers

The Human Rights Act 1998 continues to shape public law in the UK. This session looks at the main cases and measures in the field of public law, judicial review and human rights, including decisions of the Administrative Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and ECtHR.

6. Deportation and Extradition

Raza Husain, Matrix Chambers

Alun Jones QC, Great James Street Chambers

Deportation and extradition have been the subjects of recent controversial reform. From extradition, to the US under the terms of the Extradition Act 2003 or to EU countries under the EU Arrest Warrant, to deportation to countries known to use torture, this session will provide an overview of both processes and analyse the latest developments.

7. Rights and Neighbours: Local Government and Community Safety

Sam Grodzinski, Matrix Chambers

Jim Skelsey, BSB Solicitors

In a short time, Anti-social Behaviour Orders have gained wide public attention. However, ASBOs are just one instance of an array of orders available to local government in relation to community safety. This session examines the powers of local government in this field and considers their compatibility with human rights standards.

8. Mental Health Update

Fenella Morris, 39 Essex Street

Lucy Scott-Moncrieff, Scott-Moncrieff Harbour & Sinclair

For many years, the government has been proposing to overhaul the existing mental health legislation. At the same time, the courts in the UK and Strasbourg have continued to hand down important judgments relating to mental health. This session examines the latest developments, including key cases and the government's recent proposals to amend the 1983 Act.

15.15 Tea Break

15.30 **Afternoon plenary session:
Sticks and Stones? Free Expression in 2006**

Geoffrey Robertson QC, Doughty Street Chambers

Alarm, distress, hatred, glorification and encouragement. These are but a few of the legal concepts used to limit the free expression of ideas in the UK. To what extent can the current limits be described as necessary and proportionate? Can there ever be such a thing as a proportionate restriction of free speech?

16.00 **Panel discussion**

Chaired by *Roger Smith*, JUSTICE

Dr Daud Abdullah, Muslim Council of Britain

Professor Francesca Klug, London School of Economics

Dr Chris McCrudden, University of Oxford

Geoffrey Robertson QC, Doughty Street Chambers

17.00 Close of conference

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