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Speaker biographies

Patrick Doris is a senior associate in the London office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Patrick specialises in human rights law, public law and administrative law, EU law and regulatory matters. In recent years, Patrick has been heavily involved in advising governments, regulators and public bodies in securing compliance with their EU, human rights and general public law obligations. Patrick also has an active pro bono human rights practice, acting for NGOs and private individuals before the European Court of Human Rights and in domestic courts.

Stephen Grosz is solicitor and partner at Bindman and Partners where he is head of the public law department. Recognised as a leading solicitor in human rights and civil liberties by both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500, his recent cases include *R (Hicks) v Secretary of State for the Home Department*, concerning the entitlement of Australian detainee of Guantanamo Bay to UK citizenship. He is chair of the Law Society's Domestic Human Rights Reference Group; vice-chair of the management committee of the Human Rights Lawyers' Association; a member of both JUSTICE's Council and its executive board, the co-author, with Sir Jack Beatson, of *Human Rights: the 1998 Act and the European Convention* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2000), and a columnist on human rights for the Law Society's Gazette.

Lawrence Horner is responsible for research, information and resources at the College of Law, working alongside the Director of the Careers Service on strategy. In the past, much of the research work dealt with issues of diversity within the law but increasingly the focus is moving towards the labour market within the legal sector. In addition, he is involved in developing new resources across the College to allow students increased access the careers information. He left college and worked for a number of years before returning to education, finally reading sociology at the LSE and graduating in 2000. He joined the College of Law the following year and went on to work as a careers adviser for five years. He has taken a particular interest in the Bar and those firms and organisations undertaking civil liberties, human rights and legal aid work.

Professor Francesca Klug OBE is a Professorial Research Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Human Rights at the London School of Economics and Director of the Human Rights Futures project. She was previously a Senior Research Fellow at the Human Rights Incorporation Project at King's College Law School where she worked on the model for incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into UK law reflected in the Human Rights Act. She is a Commissioner on the new Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and was formerly a member of its Steering Group. Francesca worked as an independent academic advisor to ministers and officials on the Equality Bill, which has set up the EHRC. She has recently been appointed as a member of the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Reference Group at the Ministry of Justice. She has acted as a Specialist Adviser to the Joint Committee on Human Rights, carrying out a review of their working practices. A former Director of the Civil Liberties Trust, Francesca was awarded an OBE for services to human rights and civil justice in the 2002 new year's honours list. Francesca is a frequent broadcaster and has written widely on human rights, including *Values for a Godless Age: the story of the UK Bill of Rights* (Penguin, 2000). She is currently writing a sequel to this book, to be published by Routledge in 2008, with a working title *Human Rights in a Fractured World; time for a new enlightenment?*

Suzanne Lambert is a barrister at One Crown Office Row. Her practice is civil law based, with particular emphasis on human rights, professional negligence, environmental and planning law, professional disciplinary law, employment and equality law. She was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown (C Panel) in 2007. She is Chair of JUSTICE's Student Human Rights Network.

Alexandra Marks has been a partner at Linklaters since 1990, having qualified as a solicitor in 1983. She now works flexibly as part of the firm's senior management team. She is also a Recorder on the South Eastern Circuit. She is a Council member of JUSTICE, immediate past Chair of JUSTICE's Executive Board, Chair of Amnesty International Charity Limited, and a Board member of INTERIGHTS. Since October 2006, she has chaired Business in the Community's ProHelp programme.

Dr Eric Metcalfe is a barrister and the director of human rights policy at JUSTICE. He completed his D.Phil in law at the University of Oxford and was called to the Bar in 1999. Following work as a researcher at the Law Commission and pupillage at 39 Essex Street, he was a lawyer in the immigration and judicial review team of the Treasury Solicitor's Department before joining JUSTICE in 2003. He also manages JUSTICE's third party interventions, most recently *Norris v United States of America* in the House of Lords in January 2008.

Geoff Nicholas has wide ranging experience of representing international clients in multi-jurisdictional disputes, both litigation and arbitration. He has been a partner since 1994. His international arbitration work covers disputes under ad-hoc and institutional rules, including ICC, LCIA and AAA. It includes major disputes in various sections, including aerospace, energy, media, technology and telecommunications. His litigation experience has included work in common law systems such as the UK and the US, in civil law systems across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Also representing a major online gaming company in regulatory and contentious work across Europe and in the US, and in litigation involving proceedings in London, Gibraltar, the US and the BVI. He has twice worked in New York, both in-house and for a US law firm. His pro-bono work includes work for JUSTICE, Reprieve and Lawyers Without Borders. He has also done community work for various homelessness projects, including for Crisis and Habitat for Humanity.

Phil Shiner heads Public Interest Lawyers (PIL). He is a lawyer with an international and national reputation for his work on issues concerning international, environmental and human rights law and has been practicing as a solicitor in the UK since 1981. Phil has developed the practice in the areas of human rights and administrative and public law. For example, he acts for over 30 Iraqi civilians killed or injured by British soldiers during the occupation in the case of Al Skeini *and* for a British national who has been held without charge in a British detention centre in Basra since October 2004 in the case of Al Jedda. He acts for the families of British soldiers whose challenge to the legality of the Iraq war will be heard for three days in the Court of Appeal in November this year. In 2003 he represented CND in a judicial review challenge to the Government's decision to go to war. Phil has acted for the Gurkhas in a series of discrimination cases and more recently for a Pakistani national held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese in World War II while serving the (British) Indian Army. He is a visiting professor at London Metropolitan University and a visiting fellow at LSE.

Roger Smith is a solicitor and has been director of JUSTICE since November 2001. He has been director of legal education and training at the Law Society; director of the Legal Action Group; solicitor to the Child Poverty Action Group and director of West Hampstead Community Law Centre. He is an honorary professor at the University of Kent and a visiting professor at London South Bank University.

Keir Starmer QC is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, specialising in human rights law. Called to the Bar in 1987, he was appointed QC in 2002. His recent cases include the House of Lords control order appeals, *Al Jedda v Secretary of State for Defence* (House of Lords re effect of UN Security Council Resolution 1546 on Art 5 ECHR), *Commissioner of Police v Hurst* (House of Lords re scope of inquests where Article 2 ECHR engaged and retrospectivity of the HRA) and *Behrami and Saramati* (2006) (European Court of Human Rights re responsibility for military action in Kosovo). His published works include *Blackstone's Human Rights Digest* (Blackstone Press Ltd, 2001), *Criminal Justice, Police Powers and Human Rights* (Blackstone Press Ltd, 2001) and *European Human Rights Law* (LAG, 1999). In 2003, he was appointed as human rights advisor to the Policing Board in Northern Ireland. In October 2007, he was awarded Chambers & Partners Silk of the Year for Human Rights & Public Law.

Jemima Stratford has practised as a barrister at Brick Court Chambers in London since 1995. Before becoming a barrister Jemima studied history at Oxford University and spent a year working as an intern at Human Rights Watch in New York. She specialises in human rights, public and EU law. Jemima has acted for both applicants and the UK government in a number of cases before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, as well as in the full range of English courts and tribunals and the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. She is currently acting in more than ten cases pending before the European Court of Human Rights which concern issues ranging from claims by parents whose children were wrongly taken into care (Art 6), through state immunity in torture claims (Art 6), to land registration rights in South-Eastern Turkey (Art 1 of Protocol No 1).