



SPRING HOUSING CONFERENCE

9:00 Registration and refreshments

9:50 Introduction and Welcome to Conference

Presented by [David Portch](#), [Nicholas Grundy KC](#), [Stephen Evans](#) and [Michael Mullin](#).

10:00 The knotty problem of Alternative Dispute Resolution – Churchill v Merthyr Tydfil

Presented by [Elizabeth England](#), [Tiernan Fitzgibbon](#) & Special Guest Star [Katrina Robinson MBE](#) of Capsticks.

A detailed analysis of this significant case on the implications of a failure to engage in ADR and the Court's powers to compel parties to settle out of court.

11:10 Refreshments

11:25 Workshop 1 - choose between:

Renters Reform Bill, where are we now?

Presented by [Gillian Christopher-Chambers](#), [Ben Leb](#) & [Joseph Mahon](#).

An update from the team on the current status of this important piece of proposed legislation.

or

Moving in the right Direction – best practice in drafting directions for social housing claims

Presented by [Sean Pettit](#), [Angela Hall](#) & [Sam Phillips](#)

Hints, tips and best practice on drafting case management orders in a variety of social housing claims.

or

Dealing with the Farmers – Defence strategy for EPA Prosecutions

Presented by [Michael Mullin](#), [Millie Polimac](#) & [Felix Gibson](#)

How to defeat EPA prosecutions and win wasted costs applications against claim farmers.

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Workshop 2 - choose between:

Homelessness Update – this year’s Court of Appeal decisions

Presented by [Tina Conlan](#), [Jennifer Moate](#) & [Scarlet Taylor-Waller](#)

An in depth look back at the most significant decisions from the Court of Appeal relating to homelessness.

or

My Cup Runneth Over – cascades of liability update and The Building Safety Act Part IV – Higher Risk Buildings

Presented by [Stephen Evans](#), [Ben Maltz](#) & [Sonia Rai](#)

An update on the latest cases brought under the Building Safety Act 2022 and a closer look at Part IV on Higher Risk Buildings.

or

Sweet Surrender – Surrender by operation of law and the circumstances in which a new tenancy can be inferred from conduct

Presented by [Sean Pettit](#), [Victoria Osler](#), [Dan Crehan](#) & [Serena Lee](#).

A discussion of the Court of Appeal's decision in Rahimi v City Of Westminster Council on surrender by operation of law and the circumstances in which a tenancy can be inferred from conduct.

15:05 Refreshments

15:20 Tanks and Lawns - The Ombudsman making their presence felt

Presented by [Nicholas Grundy KC](#), [Simon Strelitz](#) & Special Guest Star [Donna McCarthy](#) of Devonshires.

The panel considers the approach being taken by the Housing Ombudsman and best practice on dealing with complaints made to them.

16:30 Conference end.