



# ARDL

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**

**Friday 10 November 2023**

**Museum of London, Barbican**

**Registration 08.45 – 09.10**

**Conference 09.10 – 17.00; Drinks reception 17.00 - 19.00**

ARDL is pleased to announce details of its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Professional Discipline and Regulation Conference, which will take place on Friday 10 November 2023 at the Museum of London. The conference will be of interest to members of ARDL practising in all aspects of professional discipline and regulation.

### **Key note speaker:**

#### **Martin Forde KC**

Called to the Bar in 1984, Martin attended a state Grammar school and then won a place at Brasenose College Oxford in 1979 to read Jurisprudence, obtaining a 2:1 degree. Following his Bar Finals, he gained a place as a tenant at One Crown Office Row a leading public law and clinical negligence specialist set of Chambers.

In his early career Martin's practice included crime, family, administrative, employment, personal injury, landlord and tenant, contract and personal injury law as well as representing litigants in inquests. After about eight years in practice, he began to specialise in all aspects of health-related law - employment, administrative law involving regulators, clinical negligence, human rights law and personal injury.

Martin's cases are predominantly cases involving birth injuries of maximum severity with values of between £15-30M. In the regulatory field he has represented doctors, dentists, nurses, osteopaths, chiropractors, optometrists, pharmacists, and veterinarians.

In 2006 Martin was appointed Queen's Counsel. He has since been appointed Recorder of the Crown Court (part-time criminal judge), Judicial Appointments Commissioner, and Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court of Bermuda (the equivalent of a High Court Judge). In 2021 he was made an Honorary Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford and in 2022 was named Professional Discipline Silk of the Year by Chambers and Partners. He has nearly forty reported cases cited in the Law Reports.

In April 2018 Martin was appointed the Independent Adviser to The Windrush Compensation Scheme by Sajid Javid, the then Home Secretary, and remained in that post until the Summer of 2022. The above appointment was incredibly poignant for Martin as his parents arrived here from the Caribbean – Barbados and St Lucia in 1953 and 1955 respectively and battled racism from the moment they arrived with great dignity. The Windrush scandal revealed a determination to achieve a reduction of net migration by targeting persons of colour and putting the onus of proof of immigration status upon those who had arrived as children without passports, often with their now deceased parents to prove their right to remain in this country.

In May 2020 Martin was appointed Chair (by the National Executive Council of the Labour Party), of the Investigatory Panel inquiring into the leaking of an internal Report into antisemitism. Martin delivered his extensive Report – The Forde Report, in July 2022.

In September 2022 Martin was appointed, with Professor Iqbal Singh, to conduct a review into the General Medical Council's handling of a dishonesty allegation. The Arora Review was published in November 2022.

### **Conference sessions will include:**

**Regulatory Case Law Update** with speaker **Kenneth Hamer** Henderson Chambers and Author of *Professional Conduct Casebook*. Chaired by **Joanne Harrison** Senior Associate at Carson McDowell.

**Legal Ethics: Shifting Frontiers** with speakers including **Iain Miller** Partner at Kingsley Napley, **Marianne Butler** Fountain Court Chambers and **Professor Steven Vaughan**, Professor of Law and Ethics at UCL.

**Sexual Misconduct in Policing: Building Back Public Trust and Confidence** with **Noranne Griffith** Senior Lawyer, Metropolitan Police Directorate of Legal Services, **Anne Studd KC** 5 Essex Court and **Juliet Farrall** Head of the Independent Office for Police Conduct Presenting Unit. Chaired by **Rosemary Rollason** Principal at RJ Rollason Law.

**Witness to Harm/Holding to Account: Improving patient, family and colleague witnesses' experiences of fitness to practise proceedings** with speakers including **Dr Annie Sorbie** Senior Lecturer in Health, Medical Law and Ethics at University of Edinburgh, School of Law and **Dr Gemma Hughes**, Associate Professor of Healthcare Management, University of Leicester, School of Business. Chaired by **Kate Steele** Partner at Capsticks.

**Obtaining Records From Family Court Proceedings for Use by Regulators** A closer look at Re Z (Disclosure to Social Work England: Findings of Domestic Abuse) with speaker **Jessica Purchase** St Johns Buildings.

**Mansaray and the Admissibility of Hearsay Evidence in Regulatory Proceedings** with speaker **Matthew Cassells**, Senior Lawyer at Nursing and Midwifery Council. Chaired by **Fiona Muirs** Partner at Blackadders LLP.

**Healthcare Regulatory Reform Update** chaired by **Surjit Dubb** Partner at Hempsons with speakers including **Sean Marchesi-Denham**, Deputy Branch Head, Professional Regulation Department of Health and Social Care.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided and we hope that delegates will join us for a drinks reception at the close of the event.

**Purchasing tickets:**

There are still some remaining tickets for sale at £150, for what promises to be another great ARDL event. They can be obtained through the members' log in area on the ARDL website. Delegates attending this event must be an ARDL member.

Each member can only purchase one ticket. In the event that any member experiences difficulties in making a payment when they log in and book a ticket, they should email ARDL's administrator at [ardl@blakemorgan.co.uk](mailto:ardl@blakemorgan.co.uk) and arrangement will be made for an alternative method of payment.

For any firms, chambers or legal teams who would like to book for a number of members at the same time, a single nominated person should contact ARDL's administrator at [ardl@blakemorgan.co.uk](mailto:ardl@blakemorgan.co.uk) confirming the names and membership status of those whom tickets are being purchased for, and arrangements can be made for payment.

Tickets are strictly non-refundable. They are, however, transferable to another ARDL member if the person who purchased the ticket is unable to attend.