

BREAKFAST SEMINAR INVITATION

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We have pleasure in inviting you to a breakfast seminar event formulated specifically for practitioners with particular interest in claims involving serious injury and clinical negligence, on;

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2019

registration from **8:00am** - talks commence **8:30am**

anticipated conclusion **10:00am**

CPD accredited presentations will be given as follows;

GEMMA MCGUNGLE

18 ST JOHN STREET CHAMBERS,
CIVIL AND PERSONAL INJURY DEPARTMENT

**CHALLENGES FACED BY THE CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE AND
SERIOUS INJURY PRACTITIONER**



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CHRIS STEPHENSON

CALCULUS LEGAL COSTS HOLDINGS
COSTS - CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICE



JONATHAN COLLINS & TOM DOCKER

STEVEN DOCKER ASSOCIATES
**THEORY TO PRACTICE - ACCOMMODATION NEEDS
REPORT TO LIFETIME HOME**



THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES BELOW

VENUE: Radisson 'Blu' Edwardian Hotel Manchester
"Free Trade Hall", Peter Street, Manchester, M2 5GP



Refreshments will be served before and after the presentation

If anybody from your organisation wishes to attend, please feel free to reserve places by contacting;

John Hammond, Senior Clerk Direct Line: 0161 278 8202 Email: invites@18sjs.com

Please provide any specific access, facility or dietary requirements on acceptance. 18 St John Street Chambers offer all training events, seminars and social events in accordance with Chambers Equal Opportunities Policy.

GDPR is upon us. We now require you to inform us directly if you wish to continue to receive our newsletters and details of our social and training events. Please also let us know if you do not want to hear from us further.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



GEMMA MCGUNGLE

18 ST JOHN STREET CHAMBERS

BARRISTER

As her practice has developed, Gemma has found that the majority of her instructions are now in fields of clinical negligence and costs. Whilst she continues to act in personal injury matters, her practice has developed to such an extent that she is instructed in higher value PI and serious injury cases. She also has an increasing interest in Court of Protection work; not least given the overlap between her specialisms, and is regularly instructed in inquests with and without a jury.

In respect of costs (having previously worked as a costs draftsman), she regularly drafts (Points of Dispute, Replies and Costs Budgets), advises on points of principle and attends interim applications and Provisional and Detailed Assessment Hearings. She often represents parties at Costs Management hearings of significant value and frequently appears at the Senior Courts Costs Office.

In the majority of the clinical negligence cases in which she is instructed, she often finds herself instructed against much more senior counsel. The claims she is instructed on are generally high value and complex. Gemma is known by both her professional and lay clients for her approachable style, whilst being able to understand the complexities involved in the cases in which she is instructed. Her approachability and understanding are key to her being able to work alongside experts at the top of their field and in securing her clients the best possible settlements.

In clinical negligence Gemma works primarily for Claimants, whilst the rest of her practice sees her split between parties.



EDWARD SMETHURST

PROSPERITY INSURANCE BROKERS

SOLICITOR & MANAGING DIRECTOR

Edward has over 25 years' experience as a solicitor and during his time has acted for a number of high-profile clients and causes. Edward has worked in both private practice and in commerce and industry and has been involved, throughout his career, in a wide range of corporate and commercial work for a diverse client base including private and public companies. Edward is recognised as having a highly commercial and client focused approach. Edward has won the Outstanding

Achievement Award at the Manchester Legal Awards in March 2012 and more recently the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Commerce & Industry Group North West Annual Awards 2014 and is the Chairman of the group.

Edward was the Law Society's representative as a Director of the European Company Lawyers Association (ECLA) from 2003 to 2009. Edward has extensive experience in litigation, employment and company commercial matters.

For the past 20 years, Edward has been the Chairman of the Law Society Commerce & Industry Group North West, an organisation formed by in-house lawyers for in-house lawyers and administered by an Executive Committee.



CHRIS STEPHENSON

CALCULUS LEGAL COSTS HOLDINGS

COSTS LAWYER

Chris is a Graduate member of the Chartered Legal Executives and Costs Lawyer with over 10 years' experience in the legal costs industry. Chris predominantly works in the drafting department at Calculus, however regularly has, throughout his career, been involved in the drafting, negotiation and advocacy side of costs recovery. the business.

His experience extends from advice on the fixed costs regime, to running cases up to the Court of Appeal. Chris's background is predominantly in personal injury and clinical negligence, however he also acquired substantial experience in also dealing with commercial matters on both the receiving and paying party fronts.

In addition, Chris was also an academic tutor with the Association of Costs Lawyer for two years, which involved the delivery of the new education programme via webinars and assessment of assignments and exams under both the old and new schemes.

Chris is a specialist in both pre and post LASPO ATE premium disputes, with him being a leading fee earner in both the recent Court of Appeal decision in Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Trust v McMenemy & Ors [2017] EWCA Civ 1941, plus the ongoing case of West & Demouilpied v Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, both addressing the recoverability of After The Event Insurance premiums in low value clinical negligence claims.



JONATHAN COLLINS

STEVEN DOCKER ASSOCIATES

HEAD OF DESIGN AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Jonathan is a Chartered Building Surveyor with over 13 years' experience in inclusive design and the provision of accessible accommodation for individuals with varying levels of disability. Jonathan oversees the Design and Project Management team at Steven Docker Associates and manages the coordination of adaptation and new-build projects throughout the UK.

Jonathan is involved in every phase of each project, from the initial feasibility assessment to handing over the keys on completion. He takes a professional, practical and personal approach, working closely with the client, solicitor, deputy, and other experts to ensure the design requirements are fully understood and met.

Jonathan has been involved with a number of projects that have won regional construction awards, or received nominations.

Jonathan is regularly involved in residential property searches and the negotiation of purchases and rentals. In recent years, as the need to consider interim rental properties has become more frequent, Jonathan's pragmatic approach in the fast-moving rental market ensures temporary adaptations and reinstatement works are negotiated and implemented efficiently.

Jonathan is enthusiastic about promoting the benefits of renewable technology within design projects to minimise the long-term running costs of a building. He has incorporated assistive technology within many projects and understands the significant impact this can have on a disabled individual's rehabilitation and independence.



TOM DOCKER

STEVEN DOCKER ASSOCIATES

ACCOMMODATION EXPERT WITNESS AND HEAD OF PROPERTY SEARCH & ACQUISITION DEPARTMENT

Tom is a Chartered Surveyor and RICS Registered Valuer with over 13 years' experience in finding and adapting residential properties to suit the needs of disabled individuals.

Tom specialises in designing schemes for the adaptation of homes and purpose-built dwellings to meet the needs of people with a wide range of severe and complex disabilities including cerebral palsy, acquired brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and amputations.

Tom advises clients on the economic, technical and inclusive-design aspects of residential buildings. His advice considers potential for extension, conversion and refurbishment, as well as cost-effectiveness of maintenance.

Tom has prepared numerous reports for the High Court and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. He regularly receives instructions from solicitors representing claimants and defendants, as well as on the joint instructions of solicitors. In recent years he has also seen an increase in instructions to act in the role of "shadow" expert and particularly under The Rehabilitation Code.

In his work as an Accommodation Expert Witness, Tom makes a full, fair and impartial evaluation of a disabled person's reasonable housing needs in order to assist the court in calculating the Quantum of Damages. Tom's work takes him throughout the UK and occasionally abroad.

Tom is also the Head of the Property Search and Acquisitions Team at Steven Docker Associates. He regularly receives instructions from solicitors, deputies, case managers and private clients to find properties to purchase and rent that are suitable, or can be made suitable, for a disabled individual's needs.
