



Association of **Lawyers for Children**
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ALC **29th** Annual Conference

CRISIS!



22 - 24 November 2018
Bristol Marriott City Centre

Keynote Speaker:
Rt Hon Sir Andrew McFarlane

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Family Law



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THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

- 13:30 – 15:00** Registration
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- 15:00 – 15:30** Welcome and AGM
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- 15:30 – 16:30** **Legal Aid Update**
Samantha Little, Russell-Cooke Solicitors and **Jerry Bull**, Atkins Hope
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- 16:30 – 17:00** Tea/Coffee
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- 17:00 – 17:45** **Presentation by the Sheffield Child in Care Council**
Taina, Care Leaver and law student
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- 17:45 – 18:45** **Reporting child care law: reconciling the right to privacy with the need for transparency and accountability in the child protection court**
Carol Coulter, Child Care Law Reporting Project and Adjunct Professor of Law in NUI Galway
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- 18:45 – 19:15** **Panel Discussion on Reporting in children cases**
Speakers include **Carol Coulter** (above) and **Brian Farmer**, Press Association
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- 19:15** Buffet supper
Wine sponsored by **Albion Chambers** 

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

- 07:30 – 09:00** Breakfast
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- 09:00 – 09:30** Registration
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- 09:30 – 10:15** Welcome and Introduction
His Honour Judge Christopher Simmonds, Conference Chair and Co Chairs' Report - Deputy High Court Judge **Deirdre Fottrell QC** and **Noel Arnold**
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- 10:15 – 11:15** **Keynote presentation by the Rt Hon Sir Andrew McFarlane**
President of the Family Division - Crisis; What Crisis?
Award presentation - Outstanding Newcomer in the field of Children Law
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- 11:15 – 11:45** Tea/Coffee 
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- 11:45 – 13:00** **WORKSHOP A**
- (1) **The Adolescent Project – an initiative aimed at encouraging young people to feel part of the process through active involvement in it**
Her Honour Judge Hilary Watson, Designated Family Judge for Coventry and Warwickshire and **Janice Straker**, Service Manager at CAFCASS
 - (2) **Deprivation of Liberty and Children**
Tanya Zabihi and **Alec Small** of Albion Chambers
 - (3) **Assessing Competence and Representing Children on Direct Instructions - the solicitor and guardian's role with older children.** **Caroline Little**, consultant solicitor at Hanne and Co and **Jane Powell**, Children's Guardian
 - (4) **Surrogacy - The International Issues**
Jemma Dally, Goodman Ray and **Kathryn Cronin**, Garden Court Chambers
 - (5) **Special Guardianship – Have we taken a wrong turn?**
A legal and social work perspective
Laura Briggs, 1GC Chambers and **John Simmonds**, Coram BAAF
 - (6) **Practice Direction 12J: more of the same or a cultural change?**
Melanie Johnson, One Pump Court Chambers and **Adrienne Barnett**, Senior Lecturer in Law at Brunel University



FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER (Continued)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 **The Care Crisis Review: Options for Change**
Caroline Lynch, Principal Legal Adviser at Family Rights Group

15:00 – 16:15 **WORKSHOPS B**

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16:15 – 16:45 Tea/Coffee

16:45-17:45 **After care proceedings: children's outcomes one and five years later**
Professor Judith Masson, University of Bristol

19:30 Drinks reception sponsored by 

Dinner wine sponsored by 

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER

07:30 – 09:00 Breakfast

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:30 **Child Law Update – Private**
Nkumbe Ekaney QC, 1GC Chambers and **Collette Price**, Fountain Chambers

10:30 – 11:30 Plenary Session
Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes: A Clinical vs Genetic Approach
Dr Saggat, Consultant in the Genetics Department at St George's Hospital Medical School and Honorary Senior Lecturer

11:30 – 12:00 Tea/Coffee

12:00 – 13:15 **Child Law Update – Public**
Mark Twomey QC, Coram Chambers

13:15 Closing Remarks and Lunch



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Two day non-residential Friday and Saturday, including gala dinner	£345

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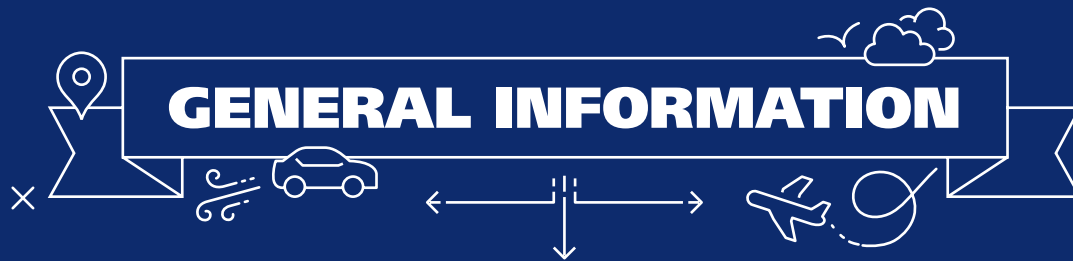
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Rail

The nearest mainline station is Temple Meads. The station is under a mile from the hotel and served well by taxis and buses. For more information please call National Railway Enquiry Service on 03457 484950

Car

From the M4 take J19 signposted the M32, stay on the M32 at the first set of lights join the left hand lane signposted towards Temple Meads train station. Do not go under the under pass but take the slip road to the large roundabout (sign posted Broadmead & A420) and move into the right hand lane. Take the third exit of the roundabout, bear right into Lower Castle Street.

Air

The nearest airport is Bristol International Airport, 9 miles

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Facilities

Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre –
Pool and fitness on site.



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Continuing Competence

Solicitors: Attending this conference will contribute to the 'SRA competency part B: legal knowledge' requirement of your training and development plan.

Dress Code

Smart Casual during the day.

The Gala Dinner is a 'Glad Rag' affair: Gowns / Cocktail Dresses and Lounge Suits.

Conference Literature

This will be available after the conference for those who have booked but are unable to attend.

Copies of presentations and workshop literature will be available after the conference via the ALC office at a cost of £50.

Become a Member of The ALC

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