

CIVIL LITIGATION CONFERENCE
THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2025 – 12:30 – 17:15
CARLTON HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH

COST	
£110	Solicitor Member/Associate Member/Trainee Solicitor
£150	Non-Member of BDLS
CPD	
3 Hours	
BOOKING	
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Ref: 622	
Solicitor Competence: B (SRA Statement of solicitor competence Solicitors Regulation Authority)	
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Carlton Hotel, East Overcliff Drive, Bournemouth, Dorset BH1 3DN	
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12:30 – 12:45	Registration and refreshments
12:45 – 13:30 1 hour	Lunch
13:30 – 13:45 15 minutes	<p>WELCOME AND OUTLINE Conor Maher, Ellis Jones and BDLS</p> <p>Conor Maher is a Senior Associate Solicitor and Solicitor Advocate (Civil) at Ellis Jones and Honorary Treasurer of the BDLS who also acts as the Civil Litigation Lead for the Dispute Resolution Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Conor’s practice involves a range of civil and commercial matters representing both businesses and individuals, including dealing with high-value and complex litigation before the High Court, alongside regularly appearing in claims before the County Court.</p> <p>Conor was individually ranked as a ‘Leading Associate’ by Legal500 in 2024 and noted for “<i>An exceptional reputation for advocacy in the County Courts</i>”.</p> <p>Conor regularly delivers training on civil litigation and dispute resolution through MBL Seminars, LegalFutures, and has been a guest lecturer in civil procedure at Bournemouth University as part of the LLM course.</p>



<p>13:45 -14:30 45 minutes</p>	<p>ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION Alexander Whatley, 3PB Barristers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR and Case Updates on ADR • Comparing different forms of ADR • How to select the right Mediator for your case • Preparing for a Mediation <p>Alexander Whatley is a commercial, chancery and property barrister at 3PB. He has been recommended in Legal 500 as a 'Tier 1 Leading Individual' in Commercial Litigation in 2023, 2024 and 2025 and Professional Negligence in 2025 as well as a Leading Junior in Commercial Dispute Resolution in Chambers and Partners 2024 and 2025. He also takes instructions in costs disputes. Alexander regularly appears in the High Court, County Court and Property Tribunals. He has also represented clients in Negotiations, Mediations and Pre-Trial Settlement Hearings.</p> 
<p>14:30 -15:15 45 minutes</p>	<p>HIGH COURT ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR LITIGATION PROFESSIONALS Eric Roe, Wilson & Roe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role and powers of a High Court Enforcement Officer • Enforcement Agents and what they can and can't do • Transferring your CCJ to the High Court • Managing cases involving vulnerable debtors • How to get the best out of the service <p>Eric Roe is an enforcement professional with more than 15 years' industry experience. As Managing Director of Wilson & Roe, he believes that their customer-centric approach is the reason as to why they are a leading High Court Enforcement Offices in England & Wales.</p> <p>Eric currently sits on the board of directors for the High Court Enforcement Officers Association (HCEOA) and takes an active role in the industry, sitting on the education working party who have recently worked on updating the High Court Enforcement Officers' education pathway. He has also recently been involved in assisting the development of the new standards for the Enforcement Conduct Board.</p> 
<p>15:15 - 15:30</p>	<p>Refreshments</p>
<p>15:30 - 16:15 45 minutes</p>	<p>PREPARING FOR THE RENTERS' RIGHTS BILL - AN UPDATE FOR LITIGATORS Conor Maher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the key changes from the Renters (Reform) Bill • An assessment of the abolition of fixed term tenancies and s.21 • Analysis of s.8 reform and grounds for possession • Rent: Stating Rent, Rent Bidding, and Rent Increase Reform • Provisions for pets and mandatory consents • An overview of protections against discrimination • Implementation of the 'Private Rented Sector Database' and Ombudsman/Redress Scheme • Application of the Decent Homes Standard to the Private Rented Sector including Awaab's Law • Preparing for Implementation - Practical Guidance and Top Tips

<p>16:15 – 17:15 1 hour</p>	<p>A VIEW FROM THE BENCH District Judge Ashby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case preparation, advocacy and current trends in civil litigation <p>District Judge Ashby sits at the County Court at Bournemouth and Poole where he co-ordinates the Court’s approach to civil justice under the leadership of the Designated Civil Judge. He sits as a Recorder in both civil and family. He was previously at the Bar where he specialised in serious and life changing personal injury claims.</p>
<p>17:15 – 17:20</p>	<p>CONCLUSION Conor Maher</p>
<p>17:20</p>	<p>Networking Drinks</p>

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