

FAMILY LAW 2026 – THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026 – 09:30 – 12:15**

- Registration:** 09:00
- Venue:** Queens Hotel, Meyrick Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH1 3DL
- Parking:** Complimentary parking is available at the hotel on a first-come, first-served basis. Alternatively, delegates may park at the nearby Carlton Hotel and pay on arrival - the entrance to this car park is located on Grove Road. There is also on-street parking available in the surrounding area.
- Cost:** **£100** Solicitor Member; Associate Member; Trainees (Solicitor, Cilex & Apprentices)
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Booking Reference: 665

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This lecture will cover:

Divorce Changes :

- Divorce Law and Changes
- How is it operating and what to be aware of?
- Problem areas to be aware of
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Financial Remedy and Cohabitation Cases

- Developments in Procedure
- Periodical Payments and Maintenance Pending Suit
- Consideration of Inheritance and Gifts, and Barder Principles
- Conduct Arguments and Disclosure - What is the latest on this?
- Sharing principles following Standish 2025
- Nuptial Agreements and Case Law Update
- TOLATA and Key Principles – What does a family practitioner need to know?
- Developments
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Private Children Law

- Domestic Abuse and Enforcement – What are the options?
- Specific issue matters relation to Parental Responsibility – Current Developments
- Scott Schedules, Narrative Statements and Controlling/Coercive Behaviour
- Enforcement of Orders and Alienating Behaviour cases – Current Thinking

Domestic Abuse Law and Children Cases

- Domestic Abuse Developments
- Running cases effectively
- Cross-examination, QLR's and Developments
- Understanding PD12J and its application

You will learn

1. An understanding of the key issues surrounding developments in Family Law and Practice
2. An understanding of key principles and application
3. An appreciation of updates and developments

Speaker Profile:

The speaker, **SAFDA MAHMOOD** is a Team Leader and Solicitor in a Local Authority, as well as a nationally recognised Professional Development provider. Safda has been an approved member of the SRA list of CPD Providers. He has practiced and lectured in Family Law for over 31 years and is on the Law Society Children Law Accredited Panel, specialising in Children and Adoption Law.

As an author, he has written for various publications, such as Jordans' Family Law Journal, The Legal Executives Journal, Solicitors Journal and the Law Society and Local Government Bulletin. Safda is co-author of the title 'Child Care and Protection: Law and Practice: Seventh Edition. He has written Covid-19 and Family Law in England and Wales – The Essential Guide' 1st Edition, by Law Brief Publishing, Children Law Handbook, 1st Edition, for the Law Society 2021, Special Guardianship and Adoption Law Handbook, 1st Edition, 2023



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