



LEGAL WALES CONFERENCE

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Welcome to the 2017 Legal Wales Conference!

It is a great honour for Swansea University to host this year's conference at its iconic Bay Campus, symbolising the University's growing influence as a centre of excellence in the study of legal issues affecting Wales and the wider world.

The first Legal Wales Conference, held almost two decades ago, on the threshold of devolution, was largely inspired by the then Mr Justice Thomas. His vision of a forum for the discussion of all aspects of the law relating to Wales has resulted in an institution of growing prestige and practical benefit to lawyers in Wales.

We're delighted to welcome you all today and hope that you have an informative but also enjoyable day.

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09:00 Registration and refreshments

09:30 Opening Session

Lecture Theatre room GH043

Conference Opening

Keith Bush QC (Conference Director)

Welcome to the Conference

HH Judge Milwyn Jarman QC (Chair, Legal Wales Foundation)

09:45 Plenary Session 1

“The Future of the Welsh Law Schools”

Professor Iwan Davies (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University)

Chair: **Sir Roderick Evans** (Pro-Chancellor Swansea University)

10:10 Plenary Session 2

“Developing Legal Wales”

Sir David Lloyd Jones

(Justice Designate of the UK Supreme Court)

Chair: **Paul Hopkins QC**

(Leader, Wales and Chester Circuit)



10:35 Plenary Session 3

“Financing Pro Bono Access to Justice”

Laura Cassidy (Access to Justice Foundation)

Trilby James (Reaching Justice Wales)

10:45 Refreshments

<p>11:15</p>	<p>Breakout Strand A <u>Room GH029</u></p> <p><i>Legal Education and Practice</i> Strand Leader Dr Chris Marshall (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)</p>	<p>Breakout Strand B <u>Room GH001</u></p> <p><i>Public Law</i> Strand Leader David C Gardner (Administrative Court Office Lawyer for Wales / Public Law Wales)</p>	<p>Breakout Strand C <u>Room GH014</u></p> <p><i>Civil and social rights</i> Strand Leader Jane Williams (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)</p>
<p>11:15</p>	<p><i>“Modern Regulation: flexibility to meet the needs of Wales”</i></p> <p>Crispin Passmore (Executive Director, Policy, Solicitors Regulation Authority)</p> <p>Chair: Michael Draper (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)</p> <p><i>(Session supported by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives)</i></p> 	<p><i>“Distinctive Welsh Approaches to Tribunals and Administrative Justice”</i></p> <p>Andrew Felton (Head of Justice Policy, Welsh Government) Dr. Sarah Nason (Bangor University School of Law School) Chair: Sir Wyn Williams (Interim President of the Welsh Tribunals)</p> <p><i>(Session supported by University of Wales Press – publishers of “Administrative Justice in Wales and Comparative Perspectives” (Sarah Nason))</i></p> 	<p><i>“Civil and Social Rights in Wales: the Distinctive Legislative Framework”</i></p> <p>Gareth Howells (National Assembly for Wales Legal Service)</p> <p>Chair: Jane Williams (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)</p>
<p>12:00</p>	<p><i>“Legal Education Research Network (LERN) Cymru”</i></p> <p>Richard Owen (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology) Chair: Michael Draper (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)</p> <p><i>(Session supported by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives)</i></p> 	<p><i>“Law Reform in Wales: Past, Present and Future”</i></p> <p>Nicholas Paines QC (Commissioner, Public Law, Law Commission of England and Wales) Dr Charles Mynors (Law Commission Planning in Wales Project)</p>	<p><i>“Embedding rights in public services: what it means for litigators”</i></p> <p>Michael Imperato (Watkins and Gunn) Dr Simon Hoffman (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology) Chair: Jane Williams (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)</p>

12:45 Lunch

<p>13:45</p>	<p><u>Room GH029</u></p> <p><i>“Innovation and Technology in Legal Practice”</i></p> <p>Session Moderator: Trilby James (Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)</p> <p><i>“Using consumer tech to address challenges in legal practice”</i></p> <p>Steve Talbot, (Chief Technology Officer, Properr)</p> <p><i>“Adopting New Technology”</i></p>	<p><u>Room GH001</u></p> <p><i>“Developing Codes of Welsh Law”</i></p> <p>Dylan Hughes (First Welsh Legislative Counsel to the Welsh Government)</p> <p>Chair: Sir Roderick Evans (Commissioner for Standards, National Assembly for Wales)</p> <p>(Session in Welsh with simultaneous translation into English)</p>	<p><u>Room GH014</u></p> <p><i>“Access to Justice as a Human Right”</i></p> <p>Richard Owen (Director, Swansea Law Clinic)</p> <p>Jo Sidhu (CrowdJustice)</p> <p>Chair: Millicent Grant (President, Chartered Institute of Legal Executives)</p>
<p>14:30</p>	<p>Adam Curtis (Managing Director, Hoowla)</p> <p><i>“The emerging role of artificial intelligence in legal practice”</i></p> <p>Richard Seabrook, (Managing Director, Neota Logic Ltd.)</p>	<p>Welsh Legal History Society</p> <p><i>“Gwilym Prys Davies – a life in the law, politics and government of Wales”</i></p> <p>Emyr Lewis (Senior Partner for Wales, Blake Morgan)</p> <p>Chair: Professor R. Gwynedd Parry (Swansea University)</p> <p>(Session in Welsh with simultaneous translation into English)</p>	<p>Wales Commercial Law Association</p> <p><i>“The General Data Protection Regulation – a catalyst for change and innovation”</i></p> <p>Dr Kerry Beynon (Partner, Acuity Legal)</p> <p>Chair: Craig Griffiths (Partner, Acuity Legal)</p>

15:15 Refreshments

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15:45 Plenary Session 4

“Brexit and the Law in Wales”

A discussion

Moderator: **Professor Richard Rawlings**

(Professor of Public Law, University College London)

Panel Members:

Dr Jo Hunt (Reader, Cardiff University School of Law and Politics)

Dr Victoria Jenkins (Senior Lecturer, Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)

Professor Dermot Cahill (Head of Bangor University Law School)

Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones (Managing Partner, AgriAdvisor)

17:00 Plenary Session 5

The Rt Hon Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd

(Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales)

Chair: **Professor John Williams**

(Aberystwyth University Law School)

17:25 Closing Session

Thanks and Close of the Conference

Professor Elwen Evans QC

(Head, Swansea University College of Law and Criminology)

17:30 Conference Reception

Host: **Joe Egan**

(President, Law Society of England and Wales)

(Session supported by the Law Society)

