

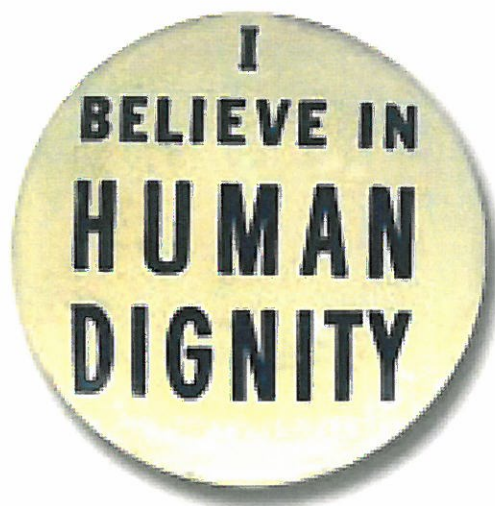


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LITIGATING HUMAN DIGNITY: DOES IT ADD VALUE?



Chair

Prof Aileen McColgan, King's College, London and Matrix Chambers

Speakers

Robin Allen QC, Cloisters
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Catherine Dupre, University of Exeter, Leverhulme Research Fellow

Date & Venue

University of Notre Dame, 1-34 Suffolk Street
London SW1Y 4HG

Tuesday 15 March 2011

6.00pm

CPD accreditation

2 Hours by the BSB and SRA

This practically focused, interactive seminar will seek to explain dignity as a legal concept. Notions of human dignity - previously unfamiliar to the common law - are increasingly taking centre stage in international human rights law discourse. The inviolable right to human dignity is the first article of the EU Charter and the European Court of Human Rights frequently relies on the concept of dignity in determining cases.

Questions to be explored include whether dignity has an independent legal existence, or is the guarantee of human dignity the ultimate objective of a human rights compliant society? Alternatively, is it a hollow concept, that could have the effect of undermining hard won human rights standards? Is one person's right to dignity, the violation of another's human right? If dignity can be litigated, how should it be argued? What scope does, or should, the common law have in nurturing the right to human dignity?

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