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Mr Justice Collins, *Lead Judge, Administrative Court*

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Alex Bailin, *Matrix*

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#### Coverage includes:

- Criminal law
- The Commission for Equality and Human Rights
- Mental health
- Freedom of information
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### Why you should attend this conference

The Human Rights Act 1998 is now an established part of the legal landscape. Its fundamental and wide-ranging effects continue to be felt on a regular basis. This year will see a number of significant House of Lords judgments that may have profound impact on the future development of UK law.

Away from the courts, far-reaching developments are at various stages of fruition – in mental health, discrimination and freedom of information, to name just three.

The backdrop to these fast-moving changes is an evolving political landscape which features a growing debate over a Bill of Rights for Britain.

### Comprehensive, expert, informative...

You can update your knowledge of all these issues at the annual JUSTICE / Sweet & Maxwell Human Rights Law Conference – the established forum for the analysis of human rights related legislation, case law and policy across a wide range of practice areas.

Attend this conference and you will

- Ensure you are fully informed of all the key recent developments in human rights law
- Gain valuable insights into the likely future directions of law and policy at this time of change
- Exchange experience and ideas with delegates from government departments, academia and the legal professions

**Specialist workshop sessions**, each run by leading experts, will provide in-depth coverage of particularly topical areas:

- Criminal law
- The Commission for Equality and Human Rights
- Mental health
- Freedom of information
- Judicial review
- Military justice
- Custody and detention
- Privacy and free expression

### Understand the latest developments:

- The year laid bare – what are the key developments in the past 12 months?
- Public authorities – what are the implications of the House of Lords decision in *YL v Birmingham City Council*?
- Human rights and armed conflict – a new paradigm? The ramifications of landmark cases *Al Skeini* and *Al Jedda*
- Mental Health Act 2007 – what are the practical effects of the first major change to mental health legislation for nearly a quarter of a century?
- More equal? An analysis of the new Commission for Equality and Human Rights in the first month of its existence.
- Freedom of Information – a troubled or troublesome three-year old? How is the Act working and why are there moves to limit it?
- A Bill of Rights for Britain – a great leap forward or Human Rights Act-lite?

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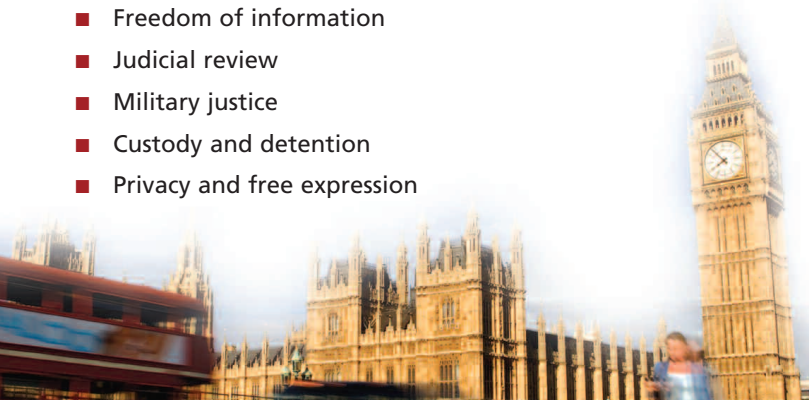
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*“Very up to date and relevant in this challenging field”*

*“Clear, useful, practical knowledge on the HRA and how it is applied”*

*“Many of the talks were outstanding, intelligent, informative and helpful”*

*“Thank you for a very enjoyable and academically stimulating day”*



# Programme

- 09.00 Registration
- MORNING PLENARY SESSION**  
*Chaired by Jennifer McDermott, Addleshaw Goddard*
- 09.30 Introduction from the chair
- KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
Mr Justice Collins,  
*Lead Judge, Administrative Court*
- 10.10 **REVIEW OF THE YEAR**  
Tim Otty QC,  
*20 Essex Street*
- 10.40 **Questions & discussion**
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
(choose one session from the following four)
- 1. Criminal Law and Human Rights Update**  
Alex Bailin, *Matrix*  
Ben Rose, *Hickman & Rose*  
This session will provide an overview of key cases and legislative developments in the field of criminal law and human rights, including coverage of key decisions of the Divisional Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and European Court of Human Rights.  
*Chaired by Sally Ireland, JUSTICE*
- 2. The Commission for Equality and Human Rights**  
Professor Francesca Klug, *London School of Economics; Commissioner, Commission for Equality and Human Rights*  
**CEHR speaker to be confirmed**  
In October 2007, the right to equality and non-discrimination will receive a significant boost with the establishment of the Commission for Equality and Human Rights. This session will examine the legal framework surrounding the Commission, its powers and functions, and its likely impact – particularly on the work of public authorities and employers.  
*Chaired by Gay Moon, JUSTICE*
- 3. Mental Health – the new legal framework**  
Fenella Morris, *39 Essex Street*  
Lucy Scott-Moncrieff, *Scott-Moncrieff, Harbour & Sinclair*  
With a new Mental Health Bill about to become law, this session looks at the impact of the forthcoming changes to the Mental Health Act 1983. In particular, this session examines the impact on human rights of the new broader definition of mental disorder, extension of compulsory treatment powers, community treatment orders and the interaction between the mental health and criminal justice systems.  
*Chaired by Marisa Leaf, Doughty Street Chambers*
- 4. Freedom of Information update**  
Timothy Pitt-Payne, *11 King's Bench Walk*  
Rosemary Jay, *Pinsent Masons*  
The government has been consulting on changes to the Freedom of Information Act. At the same time, repeated attempts have been made in Parliament to narrow the scope of the Act to prevent its application to Members of Parliament. Three years into the Act's operation, how is the right to information faring under the current legal framework? This session provides an update on the latest developments, cases and decisions.  
*Chaired by Suzanne Lambert, One Crown Office Row*

13.00 Lunch

## 13.45 AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

(choose one session from the following four)

### 5. Judicial Review and Human Rights Update

Monica Carrs-Frisk QC, *Blackstone Chambers*  
Richard Gordon QC, *Brick Court Chambers*

This session looks at the main cases and measures in the field of public law, judicial review and human rights, including coverage of key decisions of the Administrative Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and European Court of Human Rights.

*Chaired by Eleni Mitrophanous, Matrix*

### 6. Human Rights and Military Justice

Rodney Dixon, *Matrix*  
Professor Peter Rowe, *Lancaster University*

The interface between military procedures and human rights continues to dominate the headlines. The courts martial of UK soldiers for actions in Iraq raise issues of whether current procedures are able to deliver justice. At the same time, the House of Lords decisions in *Al Skeini* and *Al Jeddah* are expected to have a significant impact on the jurisdiction of the UK courts for the actions of UK soldiers abroad. This session examines the latest developments and cases, as well as the human rights framework as it applies to military personnel.

*Chaired by Emma Douglas, JUSTICE*

### 7. Custody and Detention

Phillippa Kaufmann, *Doughty Street Chambers*  
Alison Macdonald, *Matrix*

The treatment of prisoners and those in other kinds of state custody continues to involve serious issues concerning human rights. This session analyses the obligations of public authorities and private actors responsible for detention towards prisoners and detainees, the legal rights of those detained and the remedies available to them.

*Chaired by Shaheen Rahman, One Crown Office Row*

### 8. Privacy and free expression – the media and human rights

Andrew Nicol QC, *Doughty Street Chambers*  
Sara Mansoori, *5 Raymond Buildings*

Recent developments have focused on the emergence of a right to privacy in UK law: what are its consequences for press freedom? This session will focus on the ability of the courts to balance the competing interests of individual privacy and the importance of free expression under the Human Rights Act.

*Chaired by Catherine Callaghan, Blackstone Chambers*

15.15 Tea break

## 15.30 AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

### A Bill of Rights for Britain?

Professor Vernon Bogdanor, *University of Oxford*

It is nearly a decade since the Human Rights Act was passed. Is the Act sufficient protection for human rights, or does the UK need its own Bill of Rights in addition to its obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights? This session and the subsequent panel discussion debate the arguments and look ahead to the likely outcome.

## 16.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

*Chaired by Roger Smith, JUSTICE*

Jessica Simor, *Matrix*  
Dominic Grieve MP, *Shadow Attorney General*  
Vera Baird QC MP, *Ministry of Justice*

17.00 Close of Conference

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