

From the Chair

Welcome to the HRLA AGM 2018

Welcome to Linklaters for a moment of reflection on the work of the HRLA in 2017 and the election of our officers for the year to come. Please stay following the formal proceedings for our Annual Lecture, with David Isaac, Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, chaired by Schona Jolly QC, Cloisters.

This has been an excellent year for the HRLA. The attached report provides a schedule of information on our events and activities and our membership numbers. The work of the Young Lawyers Committee has been vibrant and exciting, with more student focused events this year than ever before. We extend a warm welcome each of our new members.

The HRLA was established 15 years ago, in 2003, by a committed group of lawyers from across the professions, the civil service and academia. Our goal remains to provide an opportunity for learning, discussion and peer-support for all lawyers working on human rights in the United Kingdom.

We look forward to another active year. On 5 February, jointly with the Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association, we will host David Cole, litigation director of the American Civil Liberties Union. In April, we are delighted that Cressida Dick, the first female Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police, has agreed to join us to lead a discussion on policing and human rights in the UK. With our new Executive Committee in place, we are committed to put together an exciting programme, covering the breadth of human rights challenges and opportunities for human rights lawyers, communities and for decision makers on Whitehall and at Westminster.

I have been proud to represent you as your Chair. The HRLA runs on the commitment and generosity of its volunteers and supporters. My gratitude is with this year's Executive Committee and our Young Lawyers Committee, and with each of the firms and chambers who have supported our events, providing exceptional facilities for our meetings and warm hospitality. If re-elected, working with the Executive Committee, my priorities for this year are clear. First, our Bursary Scheme requires reinvestment and reinvigoration. In this, the 15th Anniversary of the HRLA, we will work hard with members to secure its stable future to our 20th Anniversary and beyond. Second, we aim to continue to grow our membership. Finally, we plan to raise the profile of the organisation and its activities, including on social media.

From the #metoo movement to the impact of Brexit on human rights, we continue to live in an important and challenging time for human rights. I look forward to working with all and I am excited to hear your ideas.

Angela Patrick
Chair, Human Rights Lawyers Association

21 January 2018

HRLA Events, Careers Days and Special Meetings 2017

Date	Topic	Chair	Speakers
March			
22 March	How to be an Environmental Lawyer	David Hart QC (1 Crown Office Row)	Adrienne Copithorne (Richard Buxton), Clare McGregor (1 Crown Office Row), Rebekah Read (Leigh Day), Sarah Sackman (Francis Taylor Buidling)
April			
5 April	Human Rights and International Criminal Law	Michael Polak (Church Court Chambers)	Wayne Jordash (Global Rights Compliance), Richard J Roger , Megan Hirst (Doughty Street Chambers)
11 April	Five Ideas to Fight For: In Conversation with Lord Lester of Herne Hill	Angela Patrick (Doughty Street Chambers)	Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC
May			
11 May London Careers Day			
15 May	Child Refugees and the Law	Paul Dillane (Kaleidoscope Trust)	Greg Ó Ceallaigh (Garden Court Chambers), Charlotte Kilroy (Doughty Street Chambers)
22 May	Mental Health and Human Rights	Ranette Prime (Hackney Council)	Professor Jill Peay (LSE), Victoria Butler Cole (39 Essex Chambers), Oliver Lewis (MDAC)
June			
29 June	Commercial Human Rights Post-Brexit	Tim Ward QC (Monckton Chambers)	Gerry Facenna QC (Monckton Chambers), Jessica Simor QC (Matrix Chambers), Charles Brasted (Hogan Lovells International LLP)
July			
10 July	Northern Ireland and Abortion Rights	Kate Beattie (Doughty Street Chambers)	Les Allamby (Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission), Caoilfhionn Gallagher QC (Doughty Street Chambers), Dr Sheelagh McGuinness (University of Bristol), Mara Clarke (Abortion Support Network)
October			
3 October	Progress and Challenges in Advancing Equality for	Paul Dillane (Kaleidoscope Trust)	Bex Stinson (Stonewall), Michelle Brewer (Garden Court Chambers & TELI),

	Trans People in the UK		Jane Ryan (Bhatt Murphy), Nina Nasim (UKLGIG)
25 October – Manchester Careers Day			
30 October	Faith, Conscience and Human Rights	Jeremy Frost (YLC and Garden Court Chambers)	Dr Ronan McCrea (UCL), Ismet Rawat (Association of Muslim Lawyers), Mia Hasenson-Gross (Rene Cassin)
November			
7 November	Human Rights, Public Inquiries and the Public Interest	Henrietta Hill QC (Doughty Street Chambers)	Pete Weatherby QC (Garden Court North), Nancy Collins (Hodge Jones & Allen), Matthew Hill (1 Crown Office Row)
30 November	Brexit and Human Rights: Better Protected In or Out?	Angela Patrick (Doughty Street Chambers)	Theo Huckle QC (Doughty Street Chambers), Martin Howe QC (8 New Square Chambers), Professor Fiona De Londras (Birmingham Law School)
December			
14 December	2017: A Review of the Human Rights Year	Angela Patrick (Doughty Street Chambers)	Baroness Helena Kennedy of the Shaws QC (Doughty Street Chambers), The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve MP , Angela Jackman (Simpson Millar LLP), Professor Conor Gearty (LSE, Matrix Chambers), Afua Hirsch (Guardian)

Bursary Awardees 2017

Marianne Holbrook	Legal Resource Centre, South Africa (£1,000)
Maya Thomas Davis	Legal Centre, Lesbos (£1,500)
Korrie Stanley	ICC (£750)
Rabah Kherbane	Reprieve (£1,500 – Peter Duffy Award)

HRLA Judicial Review Competition 2017

John Chan and Karen Tsang (Winners)
Anureg Deb and Declan Durey

Lord Justice Underhill, Sean Jones QC and Heather Williams QC ruled in favour of Karen Tsang and John Chan, making them the winners of the 2017 HRLA Judicial Review Competition.

Membership Summary 2017

[Record numbers of new memberships]

Type of member	Number	New in 2017
Students*	943	226
Corporate		
	[5 Firms and 9 Chambers]	1 Firm (Allen & Overy); -1 (One Brick Court)
	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP	
	Clifford Chance LLP	
	Blackstone Chambers	
	Doughty Street Chambers	
	Monckton Chambers	
	Bindmans LLP	
	Three Raymond Buildings	
	1 Pump Court	
	Thirty Nine Essex Chambers	
	Hogan Lovells International LLP	
	Essex Court Chambers	
	Landmark Chambers	
	Arden Chambers	
	Allen & Overy LLP	
Solicitors - 5 Years	83	8
Solicitors + 5 Years	70	5
Barristers - 5 Years	66	11
Barristers + 5 Years	242	3
Academics	21	0
NGO	95	8