

# Real Estate Annual Conference

Tuesday 8 October 2024

The Exchange, 3 Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 2DR



# REAL ESTATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We are delighted to release the full programme and list of speakers for our upcoming Real Estate Litigation Annual Conference on Tuesday 8 October 2024.

For the first time this year, we will be hosting a full day conference externally at The Exchange, an iconic building located in Centenary Square in Birmingham City Centre. This will enable us to accommodate increased capacity and embrace innovative methods of training designed to enhance the learning experience for delegates.

The topics to be explored in the morning include recent developments in the law of adverse possession and restrictive covenants and a tripartite series focusing on the validity and service property notices - essential to any property practitioner's practice. The afternoon will focus on commercial property starting with a masterclass on lease renewals both from a legal and an expert's perspective. The conference will be rounded up with an interactive case study, intended to give delegates a better understanding of the relative strength of their evidence in lease renewal and leasehold valuation cases.

Attendees will receive a full conference pack including detailed notes for the seminars. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking during the day and the conference will conclude with a drinks reception, where you can expand your network and exchange ideas and best practice with our expert speakers and fellow attendees.

Those booking up until 31 August 2024 will receive an early bird discount. Group discounts are also available. We hope you can join us and look forward to welcoming you at The Exchange, to share a productive and enjoyable day together.

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# SPEAKERS

**Anthony Verduyn, Call 1993** Head of Business and Property Group



**Michelle Caney, Call 2004** Head of Real Estate Team

**Anya Newman, Call 2007**



**Iqbal Mohammed, Call 2007**

**David Nuttall, Call 2010**



**Raghav Trivedi, Call 2014**

**Harry Marriott, Call 2018**



**Eloise Marriott, Call 2020**

**Amanprit Kaur, Call 2021**



**Neil Burrige, Guest Speaker**  
BSc (Hons) MRICS ACI Arb,  
RICS Registered Valuer



# REAL ESTATE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## Date:

8 October 2024

## Time:

9.30am - 6.00pm

## Location:

The Exchange,  
3 Centenary Square,  
Birmingham,  
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## CPD:

6 hours

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**9.30am-10.00am**

**Registration**

**10.00am-10.25am**

**Keynote Address: [HHJ Williams](#)**

**10.25am-11.05am**

**Session 1: [Anthony Verduyn](#)**

***Squeezing the balloon: the developing law of adverse possession***

Anthony Verduyn, the Head of our Business and Property Group, will open the substantive programme by looking at current issues and practice in the developing law of adverse possession, focusing on the real world operation of the Land Registration Act 2002.

**11.05am-11.45am**

**Session 2: [Anya Newman](#)**

***Restrictive Covenants: Finding the Wiggle Room***

With homeowners and developers alike looking to maximise the potential of their land, there has been a spate of decisions on restrictive covenants. Anya Newman will examine the developments and discuss practical tips in order to identify whether a covenant is still enforceable and what challenges to bring in relation to variation or discharge.

**11.45am-12.00pm**

**Break**

**12.00pm-12.25pm**

**Session 3: [Raghav Trivedi](#)**

***Validity & Construction Notices - How to Make Sure Things Go Right***

Raghav Trivedi will provide an overview of the factors concerning the validity of property notices, along with the principles of construction for determining whether a notice is valid. Raghav will utilise his case experience and case studies to help provide an understanding of the practical and tactical application of these fundamental matters. This will also involve a consideration of the potential traps and pitfalls for the unwary.

**12.25am-12.50pm**

**Session 4: [Iqbal Mohammed](#)**

***You've been served***

Iqbal will look at methods of serving notices as well as contemporary issues such as service by email where the lease contains antiquated methods. Iqbal will also consider the position from a drafting perspective and look at why certain methods of service are preferred. Iqbal will look at important decisions relating to service.

12.50pm-1.15pm

Session 5: **Harry Marriott**

***Saving Notices - What to do When Things Go Wrong***

Harry Marriott will consider alternative arguments which can be used when a property notice may be found to be invalid. In particular, Harry will look at whether notices can still be given their intended effect by mechanisms such as waiver and estoppel, how practitioners can be best placed to rely on or resist these arguments, and practical tips on remedying situations where errors have occurred.

1.15pm-2.00pm

Lunch

2.00pm-2.40pm

Session 6: **Michelle Caney**

***A Masterclass in Business Lease Renewals***

Michelle Caney, Head of the Real Estate Team, will explore topical legal issues in uncontested and opposed lease renewals, focusing on tactical considerations and guidance for tricky areas.

2.40pm-3.15pm

Session 7: **Neil Burridge**

***A Surveyor's Perspective on Business Lease Renewals***

Neil Burridge of Raeburn Consulting will explain the valuation principles applicable in the renewal process and how to assist your surveyor to maximise the chance of a successful lease renewal.

3.15pm-3.30pm

Break

3.30pm-4.45pm

Session 8: **David Nuttall, Eloise Marriott and Amanprit Kaur**

***Every Little Helps - A retail lease renewal case study***

David Nuttall will be leading a case study on an uncontested lease renewal in a convenience store context. He will be analysing the key features of the subject premises and its lease, before working through a number of (more or less) comparable properties.

Delegates, guided by Eloise Marriott and Amanprit Kaur, will split into groups to determine the weight to be given to the comparables. David will then give his take on how a Court would approach the lease renewal and valuation exercise.

4.45pm-5.00pm

Q&A Session: **The Panel**

5.00pm-6.00pm

Drinks Reception

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David Nuttall, Call: 2010

Raghav Trivedi, Call: 2014

John Aldis, Call: 2016

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Eloise Marriott, Call: 2020

Amanprit Kaur, Call: 2021

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