

Current Issues in Commercial, Construction & Insurance Law



Thursday 21st October, HAC, London
Thursday 25th November, Old Trafford, Manchester

1.30 pm Tea and Registration

1.50 pm Introduction by Andrew Rigney

2.00 pm Commercial Property Damage Claims

Michael Curtis QC will discuss issues of liability, causation and damages arising out of recent cases in which he has been involved including *Buncefield*, *Supershield v Siemens* and *CPP v NuWay*.

2.20 pm Natural justice in construction adjudication

Charles Pimlott will set out the principles of natural justice as they apply to construction adjudication – in particular, the right of parties to an adjudication to a tribunal free from actual or apparent bias.

2.40 pm Directors' and Officers' Duties: Developments since the Companies Act

Dermot Woolgar and Elizabeth Boon will be talking about the development of directors' and officers' duties since the introduction of the Companies Act 2006, including directors' general duties imposed by Part 10 Chapter 2 and recent case law.

3.20 pm Tea

3.40 pm Linklaters v McAlpine – duty, damage and economic loss revisited

Andrew Rigney QC will review the issues which arise in the construction and insurance context in relation to duties of care, damage, defects and pure economic loss in the light of the recent decision of Aikenhead J in *Linklaters Business Services v Sir Robert McAlpine*.

4.00 pm The Defective Premises Act

Crispin Winsor will explore the nature of the duty owed by builders under s1 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 and suggest that the orthodox view is overly restrictive and the DPA in fact offers much greater protection to home owners.

4.20 pm Topical Issues in Professional Liability

Jason Evans-Tovey and David Myhill will speak about some topical issues which in their experience are arising in the professional liability field.

5.00 pm Questions to the Panel, followed by drinks

Accredited for 3 hours CPD

