

Welsh Housing Law: Masterclasses

10-11 September 2026

Glamorgan Building | King Edward VII Avenue | Cardiff CF10 3WT

THE PURPOSE OF THESE MASTERCLASSES is for colleagues across the sector – whether they are interested in working with landlords or tenants or homelessness applicants – to gain greater knowledge about the ins and outs of Housing Law in Wales. There will be a mix of lectures and training seminars. The cost of attending the Masterclasses has been pegged at £30 to encourage maximum participation because we believe that greater knowledge of Housing Law in Wales will be of benefit to everybody. You don't have to be a member of HLPa or SHLA to participate.

THE BACKDROP

There is a major skills gap in the provision of housing law advice in Wales. There are legal aid housing advice deserts. Researchers report a lack of understanding of the housing legislation even among legal professionals. This is a massive problem considering how much new law there now is, how technical it can be, and how much new legislation is in the pipeline. We have our own law on homelessness, renting, registration, and disrepair. Much of our legislation is rightly styled as "progressive". However, there is a skills gap which we need to fill.

A group of outstanding practitioners have come together to help fill this gap and provide these masterclasses. You will get our training notes and refreshments during the day rolled in to the price (although you will need to arrange your own accommodation). We will cover:

- Possession proceedings
- Homelessness
- Disrepair
- Tenancy fraud
- Supported housing
- ASB
- Housing standards, registration and licensing

If you have something on those areas you would like us to discuss, let us know in advance by emailing CowanD1@Cardiff.ac.uk

The full programme for the Masterclasses together with registration details will be available shortly.

For any further information in the meantime, please contact the event administrators Professional Briefings:

london@profbriefings.co.uk or 01920 282262

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The conference is aimed at all those involved in, or want to be involved in, housing law. It is relevant to solicitors, barristers, paralegals and advisers in the voluntary, public and private sectors, together with academics, policy workers, experts and campaigners in the housing and social welfare fields.

The programme will include the following speakers:

- **Tim Baldwin** Garden Court Chambers
- **Justin Bates** Landmark Chambers
- **Kuljit Bhogal** Cornerstone Chambers
- **Sally Blackmore** Enterprise Chambers
- **Melanie Cant** Mel Cant Training
- **Alistair Cantor** Cornerstone Chambers
- **David Cowan** Cardiff University & Doughty Street Chambers
- **Rosalee Dorfman** 4-5 Gray's Inn Square
- **Elizabeth England** Five Paper Buildings
- **Crash Krylova** Landmark Chambers
- **Mike Norman** Harrow Law Centre
- **Tara O'Leary** Cornerstone Chambers
- **Ayesha Omar** 4-5 Gray's Inn Square
- **Rebecca Rees** Hugh James Solicitors
- **Katrina Robinson** Birketts Solicitors
- **Lee Russell** Devonshires Solicitors
- **Sarah Salmon** Cornerstone Chambers
- **David Smith** Bishop and Sewell Solicitors
- **Sarah Steinhardt** Doughty Street Chambers
- Members of Civitas Chambers