
Local Government Conference - Birmingham Wednesday 24th June 2015

With speakers from 39 Essex Chambers:

Timothy Lyons QC
Fenella Morris QC
Jonathan Auburn
Kelly Stricklin-Coutinho
Jennifer Thelen

And guest speaker Stuart Evans of Birmingham City Council

Venue:

Krug Room
Hotel du Vin
Church Street
Birmingham
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Timings and Agenda:

12.15pm Registration
12.30pm Lunch
13.00pm Managing Cuts: lawful decision-making, PSED and
Consultation
13.45pm Procurement / State Aid
14.30pm Freedom of Information and Data Protection
15.15pm Governance
16.00pm Finish

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Timothy Lyons QC is regularly instructed by local authorities and handles disputes in relation to all direct taxes, and indirect taxes such as national insurance and VAT. His background has also ensured that his opinions on the Community Infrastructure Levy are much sought after, not least in relation to the impact of EU state aid law. He also works in the areas of public procurement and EU environmental law.



Fenella Morris QC practises across a wide range of local government work from community care to procurement and vires, and is recommended by Chambers and Partners in seven areas.. She represented Coventry City Council in the Sky Blues case, and is currently acting for other councils in cases concerning consultation and fee-setting. As well as appearing in cases up to the Supreme Court and European Court she has arbitrated and mediated many health and social care disputes.



Jonathan Auburn has extensive experience in acting for local authorities defending judicial review claims and is listed in the directories as a recommended junior in a number of areas. He represented Cambridgeshire in the Supreme Court case of *KM v Cams CC* (adult social care) and appeared in *Westminster CC v SL* (Supreme Court, Jan 2013). His book, *Judicial Review: Principles and Procedure (OUP)* was published in 2014.



Kelly Stricklin-Coutinho practice includes a substantial portion of work for local government on a broad range of issues including state aid, a variety of taxes (including VAT, income tax and corporation tax) and public law more generally. Her wider practice includes a number of sectors of interest to local government, including environmental/energy, social care (including social housing) and work for central government regulators.



Jennifer Thelen regularly appears on behalf of local authorities in employment and education law matters in First-tier Tribunals as well as the Upper Tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal. Jennifer has also represented local authorities in judicial review challenges, including in education and community care matters.



Stuart Evans is the Head of Environment, Development & Planning Law at Birmingham City Council. Stuart advises the Birmingham City Council's Planning Committee and Public Protection Committee on legal and governance issues and is the relationship lawyer for the City Council's Development Directorate. Stuart is also a Committee Member of the Education Committee and the Law Society Planning and Environment Committee that deals with and provides advice in relation to new legislation consultation. He also now leads on Planning & Environmental issues for the LLG.