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## **The Scottish Public Law Group Annual Conference**

**The Sheraton Grand, Edinburgh**

**Monday 17 June 2019**

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## Conference Programme

- 9:00 – 9:25**      **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:25 – 9:30**      **Welcome address from Axiom Advocates**
- 9:30 – 10:00**      **Keynote address** by The Right Hon Lady Dorrian, Lord Justice Clerk
- 10:00 – 10:45**      **Devolution in Northern Ireland**  
Professor Gordon Anthony, Queen's University Belfast
- 10:45 – 11:05**      **Coffee**
- 11:05 – 13:00**      **Brexit and EU Law**  
Chair:      Sir David Edward  
Subject:    **Trends in Brexit litigation**  
Professor Aileen McHarg, Professor in Public Law, University of Strathclyde  
Dr Christopher McCorkindale, Lecturer, University of Strathclyde  
**Constitutional implications of Brexit**  
Dr Jack Simson Caird, Senior Research Fellow, The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law  
**EU law update**  
Maya Lester QC, Brick Court Chambers  
**Panel Q&A**
- 13:00 – 14:00**      **Lunch**

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14:00 – 14:55

**Public Law Updates**

Chair: The Right Hon Lord Brodie, Senator of the College of Justice

Subject: **Scots public law update**  
Jonathan Mitchell QC, Arnot Manderson

14:55 – 15:15

**Coffee**

15:15 – 17:00

**Public Law Updates, cont.**

Chair: The Right Hon Lord Brodie, Senator of the College of Justice

Subject: **UK public law update**  
John Halford, Partner, Joint Head of Public Law and Human Rights team, Bindmans

**Human rights update**  
Professor Merris Amos, Queen Mary University of London

17:00

**Vote of thanks and invitation to drinks reception**

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## SPLG Free Events

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**We are in the process of organising further free events for autumn and winter 2019. Details will be posted on our website ([www.splg.co.uk](http://www.splg.co.uk)) and twitter (@scotPLG), but the best way to ensure you hear of upcoming events is to sign up to our mailing list.**

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**We welcome suggestions from our members as to topics for future seminars**