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Conference Programme

- 9:00 – 9:25** **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:25 – 9:30** **Welcome address from Axiom Advocates**
- 9.30 – 10.05** **Keynote address by The Right Hon. The Lord Keen of Elie QC, Advocate General for Scotland**
- 10.05 – 10:55** **Funding Public Law Challenges**
- Chair: **Kay Springham QC, Compass Chambers**
- Subject: **Collaborative Social Justice in Scotland**
Jen Ang, Partner/Director of JustRight Scotland
- Crowdfunding of public law cases**
Elaine Motion, Chairman, Balfour-Manson
- 10:55 – 11:15** **Coffee**
- 11:15 – 13.10** **Public Law Case Update**
- Chair: **Lady Carmichael**
- Subject: **Scots Public Law case law update**
Ruth Charteris, Advocate, Arnot Manderson Advocates
- Rest of UK Public Law case law update**
Dr Paul Daly, Senior Lecturer in Public Law at the University of Cambridge and the Derek Bowett Fellow in Law at Queens' College Cambridge
- Human Rights law update**
Martin Chamberlain QC, Brick Court Chambers
- 13:10 – 14:10** **Lunch**

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- 14.10 – 14.45** **Keynote address** by James Wolffe QC, Lord Advocate
- 14.45 – 15.15** **Brexit: Legal implications for the law as we know it**
Chair: **Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC**
Subject: **They are changing the guard at Westminster Palace: the EU(W)B and EU Public Law**
 Prof. Catherine Barnard, Professor of European Union Law and Jean Monnet Chair of EU Law at the University of Cambridge,
- 15:15 – 15:30** **Coffee**
- 15:30 – 17:00** **Brexit: Legal implications for the law as we know it, continued**
Chair: **Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC**
Subject: **The (ab)use of courts in a Post-Brexit UK: constitutionalisation or politicisation of the judiciary?**
 Prof. Alison Young, Sir David Williams Professor of Public Law at the University of Cambridge.

 Clause 11 and all that: A Welsh Perspective
 Prof. Rick Rawlings, Chair of Public Law at University College London
- 17:00** **Vote of thanks and invitation to drinks reception**

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Attendees at the full conference will be entitled to claim 6 hours of credit under the CPD schemes of both the Law Society of Scotland and the Faculty of Advocates.

The Scottish Public Law Group, a not for profit group run by volunteers, was launched in February 2008. It provides a forum for academics; members of the judiciary; advocates; and lawyers working in private practice and in-house with central and local government and other public bodies to meet and discuss matters of topical interest in public law in Scotland.

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Summary of SPLG Events in 2018

As well as today's conference the SPLG runs a series of free seminars and lectures throughout the year.

Legislating for BREXIT in Westminster and Holyrood: Where are we now in theory and in practice? (Friday 27 April 2018)

While Brexit negotiations have moved drawn wider media interests onto the Brussels stage in recent months, the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill have been steadily working their way through Westminster and Holyrood respectively. While these Bills are both raising interesting constitutional and legislative drafting issues for lawyers generally, they are also heralding potentially far reaching changes in the relationship between the two legislatures and their executives. Different ways of working are emerging as to how business is being carried out. It remains to be seen what kind of future changes we can expect as a result of the passage of these Bills and their handling. This event will look at how the dynamics and ways of working in Westminster and Holyrood are being affected and changed by the Withdrawal Bills and whether they may be changing established constitutional certainties.

A Conversation with Lady Hale: '20 Years on: Devolution and the Supreme Court' (Thursday 14 June 2018)

In its own 10th anniversary year, the SPLG is marking the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the devolution statutes and the ability, for the first time in the democratic era, for courts in the UK to strike down primary legislation passed by a democratically elected legislature.

In this special address, Lady Hale – in her first speech in Scotland since being appointed as President of the UK Supreme Court – will reflect on the contribution of that court to the development of devolution jurisprudence within and across the devolution settlements. This is a rare opportunity to hear from one of the country's most distinguished legal figures.

We are in the process of organising further free events for autumn and winter 2018. Details will be posted on our website (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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