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Conference Programme

09.30 – 09.55	Registration and coffee		
09.55 – 10.00	Welcome/ opening of conference	Jennifer Jack, Harper Macleod on behalf of SPLG Committee John MacGregor KC, Axiom Advocates for event sponsor	Morning Chair: Professor Stephen Tierney, University of Edinburgh
10.00 – 10.45	Scots public law update	David Welsh, Axiom Advocates	
10.45 – 11.25	Legislative competence: the Scottish Parliament at 25	Aidan O'Neill KC, Ampersand Advocates	
11.25 – 11.45	Coffee break		
11.45 – 12.25	Reflections on 25 years of devolution	Professor Nicola McEwen, University of Glasgow	
12.25 – 13.05	UK public law update	Tom de la Mare KC, Blackston Chambers	
13.05 – 14.05	Lunch and networking		
14.05 – 14.50	Legislative update: a) Hate crime, and b) UNCRC incorporation	Professor James Chalmers, University of Glasgow Professor Bruce Adamson, University of Glasgow	Afternoon Chair: The Hon Lord Sandison
14.50 – 15.25	Development of human rights law in the UK	Professor Katie Boyle, University of Strathclyde	
15.25 – 1545	Coffee break		
15.45 – 16.45	Divergence (lack of) and convergence of EU and UK law	Professor Colin Murray, University of Newcastle Lisa Whitten, Queen's University Belfast	
16.45 – 16.50	Vote of thanks/ invitation to drinks reception	Jennifer Jack, on behalf of the SPLG Committee	

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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.

The SPLG is co-ordinated by:

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SPLG Free Events

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

We are in the process of organising further free events for autumn and winter 2024. 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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