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Annual Conference

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Conference Programme

09.30 – 09.55	Registration and refreshments		
09.55 – 10.00	Welcome/ opening of conference	Jennifer Jack (for SPLG Steering Group); and Kenny McBrearty KC, Axiom Advocates (Sponsor)	Chaired by Ruth Charteris KC, Solicitor General
10.00 – 10.40	Scots public law update	Dominic Scullion, 1Six Chambers	
10.40 – 11.30	Rest of UK update	Chris Knight, 11KBW Chambers	
11.30 – 11.50	Refreshment Break and networking		
11.50 – 12.30	UK/ EU reset	Prof Jo Hunt, Cardiff University, Leverhulme Trust Major Fellowship	
12.30 – 13.00	Human rights update	Tony Convery, Ampersand Advocates	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch and networking		
14.00 – 14.45	Keynote address	David Hamilton, Scottish Information Commissioner	Chaired by Lady Wise
14.45 – 15.30	Rule of Law: International Public Law	Chris Stephen, Ampersand Advocates; and Therese O'Donnell, University of Strathclyde Law School	
15.30 – 15.50	Refreshment Break and networking		
15.50 – 16.50	Public Law and Equalities, Civil Liberties & Human Rights in practice	Calum Gee, Harper Macleod LLP; David Welsh, 1Six Chambers; and Lady Poole	
16.50 – 16.55	Vote of thanks and invitation to drinks reception	Jennifer Jack (for SPLG Steering Group)	

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Attendees at the full conference will be entitled to claim 5 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.

The SPLG's conference and other events are co-ordinated by:

Ailidh Callendar, Scottish Parliament
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The Scottish Public Law Group is grateful for the support of Harper Macleod LLP in the administration of the conference and production of conference materials.

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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. Details are posted on our website (www.splg.co.uk) and in-person places fill up quickly. **To be added to the SPLG events mailing list in order to hear about our future events or suggest topics for future seminars please email us at enquiries@splg.co.uk.**

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