

ALBA Programme for 2013

This Newsletter sets out details of three events which are now open for booking by ALBA members. Immediately below are two seminars – on the **Justice and Security Bill** (on 5 March) and on **public procurement and judicial review** (18 March), for both of which ALBA members will need to register online.

Then we are re-instituting the **ALBA Dinner**, to be held on Thursday 9 May with Lord Justice Moses as our guest speaker - details below and booking form attached. Finally, save the date for the **Summer Conference**, which this year will be at Kings College Cambridge. Members are encouraged to book early for all events to avoid disappointment.

Justice and Security Bill – Closed hearings in civil cases

Tuesday 5 March 2013, The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP and Shami Chakrabarti

On 5 March 2013 ALBA is holding a topical seminar on the Justice and Security Bill, looking in particular at the issue of closed hearings in civil cases. We are honoured to have two very eminent speakers from different sides of this issue, **Kenneth Clarke QC MP**, representing the government's position, and **Shami Chakrabarti**, Director of Liberty. We are also delighted to welcome **Lord Justice Lloyd Jones**, who will chair the seminar.

The seminar will be held in Lincoln's Inn Old Hall starting at 5.45pm. **1.5 CPD** points will be applied for.

The seminar is free for ALBA members, but advance registration is required. Please register at <http://closedhearings.eventbrite.com>

Unfortunately, there will be no entry without advance registration.

Public Procurement and Judicial Review

Monday 18 March 2013, with Nigel Giffin QC, Charles Béar QC and Mr Justice Kenneth Parker

On 18 March 2013 we will be holding a seminar on public procurement, looking at the interface with judicial review, and the MOJ proposals on procurement JRs. We are fortunate to have **Nigel Giffin QC** and **Charles Béar QC** to speak, with **Mr Justice Kenneth Parker** chairing.

The seminar will be held at the offices of Baker & McKenzie (100 New Bridge Street, EC4) at 5.45pm, with a reception to which all are welcome afterwards. **1.5 CPD** points will be applied for.

The seminar is free for ALBA members, but advance registration is required. Please register at <http://albaprocedure.eventbrite.com>. There will be no entry without advance registration.

ALBA Dinner

Thursday 9 May, at the Garden Museum, London SE1

The ALBA Dinner is back. It will be held on 9 May 2013 at The Garden Museum, 5 Lambeth Palace Rd, London SE1 7LB. For those who don't know the venue, it is situated by the River next to Lambeth Palace, and includes a 17th Century inspired knot garden for pre-dinner drinks, if fine. Details at <http://www.gardenmuseum.org.uk>. We are delighted to have **Lord Justice Moses** as our guest speaker. Members may either book individual places or book tables of 10 or 12 for Members and their guests. Early booking, on the booking form attached, is recommended. Options for payment are set out on the booking form.

Save the date - Summer Conference booking

26-28 July 2013, Kings College, Cambridge

ALBA will be holding its Annual Summer Conference on 26-28 July 2013 at Kings College, Cambridge. We have an array of exciting speakers lined up, including the new UK Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Judge Paul Mahoney. Booking forms will be out shortly.

New ALBA Committee

The composition of the ALBA Committee changed at the last AGM in November. The new Committee is as follows:

Chair: Javan Herberg QC

Vice Chairs: Nathalie Lieven QC and Jemima Stratford QC

Treasurer: Deok Joo Rhee

Secretary: Jonathan Auburn

Membership Secretary: Alan Bates

Committee: Malcolm Birdling, Tim Buley, Shami Chakrabarti, Daniel Denman, Eric Fripp, Tom Hickman, Gregory Jones QC, Sam Karim, Kevin Leigh, Thomas De La Mare QC, Elizabeth Prochaska, Vikram Sachdeva, Hugh Southey QC, Karen Steyn, Robert Wastell, Martin Westgate QC.

Public Law journal – discount to ALBA members

The publishers of Public Law journal are offering a 25% discount to ALBA members on new subscriptions taken out in February and March this year. To take advantage of this offer please see the enclosed flyer.

New categories of ALBA membership

At ALBA's last AGM, held on 6th November 2012, the Constitution was amended to enable group membership of the Association, and also to expand the categories of associate membership to include a new category of judicial members.

Group membership is now available to approved public/not-for profit and charitable bodies, and to approved private bodies (such as firms of solicitors – but not sets of chambers, since barristers join as full members). Group membership means that all lawyers within the organisation are entitled to attend ALBA events as members. The rates of such membership are as follows:

| <i>Number of Lawyers</i> | <i>Approved public/ not-for profit or charitable bodies</i> | <i>Approved private bodies</i> |
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| Up to 10 | £50 | £100 |
| 11-25 | £100 | £200 |
| 26-99 | £175 | £350 |
| 100+ | £250 | £500 |

Judicial membership (*“current or retired salaried judicial officers with an interest in constitutional and administrative law”*) will no longer require a membership fee.

If you are interested in Group Membership of ALBA, please contact the Membership Secretary Alan Bates: abates@monckton.com. We will be writing to existing judicial members about the new arrangements, but again if there are any enquiries, please contact the Membership Secretary.

Other events of interest to Members - Inquest Law conference, 13 March

LexisNexis are holding a conference on Inquest Law on 13 March 2013. See the flyer enclosed with this Newsletter for further details.



ALBA DINNER BOOKING FORM

Please complete the form below to book your place at the ALBA dinner on Thursday 9 May 2013 (6:30 drinks reception, 7:30 dinner) at The Garden Museum, 5 Lambeth Palace Rd, London SE1 7LB.

Name _____

Address
(where tickets will be sent) _____

- Number of guests
- Under 3 years' call/PQE £55
 - Junior barristers/associate solicitors/NGOs/academics £75
 - Silks/partners £95

- Table
- Table of 10 people £800
 - Table of 12 people £960

Please return this form to Deok Joo Rhee, 11 King's Bench Walk, Temple London EC4Y 7EQ. Please make full payment at the time of booking, either by cheque payable to The Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association or by PayPal on the ALBA website: adminlaw.org.uk.