



Human Rights and Criminal Justice

A conference for **students**, **trainee solicitors** and **pupil barristers**

Saturday 27 March 2010

10am – 5pm

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Northcliffe House entrance, 28 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0AY

£10 (£5 for JUSTICE members)

Human rights have become an established part of the legal landscape. Human rights principles are increasingly informing both criminal justice policy and proceedings in the courts where human rights arguments are now commonplace – from the magistrates court to the Supreme Court and beyond.

With human rights now impacting upon all areas of law, they can no longer be studied in isolation. As budding lawyers, you cannot afford to be ignorant of the law and practice where human rights and criminal justice collide.

This one-day conference gives delegates a unique insight into:

- The key principles underpinning human rights and criminal justice
- The impact of fair trial rights on criminal procedure, both domestically and in the EU
- How the Human Rights Act 1998 has been used to hold the military to account abroad
- Current issues and future developments in policy and practice

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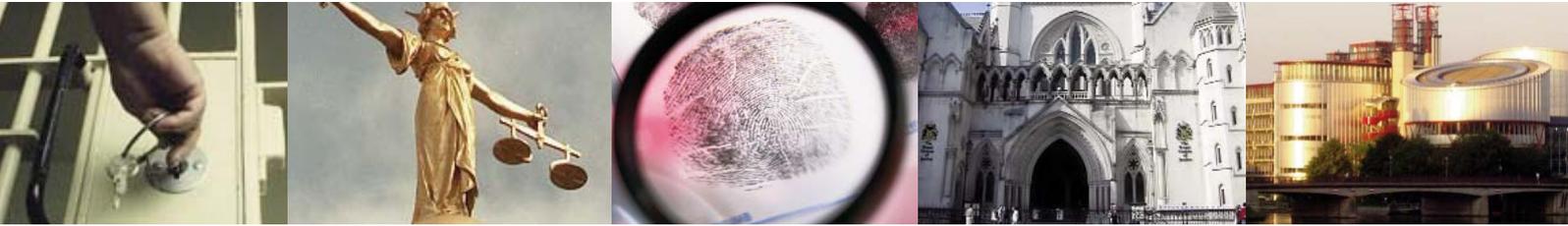
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PROGRAMME

- 9.45 Coffee and Registration
- 10.00 **Welcome**
Paul Yates, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- 10.10 **Criminal justice and human rights: an introduction**
Roger Smith, director of JUSTICE
This session will provide an overview of the human rights framework relevant to criminal justice and outline the relevant articles of the European Convention on Human Rights. This should allow students to understand the legal context of the day even if they have not yet undertaken much, or any, study of human rights in their law courses.
- 10.40 **Human rights in the Crown Court**
Andrew Hall QC, Doughty Street Chambers
Andrew Hall is an experienced criminal barrister and former chairman of the Criminal Bar Association. He has appeared in a number of key terrorism and other serious criminal cases. He will talk about the relevance in practice of human rights to these types of cases.
- 11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.45 **Anonymous witnesses and secret evidence**
Eric Metcalfe, JUSTICE
In recent years, the courts and Parliament have increasingly sanctioned the use of anonymous witnesses as a witness protection measure. Security concerns have also led to redacted judgments being issued in a small number of terrorism cases. This session examines the relevant law and principles involved, in particular the importance of procedural safeguards and the right to a fair trial.
- 12.45 Sandwich lunch
- 1.30 **Fair trial rights in the EU**
Jodie Blackstock, JUSTICE
Increasing freedom of movement in the EU has turned the focus of its law making function towards the justice system. The 'success' of the European Arrest Warrant has thrown into sharp relief the disparities among EU member states' ideas of a fair trial. The session will look critically at these differences and EU proposals to resolve these.
- 2.30 **Human rights and the military**
Dan Carey, Public Interest Lawyers
One of the unexpected, but highly contentious consequences of the Human Rights Act, has been its use in holding the military accountable. Dan Carey, a solicitor at Public Interest Lawyers, will talk about the way in which his firm used the Act and the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights to pursue the case of Baha Mousa, an Iraqi unlawfully killed while in the custody of the British Army, as well as other cases challenging the acts of the British state in other regions of the world.
- 3.30 Tea break
- 3.45 **Current issues in criminal justice and human rights — a panel discussion**
Dan Carey, Public Interest Lawyers
Roger Smith, director of JUSTICE
Eric Metcalfe, JUSTICE
Jodie Blackstock, JUSTICE
- 5.00 Finish

For further information on this conference please contact JUSTICE on **020 7762 6422** or jshrn@justice.org.uk





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More information on the organisations involved:

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