

MLRC LONDON CONFERENCE
STATIONERS' HALL, AVE MARIA LANE, LONDON EC4
OCTOBER 1-2, 2009

Wednesday, September 30 2009

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Delegates Cocktail Reception Sponsored by Bloomberg
Bloomberg – City Gate House 39-45 Finsbury Square, London

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Morning Sessions

9:00 – 9:30 Registration & Welcome

9:30 – 10:30 Keynote Address by Lord Hoffmann

10:30 – 12:00 Libel Law Developments

Meaning in context in fiction/comedy; is it still defamatory to label someone gay? Liability for user generated content; liability for your content being posted on third party sites. Liability for archive material; search engines; Twitter The new UK Consultation on single publication. Libel Tourism/Libel Terrorism Protection Acts – US statutes and bills to make foreign judgments unenforceable. Neutral reportage and developments in qualified privilege.

Discussion Leaders: Stephen Collins, Channel 4; Lynn Oberlander, The New Yorker Magazine

Lunch at Stationers' Hall

Afternoon Sessions

1:15 – 2:45 Newsgathering Challenges

Terrorism reporting; access to criminal investigatory materials; subpoenas; contempt of court; social networking and newsgathering; sports reporting and credentials; reporting in public places.

Discussion Leaders: Valerie Nazareth, BBC; Charles Tobin, Holland & Knight LLP.

Break

3:00 – 3:30 Speech by Justice Ruth McColl, New South Wales Supreme Court: Australian Perspective on the Development of Privacy Law

3:30 – 5:00 pm Privacy Law

Privacy law developments in the UK and Europe and echoes around the world. The Max Mosely and Murray cases. Damages and injunctions in privacy cases, and forum shopping in Europe. Photographs and privacy – the right to be left alone in public.

Discussion Leaders: Gary Bostwick, Bostwick & Jassy LLP; Liz Hartley, Associated Newspapers

Evening Program

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Reception sponsored by Hiscox

Drinks and supper at The Wallace Collection, Hertford House, Manchester Square, London W1U

Thursday, October 2, 2009

Morning Sessions

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. In-house Counsel Breakfast (*open to in-house media company counsel only*)

Discussion of in-house practice and management issues.

At Percento Restaurant, 26 Ludgate Hill EC4 (basement level) Next to Stationers' Hall and Club Quarters Hotel

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Pastries available at Stationers' Hall

10:15 – 11:30 The Future of Free Expression

Is mass communication over the Internet changing the legal principles that govern free expression?

Group discussion followed by comments from Mr. Justice Tugendhat; Justice Ruth McColl; Mrs. Justice Sharp (subject to court schedule).

Moderated by Siobhain Butterworth, Readers' Editor, The Guardian; David Schulz, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz L.L.P

11:30 – 12:30 Reinventing The Media

Panel discussion with Alan Rusbridger, Editor The Guardian; Srinandan Kasi, General Counsel

Associated Press; Kenneth A. Richieri, General Counsel The New York Times Company (moderator)

Lunch at Stationers' Hall

Afternoon Sessions

1:30 – 2:55 New Media IP Law

Content aggregation and copyright; evolution of keyword advertising law (applying trademark law to search engine results); copyright liability for third party content.

James Chadwick, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP and Niri Shan, Taylor Wessing LLP

Break

3:00 – 5:30 Mock Parliamentary Hearing on Press Standards Libel and Privacy Reform

John Whittingdale MP (Chair Culture Media & Sport Committee)

Paul Farrelly MP (Member Culture Media & Sport Committee)

Edward Garnier MP (Shadow Attorney General)

Witnesses:

Peter Bartlett, Minter & Ellison, Australia

Brian MacLeod Rogers, Barrister and Solicitor, Canada

Lynn Oberlander, The New Yorker Magazine, U.S.A

Tom Bower, author, libel defendant in Desmond v. Bower (High Court 2009)