

# MLRC London Conference 2009 Program

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## Wednesday September 30, 2009

### Delegates Reception

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Bloomberg News, Finsbury Square London

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## Thursday October 1, 2009

Morning Sessions

### 9:00 Registration Welcome and Opening

### Keynote Address: Lord Hoffmann, House of Lords

**Libel Law Developments:** Liability for third-party content and archived content on media web sites; reporting defamatory statements by sources; republishing defamatory allegations and the press's duty to investigate; Libel Terrorism Protection Acts in the U.S. and federal bills to make foreign libel judgments unenforceable.

Discussion Leaders:

Stephen Collins, Channel 4

Lynn Oberlander, The New Yorker

### Lunch at Stationers' Hall

Afternoon Sessions 1:15 – 5:00 p.m.

**Newsgathering Challenges:** Reporting on terrorism – how the fight against terrorism has affected news reporting; limits on access to court proceedings and judicial information. Reporting on the courts – access to judicial proceedings and information, contempt of court and reporting restrictions, limits on Internet archives, updates on cameras in courts. Reporting on sports – combating restrictions on coverage of sports leagues.

Discussion Leaders:

Valerie Nazareth, BBC

Charles Tobin, Holland & Knight LLP

Break

**Speech by Justice Ruth McColl, New South Wales Supreme Court.** An Australian Perspective on Privacy Law Developments

**Privacy Law Developments:** Developments in the UK and Europe and echoes around the world. The Max Moseley case – sex, lies and public interest. 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 Reception Sponsored by Hiscox Friday October 2, 2009

Morning Sessions

### In-house Counsel Breakfast

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Discussion of in-house practice and management issues.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m

Breakfast at Stationers' Hall.

### The Future of Free Expression: A discussion on the impact of the Internet and new technologies on the protection for free expression.

Moderated by David Schulz, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz LLP and Mark Stephens, Finers Stephens Innocent LLP

With comments from Justice McColl; Mr. Justice Tugendhat, Mrs. Justice Sharp, High Court of England & Wales (subject to their court schedules).

### Panel Discussion: Reinventing Media for the Digital Age

Alan Rusbridger, Guardian News & Media Editor-in-Chief  
Other panelists tbd

Moderated by: Kenneth Richieri, The New York Times Company

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Afternoon Sessions 1:30 – 5:00 pm

**New Media IP Law Developments:** Copyright and trademark challenges in a new digital environment. Copyright climate change, including user generated content challenges, regulatory regimes, the application of extraterritorial law and damages, and more. Trademark evolution, including keyword advertising, secondary liability.

Discussion Leaders:

James Chadwick, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

Geoffrey Hobbs QC, One Essex Court (invited)

### Closing Session

### Mock Parliamentary Hearing: Proposals for Libel and Privacy Law Reform

A panel of UK legislators will preside over a hearing on proposals to reform libel and privacy law in the UK.