



Civil Litigation Section spring conference: 'change for the better'

Wednesday 25 April 2018, The Law Society, London

SRA Competency A2, B2 and D3

14:00-18:30

This year's spring conference consists of two sessions - the first, a keynote speech by Senior Master Fontaine, followed by a speech from a solicitor turned barrister, will focus on updates to the civil procedure rules and practical advice on proving your case.

The second will see a group of leading practitioners discuss diversifying to meet future market challenges. After short presentations about their own practice areas and experience, there will be a panel discussion and questions from the audience.

As always, the event, closing with a drinks reception, will provide you with plenty of opportunities to network with conference speakers, fellow delegates and the Civil Litigation Section Committee.

This year's conference features:

Updates to the Civil Procedure Rules and practical tips on proving your case

Senior Master Fontaine

Proving your case from a practitioner's perspective

Alexander Kingston-Splatt, Barrister, Five Paper

Diversifying to meet future market challenges

Panel symposium



Programme

14:00 – 14:30 **Registration and refreshments**

14:30 – 14:35 **Chair's welcome**

Matthew Cotton, Solicitor, Humfrys and Symonds and Chair, Civil Litigation Section

Session one

14:35 – 15:05 **Keynote speech: Updates to the Civil Procedure Rules and proving your case**

Speaker: Senior Master Fontaine

15:05 – 15:30 **Proving your case from a practitioner's perspective**

Speaker: Alexander Kingston-Splatt, Barrister, Five Paper

Speaker Questions

16:40 – 16:00 **Refreshments and networking**

Session two - Practice symposium: Diversifying to meet future market challenges

16:00 – 17:10 Hear from leading practitioners about their areas of specialism and whether diversifying can help you to meet future market changes. There will be an opportunity to ask the panel questions.

Speakers:

Cameron Doley, Senior Partner, Carter-Ruck: from libel to international law

John Wright, Goodman Derrick LLP and ArbDB: from construction lawyer to arbitrator and adjudicator

Jamie Kidd, Partner, Howes Percival: property litigation,

Martin Oliver, Partner, Wright Hassall: contentious probate

Chair:

Alison Kirby, Partner, Howes Percival – member of the Civil Litigation Section Committee

17:10 – 17:15 **Chair's closing remarks**

Matthew Cotton, Chair, Law Society's Civil Litigation Section

17:15 – 18:30 **Networking drinks reception**