

THE BLUNDELL LECTURES

TOPICAL ISSUES IN PROPERTY LAW

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**ALL LECTURES ARE IN-PERSON,
BUT WILL ALSO BE LIVE-STREAMED.**

TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2025

**RESCUE CULTURE v PROPERTY RIGHTS
IN INSOLVENCY: WHO WINS?**

Speakers: Cecily Crampin, Falcon
Chambers and Insolvency and Companies
Court Judge Raquel Agnello KC

TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025

**KEEPING CONTROL: HOW CONFIDENT
SHOULD LANDOWNERS FEEL IN
THEIR FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD
COVENANTS?**

Speakers: Guy Fetherstonhaugh KC,
Falcon Chambers and Deputy President
Martin Rodger KC

TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2025

**“PLEASE BELIEVE ME” - ASSESSING AND
PREPARING THE ORAL TESTIMONY OF
WITNESSES OF FACT**

Speakers: Mr Justice Fancourt and
Stephen Jourdan KC

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2025

**THE INTERPRETATION OF
CONTRACTS IN 2025 -**

an interview by Caroline Shea KC, Falcon
Chambers with The Right Honourable
Lord Justice Lewison

*All lectures take place in Inner
Temple Lecture Theatre. In-person
attendance is encouraged, but
online participation is available.
Ticket price includes a reception
after the first, second and third
lectures and a party in the Inner
Temple Parliament Chamber to
celebrate the conclusion of this
50th year of the Blundell Lectures
following the interview with
Sir Kim Lewison on 24 June 2025.*

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RESCUE CULTURE v PROPERTY RIGHTS IN INSOLVENCY: WHO WINS?

Speakers: Cecily Crampin, Falcon Chambers and Insolvency and Companies Court Judge Raquel Agnello KC

Chair: Rebecca Campbell, Partner, BCLP

In *Discovery (Northampton) Limited v Debenhams Retail Limited* [2019] EWHC 2441 (Ch), Norris J concluded that future rent under a lease can fall within a CVA, but that a right of re-entry in a lease is “property belonging to the landlord (not a security right created by the tenant over his own property)” and cannot be modified. How far does that distinction go, for example where there are cladding obligations? In this talk, an insolvency and a property practitioner debate this issue. When an insolvency and a property approach meet what will the outcome be?

Tuesday 3 June 2025 – 6pm to 7:30pm followed by refreshments
Inner Temple Lecture Theatre,
London EC4

KEEPING CONTROL: HOW CONFIDENT SHOULD LANDOWNERS FEEL IN THEIR FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD COVENANTS?

Speakers: Guy Fetherstonhaugh KC, Falcon Chambers and Deputy President Martin Rodger KC

Chair: Liz Peace CBE

In the centenary year of the Law of Property Act 1925, this second Blundell Lecture will consider the statutory power to modify or discharge restrictive covenants. Martin Rodger KC, the Deputy President of the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) and Guy Fetherstonhaugh KC will consider whether freehold and leasehold covenants are becoming increasingly vulnerable to applications under section 84 of the Act.

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**“PLEASE BELIEVE ME” -
ASSESSING AND PREPARING THE
ORAL TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES
OF FACT**

Speakers: Stephen Jourdan KC, Falcon Chambers and The Honourable Mr Justice Fancourt.

Chair: Hodge Malek KC,
Three Verulam Buildings

“The best approach for a Judge to adopt in the trial of a commercial case is, in my view, to place little if any reliance at all on witnesses’ recollections of what was said in meetings and conversations” So said Leggatt J in *Gestmin v Credi Suisse* [2013] EWCA 3560 (Comm). But later cases say that this is not a general principle for the assessment of evidence. How do trial judges assess the oral testimony of witnesses of fact? And what can solicitors and barristers properly do to prepare witnesses to give evidence?

Mr Justice Fancourt and Stephen Jourdan KC will discuss these issues and provide some practical guidance.

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followed by refreshments**
Inner Temple Lecture Theatre,
London EC4

**THE INTERPRETATION OF
CONTRACTS IN 2025 - AN
INTERVIEW WITH SIR KIM
LEWISON**

Caroline Shea KC, Falcon Chambers, will interview The Right Honourable Lord Justice Lewison

In this landmark final Blundell Lecture in the 50th annual series the author of the seminal work *The Interpretation of Contracts*, who has himself been responsible for a wealth of authority in the High Court and the Court of Appeal on that and a broad range of other topics, is interviewed by Caroline Shea KC, to examine among other things whether the reach of the law of contract has been fettered by the development of other areas of law designed to bypass its formal strictures, and what lies ahead for this cornerstone of the common law.

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**Followed by a party to celebrate
the conclusion of this 50th year
of the Blundell Lectures in the Inner
Temple Parliament Chamber.**

REASONS TO ATTEND

- Cutting edge of property law
- Eminent speakers from the judiciary and the professions
- Practical and relevant
- Detailed written papers and access to recordings post-event
- Interactive Q&A
- Networking with members of the 3 professions over drinks
- 1.5 hours of technical content per lecture for CPD
- Celebrate the Blundell Lectures Series in its 50th year

“ The Blundell Lecture Series is a real highlight in the calendar for property law practitioners, who eagerly anticipate the series each year. To be celebrating its 50th anniversary is a marvellous achievement, and testament to its ability to offer the highest calibre programme of legal topics, consistently delivered by exceptional speakers. ”

Rebecca Campbell

Partner, BCLP LLP and Chair, Property Litigation Association



The Blundell Series this year celebrates its half century and continues its tradition of forward-thinking discussions on key developments in property law and practice. These lively lectures are an indispensable practical aid to all practitioners and make a substantial annual contribution to the development of the professions involved.

Learning objective: to improve knowledge and understanding of current trends and important developments in property law.

Learning rationale: To enable the maintenance and development of competence and performance in core areas of practice.

BOOK ONLINE (by card payment)

If you are booking multiple sets of lectures for 5 people or more at the same time and require an invoice please email bookings@blundell-lectures.org directly for further information.

visit: blundell-lectures.org

2025 Lecture Format & Timing:

Each lecture will start promptly at 6pm. Please register at 5.45pm. Lecture 6pm until 7.30pm followed by networking during which refreshments will be served. Finish approx. 8.30pm

Price (in-person and online):

£85 + VAT = £102 for each lecture or
£340 + VAT = £408 for all four.

Special Offer:

If you purchase a complete set of 4 lecture tickets at full price you are entitled to buy a second half price set, at the same time, for use by a colleague of under 4 years PQE. This offer is subject to availability.

The In-Person Ticket (limited numbers)

Includes:

- Attendance in person at Inner Temple
- The lecture followed by Q&A
- Networking with reception after lectures 1, 2 and 3, and party after the interview with Lord Justice Lewison
- Speakers' written papers
- Access to zoom recording (lecture only) for up to 3 months post-event.

The Online Ticket Includes

- A link to dial in and watch the Lecture followed by Q&A online. Any questions for the speaker(s) should be emailed to bookings@blundell-lectures.org at least 24 hours in advance of the Lecture by online viewers.
 - Speakers' written papers
 - Access to zoom recording (lecture only) for up to 3 months post-event.
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Enquiries: If you have any questions or haven't received your confirmation of booking or tickets please contact Becky Abbott at Quadrilect Conferences.
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- The organisers accept no responsibility for views expressed or contained in conference documentation.
- Payment is required on registration.
- Once your booking has been made, cancellations will not be accepted. No refunds will be issued.
- Once booking has been received an automated confirmation email will be sent to the address provided of the person who made the booking with a VAT receipt. Please check your 'junk box' if not received in your inbox within 5 mins of booking.
- Tickets to attend in person or a link to join the lecture remotely will be issued separately by email a week in advance of each lecture to the email address provided on the booking for the delegate. Again, if not received in your 'inbox' please check your 'junk box'.
- Places at the in-person event are limited and we kindly ask you to turn up at the venue at 5.45pm so we can make a prompt start at 6pm. We will try and accommodate late comers but this can't be guaranteed.
- Each ticket only allows access to one person to attend/view the lecture. Links must not be shared or viewed by more than one person. Observing these terms will maximise the amount raised for the professional charities.
- Speakers' papers and access to recordings will be available in the 'delegate area' of the Blundell website to access shortly after the event. There will be no paper in respect of the interview with Lord Justice Lewison.



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