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## MCLE Programs

Monday, 8 April 2024

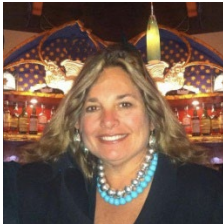
10:00 am

### Procedure Precedence and Pomp!

A Comparison of California US Scotland and UK legal customs, traditions, and procedure. There will be an opportunity to ask questions with a promise they will be answered by Friday if not on the spot!!

#### Presenter:

**Leah Saffian** is a California native and was admitted to practice in CA in 1985. She holds degrees from Amherst College (BA), Pepperdine Law School (JD) and Kings College (LLM). She was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1991 at Gray's Inn. While in London she worked as a California lawyer, a Barrister in employment and then was a Barrister/Tenant in chambers. During this time, she prosecuted and defended complex fraud trials in several jurisdictions and defended in extradition. She appeared in UK courts from Magistrates to House of Lords. She presently practices in California dividing her time between San Diego and Los Angeles representing dual nationals in the US; US companies establishing foreign trade and offices; and advising/appearing as an expert opining on issues regarding US/UK legal issues and conflicts.



Tuesday, 9 April 2024

5:45 pm

### Transatlantic Demonstration Moot

The Inner Temple and California Lawyers Association – A Week in Legal London host a Moot to demonstrate the differing advocacy styles of barristers at the Bar of England & Wales and trial attorneys from California.

The subject of the Moot deals with a dispute between unmarried parents as to the proper residence of their 11-year-old son who has been brought to London by his father from California. There will be competing claims as to whether California or the UK has jurisdiction over the dispute and, if so, a determination of the habitual residence of the minor.

#### UK Judges:

**Lord Justice Moylan.** Sir Andrew Moylan was called to the Bar at Inner Temple in 1978. He practiced as a barrister in all areas of family law and, from 1997 to 2000, was Junior Counsel to the Queen's Proctor (counsel to the Government in family law). He was appointed as a Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in 2000, a Recorder in 2002, and a Deputy High Court Judge in 2004. In 2007 he was appointed a High Court Judge assigned to the Family Division. He was Family Division Liaison Judge for the North Eastern Circuit from 2008 to 2015. He became an International Hague Network Judge for England and Wales in 2012. He was appointed to the Court of Appeal in March 2017 and Head of International Family Justice for England and Wales in October 2017.





**Mrs Justice Lieven** was appointed in April 2021 as the Family Division Liaison Judge for the Midland Circuit. The Hon Mrs. Justice Lieven was called to the Bar in 1989 at Gray's Inn and took Silk in 2006. She was appointed deputy High Court Judge in 2016 and a High Court Judge (Family Division) in 2019.



US Judge:

**Michael Solner** currently serves as a mediator with ADR Services, bringing his 17 years of experience on the Los Angeles County Superior Court bench to alternative dispute resolution. He has an impressive 50-year career as both a litigator and judge, with extensive experience in a wide range of matters. He began his legal career as Assistant United States Attorney where he excelled in the courtroom. For the next two decades he was a civil litigator handling plaintiff as well as defense representation.



UK Barristers:

**Abigail Bright** is a leading barrister. She is routinely instructed in several of chambers' many practice areas, whether public, civil, or criminal. Abigail has particular expertise in special jurisdiction and relishes complex questions to do with jurisdiction, civil and criminal. She has a Distinction in the Bachelor of Civil Law, BCL, from Balliol College, Oxford in jurisprudence and has extensive mooting experience, winning the Middle Temple Speed Moots competition and both rounds of the United Nations Model Debates in 2010.



**Reka Hollos** is a barrister who combines a mixed public and criminal law practice with a particular emphasis on public inquiries, inquests and extradition. Prior to her call to the Bar in 2014, Reka served as a law clerk to Judge van den Wyngaert at the International Criminal Court. She holds degrees from Leiden University, and Kings College London.



California Litigators:

**Katy Gronowski** is an experienced litigation attorney who is board certified in family law by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization. She was admitted to the California Bar in 1987. She has taught law school courses in Family Law and Community Property, and has served in leadership positions both in the legal community, as well as her local community.



**Jacquelyn Young** is a Deputy Attorney General for the California Department of Justice, defending state agencies that administer local and state-level health, education, and welfare programs. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, where she teaches law students best practices in writing persuasive appellate briefs and delivering compelling oral arguments.

**Wednesday, 10 April 2024**

11:00 am

**Case Management with Solicitors, Barristers, and Clerks**

Because the British legal system has a divided bar, English legal case management differs from California with the differing responsibilities for solicitors and barristers. This panel will focus on how a case moves from solicitor to chambers clerk and then onto the barrister. We will examine the "brief" and the "instructions" which emanate from the solicitor to the barrister and how their responsibilities align up to and including trial.



Moderator:

**Judge Brian Barker CBE KC** is a retired judge and the former Recorder of London, the most senior judge at the Old Bailey. He graduated from Birmingham University with a LLB degree and was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990 and a circuit judge in 2000. Judge Barker was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2015 New Year Honours for services to the administration of justice and to charity.



Barrister:

**Paul Darling OBE KC** specializes in complex cases which feature multiple parties, large teams, and high volumes of material, and is often brought in by clients at short notice, late in proceedings. Paul has represented diverse clients in tribunals such as the Commercial Court, the Technology and Construction Court, and the Court of Appeal in London, the High Court and the Supreme Court in Dublin, the High Court in Northern Ireland and Arbitration Tribunals globally. Paul is also called to the Northern Ireland Bar (2004).



Barrister's Clerk:

**Lewis Walker** is the current Director of Clerking at 39 Essex Chambers, London. Lewis has over 22 years of experience as a Barristers' Clerk/Practice Manager, working with a number of leading sets of Chambers at the UK bar. He has expertise across leadership and management, business development, marketing, practice management and fee negotiation. He has extensive knowledge across a wide spectrum of different legal practice areas including Commercial, Construction, Domestic and International Arbitration, Company, Banking, Financial Services, Public and Regulatory, Chancery and Property, EU, Competition, Private and Public International, Employment, Media & Entertainment, Sports, Costs and litigation funding and insurance.



Solicitor:

**Bill Barton** has specialized in contentious and non-contentious construction legal matters for over 30 years, having been a partner with Walker Morris, Watson, Burton, and CLA Piper. He now heads the firm Barton Legal. Bill is a qualified mediator and a Fellow of the Institute of Arbitrators and is an occasional lecturer at Leeds University.