



Court of Protection

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Dear Delegate

AvMA are delighted to welcome you to the Court of Protection conference. We hope you find the day informative and interesting. AvMA staff will be on hand to help make it so and we hope that the following information will help make the day more pleasant and productive.

Contact Details at the Conference

The **AvMA Registration Desk** will be staffed from 09:15 to 16:10

If you have any queries or emergencies at any point during the conference, please go to the registration desk, or ask any member of the AvMA staff for assistance.

General Points

To ensure that you receive excellent service whilst attending this event, we would appreciate your co-operation with the following:

- ◆ **Badges:**
Please ensure that you wear your badge at all times to help with prompt delivery of messages and as a means of identifying you to other delegates.
- ◆ **Questions:**
Speakers are happy to answer your questions at the end of their presentation. We would be grateful if you could identify yourself and your company before asking your questions.
- ◆ **Documentation:**
All documentation received at the time before the event is enclosed within the online documentation pack. Any missing papers will either be distributed during the event or be sent to you soon after. Please be assured that AvMA always endeavours to offer a complete set of speaker papers included within the online documentation pack. However, due to other commitments by our speakers this is not always possible.
- ◆ **Mobile Telephones:**
We would appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that all mobile telephones are switched off in the conference room.

◆ **Restrooms:**

There are restrooms located close by the conference room, please contact a member of AvMA staff who will direct you to the nearest facilities.

◆ **No Smoking:**

There is strictly no smoking in the conference venue and we would kindly request that if you would like to smoke, you will have to go outside. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

◆ **Evaluation Forms**

Please be so kind as to complete and hand in the evaluation form before leaving the conference. All online documentation should have an evaluation form in them, but if you cannot locate one then please collect one from the registration desk. We are constantly striving to improve our service to you and therefore value your feedback.

◆ **CPD Confirmation:**

General: 4 hours 40 minutes

SRA Competencies: **A** **B**

Provider ID Number: 1051

The conference code is AC/AvMA 353

Finally, if there are any problems, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or any member of the AvMA team.

Yours sincerely

Ed Maycock
Events Manager, AvMA

Speakers' Biographical Details

Neil Brownhill has almost 30 years' experience in financial services providing advice to individuals, Deputies and Trustees.

Neil specialises in providing advice and assistance to clients and their legal teams, in the area of personal Injury and clinical negligence. This advice includes expert witness reports for court as well as investing, managing and safeguarding clients' compensation awards following their settlement.

With his vast experience in financial advice, he has been able to use this knowledge and experience to provide a holistic view when advising clients and their legal teams.

Neil's clients vary from significant claims over £18m to more modest amounts, and it is his firm view, that each client should be treated the same, irrespective of the amount of their award. With his vast experience, he has often been referred to as "their trusted adviser" by his clients.

Mathieu Culverhouse specialises in community care, patient rights and mental capacity law. He acts for clients who have ongoing difficulties with social services, the NHS and other public bodies. Mathieu has brought judicial review cases on behalf of children and adults seeking appropriate care from their local social services and the NHS.

Mathieu also acts for clients opposing the closure care homes, day centres and NHS services and seeking to challenge cuts to government funding in health and social care. He has acted for disabled refugees, securing accommodation for them from local authorities under their community care duties.

Mathieu advises clients in relation to their rights to healthcare, medical treatment and other clinical disputes. These cases often raise issues of medical ethics and legal arguments relating to 'dignity', the 'right to life' or the 'right to healthcare'.

He also acts for the Official Solicitor, Independent Mental Capacity Advocates ('IMCAs') and for the families of vulnerable adults in cases in the Court of Protection under the Mental Capacity Act relating to their mental capacity, deprivation of liberty, health and welfare. He is a founder and national committee member of the Court of Protection Practitioners Association ('CoPPA') and within Irwin Mitchell he leads the Public Law & Human Rights department's Court of Protection special interest group.

Sam Karim QC is a leading specialist practitioner in domestic and international public law, court of protection and domestic and international arbitration. Before taking silk, he was a member of the Attorney General Panel of Treasury Counsel for over a decade representing central government in high-profile proceedings. He has experience in all levels and types of courts and tribunals and regularly appears in the appellate courts. Sam is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is admitted as a practitioner in the Dubai International Finance Centre (DIFC) Court.

Sam is head of the Administrative/Public Law and the Court of Protection Team. Sam is also the Director of Pupillage Training.

Year of Call: 2002

Year of Silk: 2017

Adrian Hawley has a wealth of experience in dealing with all aspects of legal costs, having worked in the industry for 15 years.

He is a senior specialist with proven expertise in Court of Protection and Deputyship costs.

Adrian has established working partnerships with a number of Deputies across the UK. A core priority for Adrian is to ensure the best interests of the Protected Party are maintained by improving

profitability, collaborating closely with Professionals to deliver timely, effective advice and costs support.

During his career in costs Adrian has worked in-house for a number of firms. This has given him unique insight into the workings of legal practices as well as experience in the whole range of costs law, including family, legal aid, clinical negligence and contentious probate. Adrian regularly attends seminars and conferences across country and provides in-house training for deputies, solicitors and fee earners.

Adrian is Chairman of Headway Huddersfield, his local branch, and is working on increasing its membership and to raise the profile of the branch to lay the groundwork to establish a number of programmes to support the members.

Adrian has spoken on a number of topics including costs in the Court of Protection and Care Costs before attendees at seminars held by a number of Chambers and with AvMA.

Ruth Moore is a Client Liaison at Slater and Gordon and has many years' experience as a Client Liaison Manager and providing Welfare Support to Court of Protection clients. Ruth has a background in Neuropsychology, having lectured at Sheffield Hallam University and worked as a Neuropsychology assistant in a Brain Injury Unit. Further to this, Ruth has also worked in a mother and baby unit, mental health settings, a children's home and has also been a bereavement volunteer at her local hospice, giving

Ruth is passionate about ensuring her clients receive all that they are statutorily entitled to.

Graham Murphy is the Product Manager for the Law Society's new Mental Capacity (welfare) Accreditation Scheme as well as the Wills & Inheritance Quality Scheme . He is responsible for developing the commercial and marketing strategy for both product lines as well as working with stakeholders to ensure that the schemes are relevant to the sector both now and in the future.

With a background in Strategic Brand Management and PR Reputational Management, Graham has worked with brands large and small across the UK, Europe and North America. He has been a member of staff at the Law Society for just over three years.

Joseph O'Brien read law at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. After graduating he became a lecturer in law in the Faculty of Law, University of Newcastle upon Tyne. He was called to the Bar in 1989. He undertook a pupillage in Newcastle upon Tyne and joined chambers in 1990. He remained in practice in chambers in Newcastle upon Tyne until May 2004 when he returned to his home city of Sheffield, joining Paradise Chambers. He practises in personal injury, clinical negligence, professional negligence, employment, public law and human rights, adult social care and in the Court of Protection.

Membership: North Eastern Circuit, Personal Injury Bar Association, Administrative Law Bar Association

Sunil Teeluck is the Head of Litigation for OPG's Legal Team. Sunil has been with OPG for 4 years advising on numerous policy issues and leading on some of OPG's biggest cases. Sunil represented OPG in the seminal severances cases judgment which clarified the law in relation to a number of common mistakes in LPA drafting. Sunil regularly appears in the Court of Protection for OPG from cases ranging from LPA revocation applications to issues on capacity to execute an LPA.