



Newcastle Law Society



PROPERTY LAW SEMINAR

Thursday 4th December 2025 - 4.00pm to 6.30pm

Join us at this complimentary Property Law Seminar for an engaging afternoon of insight and discussion on key developments in Property Law, featuring leading practitioners and experts from the North East and beyond. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be time for questions and networking.

PROGRAMME

4.00pm – Arrival and light refreshments

4.15pm – Welcome by **Lesley Fairclough**, Partner Built Environment & Head of Housing at Ward Hadaway & Vice President, Newcastle Law Society

4.20pm – **Alice Richardson**, Trinity Chambers
Presentation: The Renters' Rights Bill
Followed by Q&A

5.00pm – **Nick Denys**, The Law Society
Presentation: Law Society Support for Property Solicitors
Followed by Q&A

5.40pm – **Simon Goldberg K.C.**, Trinity Chambers
Presentation: A Review of Adverse Possession
Followed by Q&A

6.30pm – Closing remarks by Lesley Fairclough and networking



Venue

Ward Hadaway
Sandgate House
102 Quayside
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To register for this free event please email mail@newcastlelawsociety.co.uk

PROPERTY LAW SEMINAR PRESENTERS

ALICE RICHARDSON

Topic: The Renters' Rights Bill

The Renters' Rights Bill is the most significant reform within the private rented sector since the Housing Act 1988. The tenancy reform it seeks to introduce will have far-reaching consequences for both tenants and landlords. Alice's talk considers the tenancy reform provisions predominantly contained in Part 1 of the Renters' Rights Bill exploring:

- The end of Assured Shorthold Tenancies
- Rent increases
- Renting with pets
- Rental discrimination
- Rental bidding
- Penalties and transitional provisions



With extensive experience in the social housing sector, Alice specialises in housing, property, and public law. Described in The Legal 500 as "the go-to barrister in Newcastle for this kind of work", her practice includes all aspects of landlord and tenant litigation, homelessness, anti-social behaviour, unlawful eviction, disrepair, tenancy fraud, succession, Human Rights and the Equality Act.

NICK DENYS

Topic: Law Society Support for Property Solicitors

Nick will discuss the Law Society's work to support the property sector, covering:

- The launch and implementation of the new TA6 and TA7 forms
- Government homebuying reform proposals
- Recent Law Society lobbying and policy updates
- Matters arising from the Chancellor's Budget



Nick Denys is the Law Society's Head of Private Law, Technology and Sustainability, leading teams focused on conveyancing and land law, technology law and AI, employment law, climate change, company law, and private client practice.

SIMON GOLDBERG K.C.

Topic: A Review of Adverse Possession

Simon Goldberg K.C. will discuss the landmark Supreme Court judgment in *Brown v Ridley* and another [2025] UKSC 7, in which he successfully represented Mr and Mrs Ridley. The case clarified the period during which an applicant relying on the boundary condition in paragraph 5(4) of Schedule 6 to the Land Registration Act 2002 must hold a reasonable belief that they own the land they seek to register.



Appointed King's Counsel in 2022, Simon is head of Trinity Chambers' Business and Property Team. Recognised as "a standard setter and standard bearer for the North East", he is one of the region's leading Commercial and Property litigators, with regular appearances in the Commercial Court, Circuit Commercial Court, the Business List, and both the First Tier and Upper Tribunals.