



PROPERTY LAW SEMINAR

Thursday 11th June 2026 - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

We are delighted to welcome Judge Laura D'Cruz of the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) as a keynote speaker at our fourth Property Law seminar. Sitting in the Land Registration Division, Judge D'Cruz deals with a wide range of disputes referred by HM Land Registry and will provide valuable insight into the Tribunal's role, practice and procedures. She will be joined by David Rawson, Head of Product eCOS at InfoTrack UK and a former practising solicitor, who will share practical perspectives on the role of legal technology in modern conveyancing practice.

PROGRAMME

4.00pm – Arrival and light refreshments

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

4.20pm – **Judge Laura D'Cruz**, Judge of the First-Tier Tribunal Property Chamber (Land Registration)
Presentation: The Work of the Land Registration Division of the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber)
Followed by Q&A

5.00pm – **David Rawson**, Head of Product eCOS at InfoTrack
Presentation: Client Matter Risk Assessments: Think First, Tick Second
Followed by Q&A

5.40pm – Closing remarks by **Russell Hewitson**, Associate Professor of Law at Northumbria University and Law Society Council Member for Commercial Property
Followed by networking

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Venue

Ward Hadaway
Sandgate House
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PROPERTY LAW SEMINAR PRESENTERS

Judge Laura D'Cruz

Judge Laura D'Cruz was called to the Bar in 2006, specialising in business and property. She was appointed as a salaried judge of the First-Tier Tribunal in July 2023 and assigned to the Property Chamber, where she sits exclusively in the Land Registration Division. She also sits as a Deputy District Judge, hearing Civil, Business & Property, and Financial Remedy cases.

Laura formerly practiced as a barrister from Nine St John Street Chambers (now Nine Chambers) in Manchester. She lives in the north of England, and often hears Land Registration disputes in the north, as well as across the rest of England & Wales.

The Work of the Land Registration Division of the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber).

In this session, Judge D'Cruz will provide an overview of the work of the Land Registration Division of the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber). The Division's primary jurisdiction is to determine disputes referred by HM Land Registry when there is a dispute over something on the register, be it proprietorship, plans, entries relating to easements, restrictions, notices, charges etc. The talk will explore the types of disputes referred by HM Land Registry, how matters progress through the Tribunal, and key aspects of practice and procedure. It will offer practical insight for property practitioners into how these disputes are handled and what to expect when matters are referred to the Tribunal.



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David Rawson

David Rawson is Head of Product – eCOS at InfoTrack UK and a former practising solicitor who brings real-world legal experience to designing tools for legal professionals. He leads the development of legal tech products that help firms meet regulatory requirements while improving the client experience. David believes great product design starts with understanding the human at the heart of the workflow.

Client Matter Risk Assessments: Think First, Tick Second

Client matter risk assessments remain conveyancing's biggest compliance headache. Not because firms don't understand them, but because balancing efficiency with professional judgement feels impossible. Tracy Thompson delivers the SRA's latest expectations and real inspection findings. You'll see why CMRAs are your AML cornerstone, what regulators actually want, and where most firms slip up.

The truth? The SRA wants evidence of thinking, not ticking. Know the difference between automation that undermines you and technology that empowers your professional judgement. InfoTrack's Head of Product for eCOS shows you how to get this right. See compliant, intuitive risk assessments in action that satisfy regulators without sidelining your expertise. Leave with actionable strategies to meet SRA expectations and transform your AML compliance.

