



FREE WEBINAR:

Getting Clients Home

28th August 2020, 10am - 1pm

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming webinar.

Ensuring the dignity, well-being and independence of seriously injured individuals following their accident is something that unites the range of professionals who work in this field.

This webinar brings together a panel of highly respected legal, rehabilitation and architectural experts who will explore a range of topics and highlight the importance of adopting a collaborative approach to *getting clients home*.



Natalie Cosgrove
Switalskis Solicitors
@NatalieCSwits

🕒 10:00 - 10:10

Welcome by the Chair

Natalie qualified as a Barrister in 2008 and cross qualified as a Solicitor in 2011. She has specialised in clinical negligence since 2011 and joined Switalskis Solicitors in November 2016.

As a professional dedicated to supporting local causes, Natalie commits much of her spare time to working with a range of South Yorkshire-based charities and not-for-profit organisations. Current voluntary roles include Ambassador for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and Trustee for Sheffield Mencap and Gateway. She is also the Honorary Secretary of the Sheffield and District Law Society, Vice President of the Yorkshire Union of Law Societies and a Committee Member for the Society of Clinical Injury Lawyers.



Gerard McDermott QC
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Joseph O'Brien
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🕒 10:10 - 10:50

Building Bridges: the role of Counsel in harmonising parallel Court of Protection and Personal Injury proceedings to bring the client home.

Gerard was called as a barrister in 1978 and was made Queen's Counsel in 1999.

He is recognised as undertaking the most complex personal injury cases. Gerard represents clients with a whole range of injuries arising from medical malpractice, product defects or road traffic accidents. He is presently instructed to jointly lead over 500 victims of the Grenfell Tower Tragedy.

Gerard was named Personal Injury Silk of the Year in 2012. Chambers and Partners have consistently since 2016 recognised him as a 'Star Individual' and 'one of the very best personal injury barristers in the country' who 'on foreign cases is nothing short of excellent.' He consistently acts in leading and high value cases on applicable law.

Much of his work is international in nature. Gerard has a close connection with US, as an active member of the American Bar Association since 1987. He qualified as an Attorney in New York in 1990 and was recently honoured with a Presidential Citation for his commitment to the Bar.

Described by lawyers who instruct him as "one of the very best personal injury silks around" and "outstanding on his feet". Gerard is a popular and well-respected QC with over 11k followers on Twitter.

Joseph qualified as Barrister in 1989 and specialises in Court of Protection work. For many years he has been recognised as a leader in the field of adult social care and Court of Protection proceedings. He is described in Chambers & Partners [2020] as "the king of the Court of Protection".

Joseph is regularly instructed by local authorities, hospitals, CCGs, health care providers, the Official Solicitor and family members. He routinely advises pre issue, providing comprehensive guidance on evidence and focussing on the issues which need to be determined.

Since the onset of the argument about what is 'deprivation of liberty', Joseph has been at the cutting edge of this jurisprudence. He has appeared in a number of the leading cases and lead in the Supreme Court in the case of P v Cheshire West and Chester Council [2014] UKSC 19.



Mary Doherty
Specialist Neurological
Occupational Therapist,
STEPS Rehabilitation
@STEPSRehabilitation

🕒 10:50 - 11:30

The STEPS to Getting Clients Home

Mary will explore the key components to a successful discharge home. Whilst discharge home is often seen as an important climatic point in an individual's recovery, our priority is to ensure clients have the confidence and skills to take them through each stage of their rehabilitation journey to home and beyond.

With over 22 years' experience as an Occupational Therapist her expertise spans the whole client pathway - from acute neurosurgery, through to in-patient rehab, continuing into the clients own homes, community and workplace.

She has expertise of client centred assessment, realistic and inclusive goal setting and rehabilitation of long-term neurological conditions. Mary takes a proactive approach in exploring and managing the longer-term effects of disability on both client and carer.

Her professional memberships include: British Association of Occupational Therapists; H.C.P.C. Health Professions Council; and the College of OT Specialist Section in Neurological Practice.

Jennie will explain how her unique skills as a dual trained nurse and social worker enables her to think beyond just the care needs of an individual, to how those needs translate into every day practicalities during their stay at STEPS and at home.

Jennie qualified in 2017 with a combined degree in Nursing and Social Work at Sheffield Hallam University. During her final term Jennie joined STEPS as a Senior Rehab Assistant. Following qualification she joined STEPS as a nurse.



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During her placements Jennie realised she wanted to specialise in neuro rehab nursing.

Jennie now works clinical shifts at STEPS as a nurse and non clinical days as a social worker, she supports clients and their families with a range of things from discharge planning, MCA and DoLS, CHC checklists, benefits and referrals to other agencies and much more!

🕒 11:30 - 11:45 : BREAK



Christine Bunting
Director, Hyphen Law
@HyphenLaw

🕒 11:45 - 12:15

The Role of the Court of Protection Deputy: from property purchase to the care regime, equipment needs to protecting assets – Christine explores the wide-ranging role of a Court of Protection Deputy and the importance of working collaboratively.

Christine is a Chartered Legal Executive and a Director of Hyphen Law, a specialist law firm dealing with Property and Affairs Deputyships and the creation and management of Personal Injury Trusts.

She is regularly appointed to act as a Professional Deputy by the Court of Protection on behalf of clients who are considered to lack the necessary mental capacity to manage some or all aspects of their property and affairs. These clients usually lack mental capacity by reason of a catastrophic brain injury or severe mental health difficulties.

For more than 20 years she has developed and managed teams which deal exclusively with Mental Capacity issues. Christine and her team frequently work alongside litigation teams in other law firms offering independent Deputyship and Personal Injury Trust services as well as providing support to lay Deputies and Trustees.



Jonathan France
Managing Director, France
and Associates
@JonathanF_Assoc

🕒 12:15 - 12:45

Rehabilitation and Your Home: Jonathan explores the impact that a well-adapted home can have on easing the practicalities of daily living and support continued rehabilitation.

Jonathan is the founder and Managing Director of France and Associates, a multi-award-winning registered architectural practice specialising in inclusive building design for those living with a disability. The firm provide an all-encompassing architectural service, taking a project from inception to completion.

The expert team provide disability architectural solutions for individuals and their families, enabling them through design. This unique architectural expertise means the firm are also instructed by lawyers as expert witnesses in litigation proceedings to prepare accommodation reports which consider the suitability and adaptability of a property for someone who have suffered a life changing injury as a result of an accident or medical negligence.

🕒 12:45 - 1:00 : Questions & Close by the Chair

How to register for the webinar

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- name
- firm
- twitter handle, *and*
- the email address that you'd like the webinar link sent to.