

## SENTENCING MENTALLY DISORDERED DEFENDANTS



You are invited to a seminar on Thursday 29th October 2009 at Hotel Novotel, Manchester, commencing at 5.30pm, to be presented by Martin Hackett and Daniel Thomas.

Special Mental Health Courts were formally launched by the Lord Chancellor in July 2009 in Magistrates' Courts in England Wales. At a time when there are more people in custody with mental health problems than ever before, criminal practitioners must be equipped and prepared to deal with the challenges of representing clients with mental health disorders at all stages of the criminal litigation process. In this seminar, Martin Hackett and Daniel Thomas provide a timely update as to the practicalities of representing mentally disordered defendants; an overview of the relevant legal provisions that criminal practitioners will encounter in such cases, particularly with regard to sentencing; and a summary of the new Ministry of Justice initiative.

## THE SPEAKERS

### Martin Hackett



Martin Hackett was called to the Bar in 1995 and has since practiced exclusively in Criminal Law in the Northwest of England. Martin's practice encompasses a wide spectrum of criminal offences and he is regularly instructed to represent defendants with various mental health issues.

### Daniel Thomas



Daniel Thomas was called to the Bar in 2005. After a period with Canada's largest law firm in Toronto, he joined Lincoln House Chambers in June 2008. His practice encompasses criminal and civil law. He has been led by senior members of chambers in complex fraud, confiscation and forfeiture cases. He also regularly appears in the High Court in industrial disease cases in the British Coal litigation.

The seminar carries 2 hours CPD and is presented free of charge.

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