

# Professional Negligence and Liability Bribery, Bullying and E-Corruption

At the offices of Pannone LLP  
Manchester 7th July 2011



## CPD ACCREDITATION

There will be 6 hours CPD given for attendance at this Seminar under reference CXJ/PNLA.

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### PROGRAMME

**09.00 Registration and Coffee**

**09.30 Nigel Mallett**

*Professional Negligence Lawyers' Association*

**Welcome and introduction**

**09.45 Andrew Thomas QC**

*Lincoln House Chambers*

**E-Disclosure - tactics, strategy and pitfalls**

This talk will cover the latest developments in e-disclosure – emerging as a key strategy and tactics issue – the scope for costs implications and the old problem of ‘smoking guns’ becomes increasingly uncertain with the huge volume of increased potential evidence created and held on computers. The also raises the issue of the scope for winners using high tech case management software to defeat a less highly technical opponent. Practical tips and advice on how best to approach the Courts..

**10.30 Zia Ullah**

*Pannone LLP*

**Bribery Act 2010 - implications for all businesses**

Small and medium -sized businesses breathed a sigh of relief after the Government published its long-awaited Bribery Act guidelines which advised companies to adopt a “risk-based approach”. The Ministry of Justice confirmed that SMEs will potentially be exempt from implementing stringent anti-bribery controls and that “proportionate expenditure” on corporate hospitality will not fall foul of the Act - in a move deemed as a “common sense prevailing” by bribery experts.

**11.15 Refreshments**

**11.30 Panel Discussion Session**

**12.00 Laura Feldman**

*Barrister*

**Jones -v- Kaney - the implications of abolition of immunity for experts**

The view from someone who was there and heard the arguments in the Supreme Court. Tracking the issues and arguments and the implications of the decision - will there simply be more exclusion clauses or will the decision mean clients will begin to bring proceedings routinely against an expert if they lose the case?

**12.45 Panel Discussion Session**

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00 Claire Collinson**

*Reynolds Colman Bradley LLP*

**Does your client have the capacity to instruct you?**

As the solicitor acting in the recent decision in Thorpe -v- Fellowes, this talk will address the increasingly thorny issue of capacity and the limited authority on the correct approach. It will look at risk areas for solicitors instructed by the elderly, disabled and clients who may be lacking capacity and will look at the practical steps which can be taken to ensure proper instructions are received.

**14.45 Panel Discussion Session**

**15.00 Jennifer Oscroft**

*2-3 Grays Inn Square Chambers*

**Solicitors from Hell**

The latest issues arising from the “Solicitors from Hell” website and its implications. The Law Society has just announced its intention to intervene. Jennifer speaks from experience as counsel acting for in Farrall -v- Kordowski - [2010] All ER (D) 19.

**15.45 Panel Discussion Session**

**16.00 Refreshments**

**16.15 Workshop and case study on issues arising**

**17.00 End of Seminar**



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This seminar will focus on the following areas:-

- E-disclosure
- Bribery Act 2010
- Abolition of immunity for experts
- Client capacity
- Solicitors from Hell
- Panel discussion sessions

### Professional Negligence and Liability

#### Bribery, Bullying and E-Corruption

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