



# LINCOLN HOUSE CHAMBERS MULTI- DISCIPLINARY CROSS OVER SEMINARS



**DAY 1 - THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025**

**REGULATORY LAW, FINANCIAL CRIME, ASSETS & RAIDS, RESTRAINT & CIVIL RECOVERY,  
HEALTH & SAFETY, CORPORATE & GROSS NEGLIGENCE MANSLAUGHTER,  
MANAGING MENTAL HEALTH IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS**

Lincoln House Chambers is set to host three multi-session training seminars this autumn and winter, providing valuable legal updates and exploring the intersection of specialist practice areas across the Chambers' core fields of expertise. Delivered by leading experts, these seminars are designed to enhance practitioners' understanding when complex cases demand knowledge spanning more than one legal discipline.

Each training seminar will target specific practitioner audiences who already have a strong working knowledge of their principal area and are seeking to expand their competence into neighbouring or overlapping legal fields. Additionally, select seminars will offer focused legal updates tailored to practitioners wanting the latest developments in their area of expertise.

You are invited to attend the first day of seminars on Thursday 9th October at Manchester Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester from 2.00pm.

## **Room 1**

**Seminar 1:  
2.15pm – 3.15pm**

**Health & Safety Update** - This seminar will be providing an update on recent developments and trends in health and safety enforcement. The speakers will be considering the changes in approach of the HSE in a changing landscape for work and the challenges faced by employers and their advisors. They will also be looking at trends in health and safety prosecutions over the past 12 months and recent case law.

**Speakers:** Austin Welch and David Pojur

## **Room 1**

**Seminar 2:  
3.30pm – 4.45pm**

**Corporate & Gross Negligence Manslaughter Across Jurisdictions** - The speakers will examine the comparable and distinguishing features of gross negligence manslaughter in the criminal, inquest and also civil jurisdictions. They explore helpful topics to focus on when preparing cases and provide an up-to-date analysis of current case law in the context of how these cases are approached by various courts.

**Speakers:** John Harrison KC and David Pojur

## Room 2 Seminar 3: 2.15pm – 3.15pm

**Restraint & Civil Recovery Relating to Criminal Allegations** – Relevant to both criminal and regulatory practitioners. The civil recovery of assets allows investigative authorities to use various methods of seizing wealth suspected of being linked to criminal activity without the need for a full criminal investigation or conviction. This seminar examines recent legislative changes and provides practical suggestions of how common issues and problems can be addressed.  
**Speaker: John Harrison KC**

## Room 3 Seminar 5: 3.30pm – 4.45pm

**Mental Health in Criminal Courts** - For criminal and regulatory practitioners looking to deepen their expertise in managing cases where the mental health of defendants or complainants is a crucial factor. **Speakers: Richard English KC, Clare Ashcroft, Rebecca Filletti**

1 in 4 adults in the UK will be diagnosed with a mental illness during their lifetime. Those in the CJS are more likely to suffer with mental health problems than the general population. The likelihood of your client suffering from mental illness is significant. Within this seminar, we aim to support you with the following tools and guidance:

- ◆ Factors to be aware of at the Police Station and steps that can be taken to ensure your clients rights and interests are best protected
- ◆ Steps to consider pre and post charge
- ◆ Case preparation and taking instructions from a client who is or may be mentally unwell. This will include:
  - ◆ Approaches to getting the best out of your client
  - ◆ Instructing an Expert, including identifying the correct expert and ensuring the expert has the best available material
  - ◆ Participation and Fitness to Plead – procedure and pros and cons, including the approach to intermediaries
- ◆ Mental Health defences and how to prepare for them including:
  - ◆ Automatism/Insanity
  - ◆ Diminished Responsibility in homicide cases

Disposals including those under the Mental Health Act 1983, Hybrid Orders and addressing challenges in securing a mental health treatment requirement

## Room 2 Seminar 4: 3.30pm – 4.45pm

**Investigation, Assets and Raids** – Relevant to both criminal and regulatory practitioners, this session provides a step-by-step guide on managing corporate clients during early intervention by authorities. The seminar will also consider challenges to search warrants and to investigative orders.  
**Speaker: Andrew Thomas KC**



Andrew Thomas KC was called to the Bar in 1989 and awarded silk in 2008. Andrew has been appointed to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge (Administrative Court) and Recorder (both Criminal & Civil).

Whilst Andrew has a mixed practice, undertaking both serious criminal cases in the Crown Court and common law civil work, the most significant proportions of his work involve either allegations of regulatory breach; including health and safety cases and environmental law, or the most serious and complex criminal cases. Andrew also undertakes Judicial Review proceedings on a regular basis.



John Harrison KC was called to the bar in 1994 and took Silk in 2016. John is a criminal law and regulatory specialist and has a specific expertise in regulatory areas including Financial Regulation, including both unregulated and Financial Conduct Authority regulated matters. He also has a particular interest in tax tribunal work. John regularly represents both Respondents and Interested Parties in all areas of Civil Recovery & Restraint including Civil Forfeiture, Investigation Orders, Restraint Proceedings, Cash Seizure, Enforcement Proceedings, Confiscation Proceedings, Civil Recovery, Account Freezing, Money Laundering Advice and Crown Court POCA.

Richard English KC was called to the bar in 2003 and appointed King's Counsel in 2025. Throughout his entire career Richard has been known for his interest and expertise in cases involving defendants with mental disorders. Richard is frequently sought after to represent vulnerable individuals across the entire range of criminal offences. He offers an outstanding service in this area and has a reputation of being an empathetic, patient and effective communicator, who is able to guide special needs clients and witnesses through the ordeal of court proceedings. Richard is consistently recommended by the leading legal directories and has had an exceptionally successful first year as King's Counsel.



Clare Ashcroft was called to the bar in 2001. Clare is renowned for her significant experience in representing young defendants across a range of serious criminal offences. She is regularly instructed to represent those accused of joint enterprise and gang related murder. A very common element of Clare's practice involves dealing with complex evidence, including cell site, encrypted devices, firearms and ANPR in cases ranging from murder through to drugs, firearms and trafficking conspiracies. Clare is also very highly regarded for her expertise in "baby shaking" cases and the handling of highly specialised complex medical evidence.



David Pojur was called to the bar in 2001. David specialises in Regulatory law covering the areas of Inquests and Coronial law, Health and Safety, Healthcare & Professional Discipline, and Environmental law. He is regularly instructed by solicitors to act for many of the country's large insurers, multinational corporations, utilities and properties companies, medical defence organisations and high net worth individuals. He acts in both contentious and non-contentious work and is relied upon for his advisory work. He leads junior counsel and appears against King's Counsel.



Austin Welch was called to the bar in 2005, he specialises in public inquiries, inquests and health and safety and is one of the most experienced and well respected junior barristers in these areas of law. Over a number of years Austin has been consistently recognised by the UK legal directories as being a leading individual in these specialist areas of practice. Austin represents clients in relation to health and safety, fire safety and food safety offences. He is regularly instructed to represent companies and individuals charged with such offences in both the Crown Court and Magistrates' Court and has an excellent track record for achieving positive outcomes for his clients.

Rebecca Filletti was called to the bar in 2009 and is a highly regarded and experienced criminal practitioner. She specialises in criminal defence and has acted as counsel to defendants accused of the most serious criminal offences. Due to her personable and empathetic approach Rebecca is regularly instructed to represent mentally vulnerable defendants. She has particular expertise dealing with fitness to plead issues, mental health defences and partial defences and disposals under the Mental Health Act 1983 and is vastly experienced in advising on the instruction of relevant experts to address issues such as possible fitness to plead, ability to form the necessary intent, diminished responsibility and psychological and/or neurological factors (such as autism or ADHD) that might impact upon the ability of the client to engage in and understand proceedings.



**The sessions will be followed by drinks & canapes  
at Banyan Spinningfields from 5pm, to which all are invited.  
To obtain full details and reserve a place please email;  
[events@lincolnhousechambers.com](mailto:events@lincolnhousechambers.com)**

**Please RSVP and indicate which room you  
would prefer to attend for each session**



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