



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2026

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Welcome to our tenth annual Doughty Street Women event, marking International Women's Day. We are delighted to welcome you as we mark a decade of coming together to ask, and attempt to answer, the deceptively simple question: what more can the law do for women?

When these celebrations began ten years ago, we hoped to create a space for legal collaboration, honest discussion, and collective resolve. We did not perhaps anticipate quite how urgently such conversations would continue to be needed. If anything, the past decade has only served to highlight that progress is rather like litigation: rarely linear, and always improved by strong advocacy and strong women.

Over the years this gathering has grown into something particularly special. It brings together lawyers, academics, activists, and policymakers, united by a shared commitment to equality and justice. It is also one of the rare events in the legal calendar where you can spend the whole day interrogating systemic injustice, yet still make it to the drinks reception with optimism intact. We consider that a testament to stamina, resilience and hope.

Our programme this year brings together urgent and wide-ranging conversations on the enduring and emerging challenges facing women, from sexual harassment and imbalances of power, to the criminalisation of women within our legal systems. Our flagship In Conversation promises insight, wit and sharp reflection, while our closing panel of changemakers highlights those driving reform across the law, media, advocacy and activism. Together these discussions underscore a simple truth: meaningful change demands courage, clarity, and a collective refusal to accept the status quo.

International Women's Day invites celebration, but also solidarity. We are proud to support Women for Refugee Women, whose work supports some of the most marginalised women in society. We encourage you to engage with and support their vital mission, in whatever ways you feel able.

Above all, thank you for being here. Events like #DoughtyStWomen thrive not simply because of careful planning or distinguished speakers, but because of the community that gathers and grows around them. Your presence, questions, insight and commitment are what gives this day its energy and purpose.

We hope you leave buoyed, connected, and fortified for the work ahead. After ten years, we remain convinced that the law can be a powerful instrument for change: especially when placed in the hands of determined, capable women. We are delighted to have so many of you with us.

Happy International Women's Day!

Angela Patrick, Harriet Johnson and Sian Wilkins, Co-Chairs, IWD Steering Group 2026

PROGRAMME

09.30

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

Welcome and Opening Remarks

10.00

Aswini Weeraratne KC, *Doughty Street Chambers*
Head of Chambers and Chair of the Management Board

Give to Gain: Supporting Women for Refugee Women

10.15

Antonia Benfield, *Doughty Street Chambers*

Panel 1: Sexual Harassment and Power

Sexual harassment, power and the law in the workplace and beyond

Chair: **Maya Sikand KC**, *Doughty Street Chambers*

10.30

Speakers:

Lameesa Iqbal, *Doughty Street Chambers*

Zelda Perkins, *Can't Buy My Silence UK*

Emma Norton, *Centre for Military Justice*

Dilraj Sokhi-Watson, *Equate Scotland*

11.45

TEA AND COFFEE BREAK

In Conversation

12.00

Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, *in conversation with*
Deborah Frances-White, *The Guilty Feminist*

13.00

LUNCH

FIGHTBACK

14.00

Centre for Women's Justice

Panel 2: Criminalisation of Women

Prosecution as a bargaining chip and ignoring abuse

*Chair: **Nancy Hollander**, Doughty Street Chambers*

Speakers:

14.20

Harriet Wistrich, *Centre for Women's Justice*

Farrhat Arshad KC, *Doughty Street Chambers*

Kathryn Chadwick and Becky Clarke, *Manchester Metropolitan University*

Vanessa Wiggins, *Bark & Co*

15.30

TEA AND COFFEE BREAK

Panel 3: Changemakers

Power, resilience and speaking up for change

*Chair: **Abimbola Johnson**, Doughty Street Chambers*

Speakers:

15.45

Jo Hamilton OBE, *Author and former sub-postmaster*

Sile Reynolds, *Freedom from Torture*

Poppy Jay, *Broadcaster and documentary maker*

Jule Schnakenberg, *World's Youth for Climate Justice*

16.45

Closing Remarks

Harriet Johnson and Angela Patrick, Doughty Street Chambers

17.00

A musical surprise: Lips Choir

17.15

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POST-EVENT DRINKS

18.15

BIOGRAPHIES

10.00 | Welcome and Opening Remarks



ASWINI WEERERATNE KC

Doughty Street Chambers

Aswini's practice focuses on vulnerable adults and children in cases before all types and levels of courts and tribunals. She is also involved in projects, including on the rule of law, access to justice, violence against women and child abuse, in the South Asia region and is a trustee of I-ProBono. Aswini is Head of Chambers and chairs the management board at DSC.

10.15 | Give to Gain: Supporting Women for Refugee Women



ANTONIA BENFIELD

Doughty Street Chambers

Doughty Street is delighted to support Women for Refugee Women as our Charity of Choice for IWD 2026.

Please considering supporting Women for Refugee Women by making a donation to our fundraising campaign. Scan the following QR code to donate.



Women for Refugee Women supports refugee and asylum-seeking women who have fled persecution including rape, gender-based violence, domestic violence, forced marriage, female-genital cutting, sexual violence, torture, and trafficking to rebuild their lives on their own terms.

They work alongside women seeking safety in the UK to campaign for a compassionate and fair asylum system and coordinate a thriving community space where women can support each other through their shared experiences.

10.30 | Panel 1: Sexual Harassment and Power



CHAIR: MAYA SIKAND KC

Doughty Street Chambers

Maya Sikand KC specialises in State accountability across public and private law. She started her working life as an advocate and campaigner for women and girls fleeing domestic violence, sexual abuse, forced marriages and other exploitation in the NGO sector. This experience means she brings an intersectional approach to her work with a commitment to providing a voice to the marginalised, with a particular focus on vulnerable women and girls. In 2023, she represented remanded teenager *Rianna Cleary* in the high-profile inquest into her baby Aisha's death at HMP Bronzefield- the deeply critical findings that followed have been a strong impetus for legal and policy change to the treatment of pregnant women in the criminal justice system. She currently acts for the mother of *Baby OH* who was a prisoner at HMP Foston Hall when her baby died. In 2025, she and Rosa Polaschek successfully represented *Kristina O'Connor* in the Court of Appeal in the culmination of Kristina's long battle for police accountability for a senior officer's gross misconduct in the form of sexism and misogyny. She has co-authored a Legal Toolkit on *Representing pregnant Women and Mothers in the Criminal Justice System*, in collaboration with the campaign group *Level Up*. She is an editor of the leading criminal textbook *Archbold* and a contributor to *Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Law and Practice* (Bloomsbury Professional, Third Edition due March 2026) and *Police Misconduct: Legal Remedies* (LAG, Fifth edition, 2022). She sits as a Recorder (part-time judge) in the criminal courts.



ZELDA PERKINS CBE

Founder, Can't Buy My Silence UK

Zelda Perkins CBE was the first woman to break an NDA in 2017, signed decades earlier, with Harvey Weinstein. She brought the systematic abuse of NDAs to the attention of the British Government and international press, giving evidence at two parliamentary inquiries, which uncovered an epidemic of misuse, and pushed the Solicitors Regulatory Authority to take disciplinary action against the lawyer who created the NDA for Weinstein. Her actions have inspired others to come forward by her example.

She has been campaigning for legislative and regulatory reform in the UK since 2017 and launched the campaign Can't Buy My Silence UK (cantbuymysilence.co.uk) in September 2021. The campaign has worked with governments in the UK, Ireland and across Canada and Australia, achieving successful legislative reforms in three countries. The most significant reforms being in the UK with amendments to the Employment Rights Act 2025, Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act, Victims and Prisoners Act and the Victims and Courts Bill, which will together make NDAs void if used to silence victims or witnesses of harassment, discrimination, or crime. Her work has also helped implement significant re-evaluation by the legal sector around ethical practice and confidentiality.

Zelda was named a Person of the Year by Time magazine in 2018, by The Guardian in 2020, and in 2023 was awarded for her Outstanding Contribution to Gender Equality by UN Women UK. Her character was portrayed by Samantha Morton in the Universal Pictures feature *She Said*, documenting her part in the downfall of Weinstein. In December 2025, Zelda was awarded a CBE in the New Years Honours list, for her services to social justice.

**EMMA NORTON***Director, Lead Lawyer of the Centre for Military Justice*

The Centre for Military Justice was set up by lawyer, Emma Norton. She is the former head of the legal team at the human rights organisation Liberty, where she worked for ten years. Prior to that, she worked in the public law and civil liberties team at the law firm, Bindmans. Emma recently represented the family of the late Gnr Jaysley Beck in the inquest into her death. The Coroner found failings on behalf of the Army to take action in relation to harassment that Jaysley Beck suffered at the hands of her immediate line manager and to take appropriate disciplinary action against a senior officer who had sexually assaulted her. She also acted for the families of three of the young trainees who died at Deepcut barracks in Surrey in 1995, cases that revealed a bullying, sexualised and abusive environment for young soldiers; and the family of the late Cpl Anne-Marie Ellement who died after reporting rape and bullying in the Army. Cpl Ellement's inquest led to a prosecution and significant changes to Army policies on how victims of sexual crime should be treated. Emma represented Joe Ousalice, the LGBT veteran who successfully challenged the Ministry of Defence's refusal to restore his Long Service & Good Conduct medal after he was thrown out of the Navy because of his sexuality.

Emma continues to represent many service women who have suffered sexual assaults and sexual harassment; and several Black soldiers that have suffered racism during their service. She supports many bereaved families who are seeking answers following the sudden deaths of their loved ones in the armed forces.



DILRAJ SOKHI-WATSON

Director, Equate Scotland

Dilraj is the Director of Equate Scotland, which is a national policy, research and development Scottish Government funded programme, focussing on gender inclusion and women's underrepresentation within the science, engineering, technology, and the built environment industries. As the programme lead, she has the overall responsibility for Equate Scotland's strategic objectives.

Dilraj has worked in senior programme management, policy development and C-Suite positions across a diverse range of not-for-profit organisations in Scotland. With an academic grounding in business administration and carbon management, Dilraj brings cross-sector subject matter expertise on the themes of social capital, gender equality, skills, environment, poverty, AI and ethics

As a former member of Scotland's AI Alliance Leadership Group and the Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan Implementation Steering Group, and through membership of a number of working groups, Dilraj contributes to thought leadership on skills, gender equality and progressing positive outcomes for women in the STEM labour market.

**LAMEESA IQBAL***Doughty Street Chambers*

Lameesa Iqbal is a specialist employment and discrimination barrister at Doughty Street Chambers. She has a particular interest in the specific issues faced by women in the workplace, and regularly represents those who have been sexually harassed during their employment, as well as employees who have been discriminated against during pregnancy and maternity leave. Lameesa advises on navigating tribunal and court proceedings for these vulnerable individuals and works with charities and advice lines to help disadvantaged women be aware of, and exercise, their rights. Lameesa is currently instructed on a number of cases that will engage the provisions of the Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023, regarding an employer's duty to take reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment of workers, due to be heard later this year.

12.00 | In Conversation



(Photographer: Robert Perry)

BARONESS HELENA KENNEDY KC

Doughty Street Chambers

Baroness Helena Kennedy KC is a Barrister of over 50 years' experience. She is a King's Counsel and a member of the House of Lords in the UK Parliament. She is a Master of the Bench at Gray's Inn and has been Master of an Oxford College, during which time she established the Institute of Human Rights at Oxford University. Presently, she serves as the Director of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), an independent entity within the International Bar Association (IBA), established in 1947, which is the world's leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. She is also the President of Justice, a law reform and human rights charity, working to reform the UK justice system with a focus on the most vulnerable and marginalised in society. In 2024 she was appointed to The Order of The Thistle, the highest honour in Scotland recognising those Scottish men and women who have held public office or contributed in a particular way to national life. In August 2025, she was awarded the Order of Merit of Ukraine recognising her work as Co-chair of the Bring Kids Back UA Task Force on deported Ukrainian children and her role on the Ukraine Government's Legal Task Force on Accountability for Crimes Committed in Ukraine.



DEBORAH FRANCES-WHITE, THE GUILTY FEMINIST

Deborah Frances-White is an award-winning writer and comedian, best known for her hit podcast THE GUILTY FEMINIST. The live show has been recorded around the world at venues including The Royal Albert Hall, The London Palladium, The Sydney Opera House, New York's Gramercy Theatre and The Wellington Arena with over 180 million downloads. Her book, THE GUILTY FEMINIST, is published by Virago Press at Hachette and is a Sunday Times Best Seller. Her brand new book SIX CONVERSATIONS WE'RE SCARED TO HAVE was described by Gillian Anderson as "an essential guide to nuanced conversations in today's polarized society." Her BBC Radio 4 show, DEBORAH FRANCES-WHITE ROLLS THE DICE, won The Writers' Guild Award for Best Radio Comedy. She is the screenwriter of the feature film BAD FAIRIES, starring Cynthia Erivo, for Warner Brothers and Locksmith Animation – out in cinemas in May 2027. Deborah's play NEVER HAVE I EVER has recently been produced at Chichester Festival Theatre, Melbourne Theatre Company and The Black Swan – Western Australia's State Theatre Company. Deborah's television credits as a comedian include QI, WOULD I LIE TO YOU?, HAVE I GOT NEWS TO YOU, MOCK THE WEEK and QUESTION TIME. She is a sought-after corporate speaker through her company The Spontaneity Shop and specialises in presence & presenting, and diversity, equity & inclusion. Deborah writes opinion pieces for The Guardian, The New Statesman, The Nerve and The iPaper. She is an official ambassador for Amnesty International.

14.00 | FIGHTBACK



CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S JUSTICE

This powerful film highlights the plight of women convicted of the murder of male partners who were violent and abusive towards them. It features the families of some of the women convicted of murder and an interview with Sally Challen, alongside some of the women's own words from behind bars.

14.20 | Panel 2: Criminalisation of Women



CHAIR: NANCY HOLLANDER

Freedman Boyd Hollander & Goldberg P.A., and Doughty Street Chambers (Associate)

Ms. Hollander is an internationally recognised criminal defense lawyer from the Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA firm of Freedman Boyd Hollander & Goldberg P.A., and is Of Counsel to the firm of Savolainen Avocats in Geneva, Switzerland. She has been admitted to practice in the US Supreme Court, most US Courts of Appeal and District Courts, two US Military Courts, in addition to New Mexico. She is also on the list of counsel for the ICC and the US Department of Defense's Pool of Qualified Civilian Defense Counsel for Military Commissions.

For more than four decades, her practice has largely been devoted to representing individuals and organisations accused of crimes, including those involving national security issues, in trial and on appeal. Ms. Hollander also served as a consultant to the defense in a terrorism case in Ireland, has assisted counsel in other international cases and worked with a team to win two cases before the European Court of Human Rights for her client facing the death penalty in Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. In 2016, she won the freedom of another prisoner in Guantanamo, Mohamedou Ould Slahi, after 11 years of pro bono representation. His story is chronicled in his bestselling book, *Guantanamo Diary*, which Ms. Hollander helped facilitate and

publish, and in the film, *The Mauritanian*. She was also lead appellate counsel for Chelsea Manning in the military appellate courts. She won Ms. Manning's release in 2017 when President Obama commuted her sentence.

In addition to her criminal defense practice, Ms. Hollander has also been counsel in numerous civil cases, forfeitures, and administrative hearings, and has argued and won a case involving religious freedom in the US Supreme Court.

Ms. Hollander regularly teaches trial advocacy to lawyers in other countries, including, for example, in Sweden, the UK, France, Switzerland, and Portugal. She has taught in numerous trial practice programs and has conducted more than 200 seminars and presentations around the world on various subjects including the securing of evidence in international cases, forfeiture, illegal search and seizure, expert witnesses, defense of child abuse cases, ethics, evidence, and trial practice. She has coordinated and taught training courses for criminal defense lawyers wishing to appear before the ICC and the ICTY, was the coordinator of a jury trial training project in Russia and has served as a consultant to the UNDP in Vietnam. She has also written extensively on these and other criminal law topics. She was co-author of WestGroup's Everytrial Criminal Defense Resource Book from 1993 until 2016, Wharton's Criminal Evidence, 15th Edition, and Wharton's Criminal Procedure, 14th Edition.



HARRIET WISTRICH

Centre for Women's Justice

Harriet is the CEO of the Centre for Women's Justice and a solicitor with three decades of experience, who worked for many years with renowned civil liberties firm, Birnberg Peirce Ltd. A leading figure in women's rights litigation, she has acted in landmark cases involving violence against women, including challenges brought by survivors in the John Worboys case, women deceived by undercover police officers, and women appealing convictions after abuse, most notably Sally Challen. Her work has earned major honours, including Liberty's Human Rights Lawyer of the Year (2014), Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year for public law (2018), and Law Society Gazette Personality of the Year (2019). She co-founded Justice for Women, serves as a trustee of the Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize, and is the author of *Sister in Law: Fighting for Justice in a System Designed by Men* (2024).



FARRHAT ARSHAD KC

Doughty Street Chambers

Farrhat Arshad KC is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, specialising in criminal defence and criminal appeals. She is the Head of the Criminal Appeals Unit at Doughty Street and is Vice-Chair of the Criminal Appeal Lawyers Association (CALA). Her civil work centres on Judicial Reviews arising out of both criminal and prison law, including challenges to CCRC decisions and parole and categorization decisions. Farrhat sits as a Recorder in crime on the South-Eastern circuit. She is one of the authors of the forthcoming 3rd edition of the *Criminal Appeals Handbook* (Bloomsbury Professional).



DR KATHRYN CHADWICK

Manchester Metropolitan University

Dr Kathryn Chadwick is a Principal Lecturer in the School of Criminology and Sociology at Manchester Metropolitan University. She has worked in Higher Education since the mid 1980's combining teaching, research and activism. Her interests are varied but focus on gendered processes of marginalisation, criminalisation and punishment and broader concerns related to imprisonment, the politics of punishment and abolitionism. This includes exposing and challenging state intervention, harm and injustice. Recent work includes the gendered policing and prosecution narratives in Joint Enterprise women's cases and abolitionism and community justice.



BECKY CLARKE

Manchester Metropolitan University

Becky Clarke is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Criminology Sociology at Manchester Metropolitan University. She has been an applied researcher for over 25 years, working in research and policy roles in prisons and probation, before entering higher education in 2014. Her interests centre around gendered and racialised experiences of criminalisation and punishment; and the relationship between research and intervention to challenge inequalities and injustices. In the last decade she has been part of a collaborative effort to surface and challenge the disproportionate use of joint enterprise punishments, including contributing to strategic litigation in criminal appeal cases and through judicial review. She is co-author of '[Dangerous Associations: Joint enterprise, gangs and racism](#)' and '[Stories of Injustice](#)', and a number of academic publications exploring these issues and broader questions of delivering justice for women.

**VANESSA WIGGINS***Bark & Co*

Vanessa Wiggins is a standout solicitor advocate known for her fearless defence in some of the most serious and complex criminal cases. She has acted in a high number of murder trials where defendants have been found not guilty, and is regularly called upon to defend clients facing the most serious allegations.

Recognised as a Rising Star in The Legal 500 for three consecutive years and now listed as a Leading Associate, Vanessa has built a formidable track record in cases involving murders, firearms, EncroChat evidence, large-scale drug conspiracies, multi-defendant trials, and clients with significant vulnerabilities.

Her approach is proactive, precise, and always client-focused. From the police station to the Crown Court, Vanessa combines rigorous case preparation with exceptional care to give her clients the strongest possible defence. Her passion, diligence, and results speak for themselves.

15.45 | Panel 3: Changemakers

**CHAIR: ABIMBOLA JOHNSON***Doughty Street Chambers*

Abimbola is a barrister with a broad practice covering actions against the police, inquests and inquiries, professional regulation and criminal defence. She joined Doughty Street in October 2022 to steer her practice towards a focus on civil liberties and human rights work.

She is passionate about racial equity and chairs a board that scrutinises all of England and Wales' police forces in their delivery of a national race action plan to move policing toward achieving anti-racist goals. She also sits as a trustee for a social justice campaigning charity "The Advocacy Academy." Abi is mother of a 5yo and a 2yo.



JO HAMILTON OBE

Jo Hamilton OBE is a former sub-postmaster and a campaigner for justice for victims of the Post Office scandal. She ran a village post office in South Wansborough until 2006, when she was wrongly prosecuted for shortfalls caused by the Post Office faulty accounting software, Horizon. She was convicted of false accounting and had to repay the Post Office £36,000 although it was money she did not owe. She went on to be a founding member of the Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance (JFSA) and one of the 555 litigants in the successful group legal action of *Bates & Others v Post Office Ltd*. Her criminal conviction was overturned on 23 April 2021 by the Court of Appeal Criminal Division. She campaigned for the major statutory public inquiry into the scandal which began in 2021 and which is expected to conclude in 2026. Her story – and the story of all the sub-postmasters – was immortalised in the successful ITV drama, *Mr Bates v the Post Office*. In 2025, she was awarded an OBE for services to justice. Her book, *“Why are you here, Mrs Hamilton?”* tells her story in her own words. Jo continues to campaign for justice and compensation for all victims of the scandal.



SILE REYNOLDS

Freedom From Torture

Sile Reynolds is Head of Asylum Advocacy at Freedom from Torture and leads advocacy aimed at improving legal and policy protections for torture survivors as asylum applicants and refugees in the UK. She has over 20 years' experience in policy research and advocacy, covering asylum and migration, mental health and equalities, for non-governmental organisations including the British Refugee Council and Mind, as well as providing policy and casework expertise at UNHCR both in the UK and in the field.



POPPY JAY

Poppy is dynamic, powerful and no-nonsense broadcaster, writer and BAFTA nominated director with a broadcast journalism degree and experience in covering issues on feminism, political uprising and challenging cultural perceptions.

Poppy does not shy away from a difficult and challenging subject matter and her journalistic credibility has seen her present documentaries such as *Dispatches: Isis; The British Women Supporters Unveiled, Rescuing Ex-Muslims: Leaving Islam* for Channel 4, *Young & Sterile: My Choice* and *The Truth about Upskirting* for BBC Three.

Poppy's tenacity and chameleon-like attitude further led her to direct and present documentaries in an authored style such as the hit Channel 4 documentary *Queens of Rap*, which landed her a BAFTA nomination, and her most recent film, *Young, British and Anti-Abortion* for BBC One and BBC Three, which recently won Best TV/Film at the Sandford St Martin Awards. In 2025, Poppy was awarded Best Factual TV Presenter at The Edinburgh TV Awards – a recognition of her fearless storytelling and powerful on-screen presence.

Poppy is also one-half of the multi award-winning podcasting duo behind *Brown Girls Do It Too*, where she talked candidly, hilariously and informatively about sex, dating and relationships as a modern British South Asian woman. Highlights for the podcast have included winning AudioBoom's Podcast of the Year at the British Podcast Awards in 2020. Poppy is soon to be launching a brand new podcast in the coming weeks.



JULE SCHNAKENBERG

World's Youth for Climate Justice

Jule Schnakenberg is the Director of World's Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ), an international youth campaign-network that took climate change to the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Together with the Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change, Jule has worked with youth from around the world for over 6 years to lobby for a UN Resolution, and for states to engage constructively in the proceedings before the Court. The historic ICJ Climate Ruling was delivered in July last year and has been named the biggest court case in history, and was celebrated as a great success in the fight for climate justice. With an academic background in international and human rights law, Jule's mission is to empower the next generation of climate justice advocates, strengthen grassroots movements, and use legal advocacy to push change forward.

16.45 | Closing



HARRIET JOHNSON

Doughty Street Chambers

Harriet is a Doughty Street barrister, called to the bar in 2010 and named by the Legal 500 as a Leading Junior. She has a specialised practice centring on women's rights and encompassing public law, criminal law, civil actions against public authorities, and inquests.

In 2016 Harriet founded Doughty Street's annual #DoughtyStWomen events. She is also a founder member of Women in Criminal Law, and former chair of the board of trustees at Women In Prison.

Harriet's first book, "Enough: the violence against women and how to end it" (Harper Collins, 2022) examined failures in the criminal justice system in addressing violence against women and girls. It was an Amazon bestseller and was named by Waterstones as a Book Of The Year for 2022.



ANGELA PATRICK

Doughty Street Chambers

Angela is a leading specialist in public law, civil liberties and human rights. She currently represents the families of Barnaby Webber, Grace O'Malley Kumar and Ian Coates in the statutory inquiry concerning the attacks by Valdo Calocane in Nottingham. She also acts in the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry for many former subpostmasters wrongly convicted and now acquitted. Angela has helped secure compensation for individual human rights violations in a range of settings and for many people failed by the state, including for women treated without dignity in police cells, women failed in police investigations of allegations of rape and sexual assault, and for children and disabled people failed by local authorities.

She is recognised as a leading junior by Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 and is General Editor of Sweet & Maxwell's Human Rights Practice.

17:00 | A musical surprise: Lips Choir

In the Williams Lounge

Lips

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY STEERING GROUP



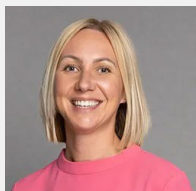
Angela Patrick

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Harriet Johnson

Call: 2010



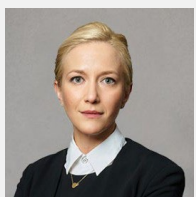
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Senior Clerk (Civil)



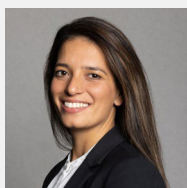
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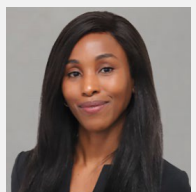
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Shanthi Sivakumaran

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Nancy Williams

Call: 2016



Lameesa Iqbal

Call: 2021



Rachel Woodward

Call: 2021



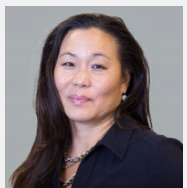
Finnian Clarke

Call: 2021



Tal Glover

Head of Finance



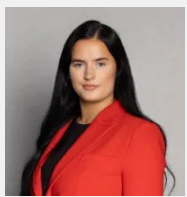
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Doughty Street Chambers AI Seminar Series

Doughty Street Chambers [AI Team](#) will be hosting a series of seminars exploring AI and the Law in 2026.

Doughty Street Chambers AI Team is proud to support 5Rights Foundation through this event series.

Some of the events in the series will be ticketed with a small fee and all proceeds will be donated to [5Rights Foundation](#) to support their vital work.

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Artificial Intelligence in the Criminal Justice System

**Thursday 12 March 2026 | 18:00–20:00, followed by a drinks reception |
Doughty Street Chambers**

This seminar will explore how the criminal justice system is responding to emerging technologies.

We will be covering the legal response to challenges such as AI-generated deepfakes, the growing use of surveillance tools including facial recognition technology, and the rise of AI systems designed to support legal work and decision-making.

Bringing these themes together, the session will examine the impact of technological change on evidence, procedure and fundamental rights.

Speakers include:

- [Farrhat Arshad KC](#) (Chair), Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers
- [Karlia Lykourgou](#), Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers
- [Harriet Johnson](#), Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers

This event is free to attend, but we encourage those joining us to make a donation to 5Rights in support of their vital work. Donate [here](#).

Register your place here

2 **Public Law and AI: Immigration Control, Sexbots, and Misinformation** Thursday 16 April 2026 | 18:00–20:00, followed by a drinks reception | Doughty Street Chambers

The second seminar will explore the public law implications of AI, including its role in immigration control, the regulation of sexbots, and responses to misinformation.

Speakers include:

- Adam Straw KC, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers
- Shu Shin Luh, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers
- Donnchadh Greene, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers

**Register your interest for
this seminar here**

3 **AI in Legal Practice: The View from the Bar** Monday 18 May 2026 | 18:00–20:00, followed by a drinks reception | Doughty Street Chambers

The second seminar will explore the public law implications of AI, including its role in immigration control, the regulation of sexbots, and responses to misinformation.

Speakers include:

- Adam Straw KC, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers
- Shu Shin Luh, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers
- Donnchadh Greene, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers

**Register your interest for
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Court of Protection Case Law Update

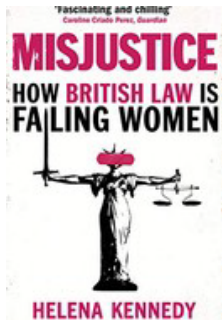
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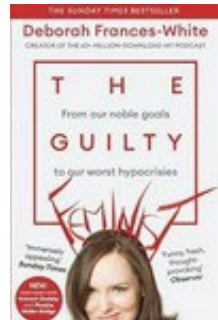
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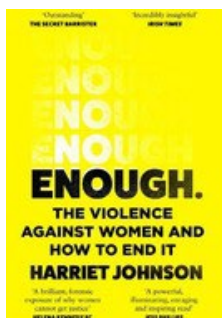
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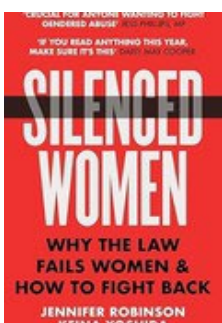
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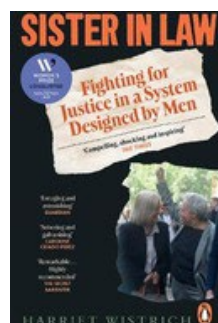
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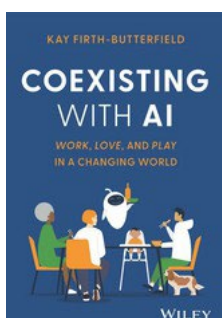
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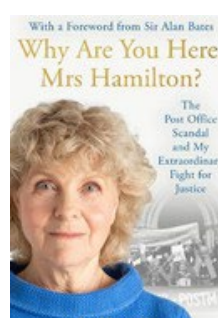
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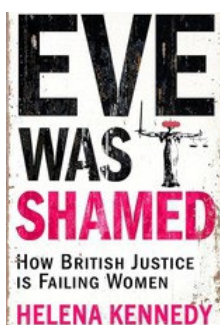
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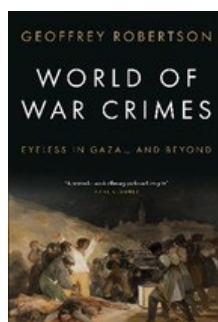
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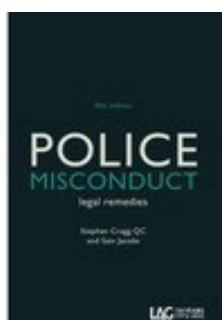
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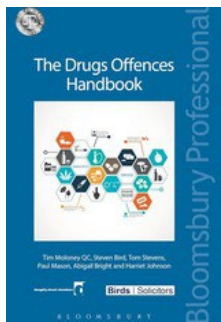
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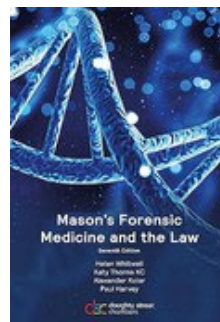
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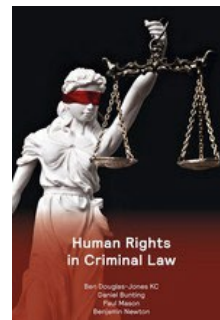
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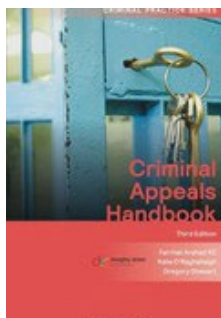
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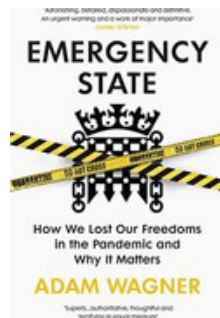
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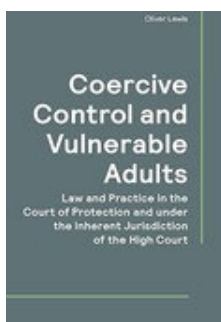
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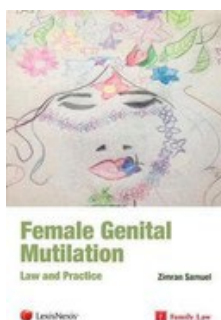
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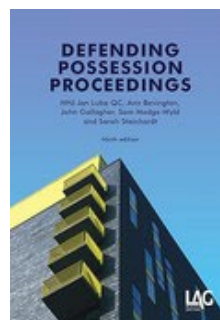
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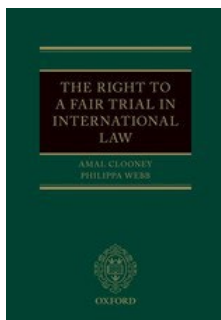
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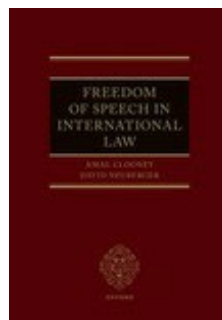
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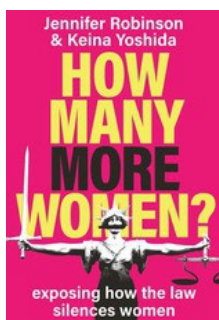
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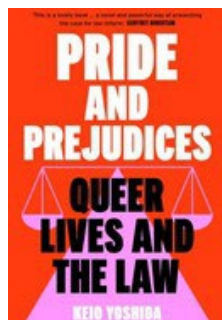
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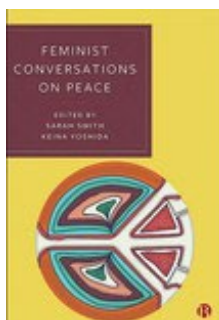
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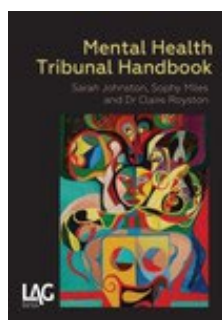
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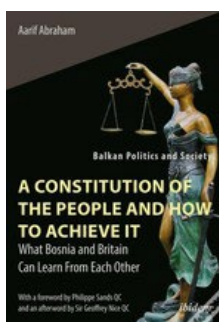
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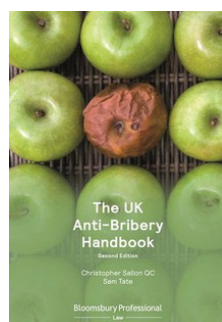
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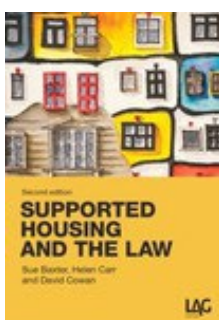
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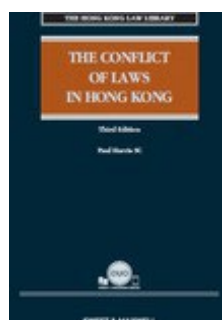
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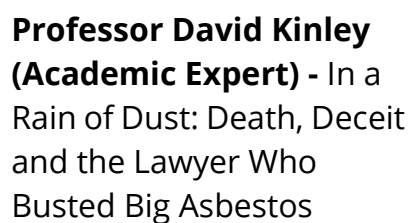
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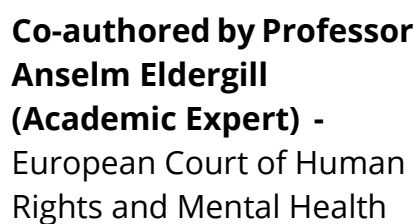


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