



The Expert Witness Institute

Annual Conference 2008

# What's next for Expert Opinion

## Thursday 2nd October 2008

The Conference Centre, Church House  
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“ Excellent, enjoyed  
it greatly, very  
thought provoking and  
stimulating ”

“ Speeches were  
excellent, I was interested  
throughout ”

“ It is very important to  
have such meetings as  
they keep experts up to  
date ”

The Expert Witness Institute's Annual Conference is one of the largest gatherings of expert witnesses across all the professions. Topics of importance will be addressed by high-profile speakers from politics and the media, as well as by experts at the top their professions.

We welcome Lord Owen (David Owen, famous as a politician, but before that a doctor) as our keynote speaker. He will speak on the illnesses of world leaders and the experts that keep them in business.

Other topics addressed will include the fallout from Holdsworth, and the often ill-informed media coverage of other recent cases, which has discouraged some from undertaking expert witness work. Joshua Rozenberg the BBC's Legal Affairs Consultant will discuss the media's role, and as a legal commentator of high calibre will try to restore the balance which has been signally absent from much that appears in the press and on television.

We are privileged to welcome Professor Jeremy Horder, distinguished lawyer and Law Commissioner, who will bring us up to date with the Law Commission's current work and thinking on the Expert Evidence in Criminal Trials, which is currently such a hot topic.

There will be three specialist workshops, provided by Surveyors, Forensic accountants and Medical experts. Our popular Question Time Session will be chaired by Bernie Rowe of Lyons Davidson founder and former Chairman of MASS.

The conference will be stimulating and challenging, as well as informative, but there will be light relief as well. Jacqueline Storey's talk on 'The Expertise of the Choreographer' will include practical demonstrations of dance from professional dancers, and will provide an insight into a fascinating field of expertise.

We strongly commend the event to all expert witnesses. The conference will provide the opportunity to meet and share views and experiences with colleagues in your own and other fields. We are delighted to be presenting a programme which promises to be challenging, exciting and relevant, and enjoyable too.

Do be sure to attend, and think of bringing a guest from your own or another field, with the aim of introducing them to the challenge, fascination and rewards of legal work. The Justice System needs you as much if not more than ever.

- 08.45 Registration and Coffee
- 09.30 **Conference Chairman Dr Harry Brünjes** - welcomes delegates
- 09.40 **'Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know'**  
Dr Andrew Johns: Providing expert psychiatric evidence for the prosecution or the defence in serious criminal cases can be very challenging from an ethical, medical and bias viewpoint
- 10.15 **Joshua Rozenberg**, Legal Correspondent  
Joshua Rozenberg will give his view on the media coverage of cases where expert views have been questioned in appeals against conviction in child abuse and other high profile cases and how the Institute can restate and emphasise the crucial role of experts in the cause of justice
- 11.00 **James Badenoch: 'What's next for Expert Opinion?'**  
An overview of the current and forthcoming challenges facing expert witnesses James will address the fallout from "Holdsworth" which once again has prompted ill-informed media coverage of expert evidence. He will emphasise the Institute's growing role in supporting experts and the undiminished need for high calibre experts
- 11.30 Coffee

## 11.50 Medico-Legal

**'Knees, necks and personal injury'**  
**Jonathan Webb** (orthopaedic surgeon and ex-England rugby player) and **Michael Foy** (orthopaedic surgeon and author of the definitive text in medico-legal reporting)

### Identity Fraud

**'Do you really know who they are?'**  
An introduction into the impact of the latest Anti-Money Laundering rules and their impact on your business. Identity theft and fraud using stolen information is on the increase – how have you protected yourself and your business? **Tom Craig** and **Kay Linnell**

### Surveyors

**'Conflicts within the Planning System, politics vs customers'**  
**Graham Anderson**, Town Planner and Developer

**'Sustainability vs Energy Efficiency'**  
**Gerry Percy**, RICS

**'Where to in the Future?'**  
**David Tuffin**, Past President, RICS

WORKSHOPS

- 13.15 Lunch
- 14.30 **'Lord David Owen: 'In sickness and in Power'**  
David Owen will open the secrets of power and give us an insight into experts at the heart of the government who keep our political masters in business and in power in sickness and in health

## 15.15 EWI Question Time

Questions from delegates for the panel on any contemporaneous issues on expert opinion

QUESTION TIME

Chaired by Bernie Rowe, **Lyons Davidson, Bristol and former Chairman and founder of MASS (Motor Accident Solicitors Society)**.  
Rose Donaghue, Head of PI, **Shoosmiths**  
Mrs Justice Dobbs, **EWI**  
Ian Walker, Governor, **EWI**  
Amanda Stevens, President, **APIL**  
Martin Gargan, Chairman, **BOA Medico-Legal Committee**

- 16.00 Tea
- 16.15 **'How can you tell an expert from a pseudo-expert?'**  
**Professor Jeremy Horder** will address the Law Commission Consultative document on the admissibility of Expert Evidence
- 16.40 Jacqueline Storey: **'The Expertise of the Choreographer'**. An insight into a very unusual branch of expert knowledge with the added attraction of real dancers to demonstrate
- 17.30 Drinks reception  
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Question for the Question Time Panel (must be submitted by 1st Sept 08) \_\_\_\_\_

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- Acts as a voice for expert witnesses, especially in communicating with the media.
- Provides support to experts of all professional disciplines and other occupations requiring skills and judgements.
- Encourages lawyers to make use of experts where specialised knowledge is required.
- Engages in the training of experts to maintain and enhance standards and their status.
- Works actively with other allied professional bodies and associations.
- Makes representations to Government and to professional bodies and associations wherever appropriate.