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Professor Rodney Austin

Law in London Lecture: Constitutional Law

Senior Teaching Fellow, Faculty of Laws, University College London, Professor Austin had served as Sub Dean (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs) Research groups include: UCL Centre for Law & Governance in Europe and the UCL Institute for Human Rights.

Education

King's College London

1969 LLB Honors, University of Auckland

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Jonathan Black-Branch

Law in London Lecture: EU Law and International Law

Specialties: International Law, International Business Law, Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, Armed Conflict, Administrative Accountability, Business Ethics, Social Corporate Responsibility

Experience:

- **Justice of the Peace & Magistrate**
UK Ministry of Justice
April 2006 – Present (9 years 5 months) Oxfordshire
- **Professor of International Law, Associate Dean (Education)**
Royal Holloway, University of London
September 2005 – Present (10 years)
- **Chair of Committee on Nuclear Weapons, Non-Proliferation & Contemporary International Law**

International Law Association

May 2005 – Present (10 years 4 months)

The mandate of the Committee is 'to consider competing legal approaches to non-proliferation and regulating nuclear weapons within the contemporary context and ultimately to present options for future legal co-operation in this field'.

The Committee has prepared an agreed Work Plan based on its mandate, along with an interactive Table of Treaties and Other International Instruments. The Committee has hosted four Round Table events and recently presented a Report on 'Legal Aspects of Nuclear Disarmament' at the ILA Conference (Washington, D.C. 2014). You can see the Report and the work of the Committee at <http://www.ila-hq.org/en/committees/index.cfm/cid/1025>.

Member of College

Wolfson College, University of Oxford

September 1994 – Present (21 years) Oxford, United Kingdom

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Jonathan Black-Branch (cont.)

Professor of International & Comparative Law & Former Head of Law School

University of Bedfordshire

February 2012 – March 2015 (3 years 2 months)

Dean and Head of School

AVT Business School

April 2009 – July 2011 (2 years 4 months) Copenhagen

Dean and Head of AVT Business School

Visiting Professor

WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management

2008 – 2010 (2 years)

Director of Studies, Law

St Benet's Hall, University of Oxford

September 2005 – July 2009 (3 years 11 months) Oxford, United Kingdom

Fellow & Senior Law Tutor

Greyfriars Hall, University of Oxford

March 2005 – July 2009 (4 years 5 months)

Education

Inns of Court School of Law, London

Barrister-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn, Law

University of Oxford

Doctor of Philosophy (MA, DPhil), Law

University of Toronto

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Honors & Awards

Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal Recipient

"For worthy and devoted services to the community."

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Russell Dann

Law in London Lecture: Labor and Employment Law

Russell joined Pattinson & Brewer to work with a team dedicated to representing working people and with a successful track record of dealing with labour law and industrial relations.

Russell is currently representing employees who have taken matters including unfair dismissal, unlawful deduction of wages, TUPE and discrimination to Employment Tribunals to challenge their employers.

Russell has also handled successful discrimination and equal pay claims on behalf of working people in the various courts and tribunals up to the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

He has successfully acted for senior professionals with civil court claims for equal pay and high value breach of contract claims. He has represented Construction Industry Scheme workers who had been given sham self-employment contracts, winning in the Employment Tribunal and confirming their employee status.

Russell has supported a union-funded campaign against unpaid internships and helped an intern who had done 3 months' unpaid work secure full payment for every hour worked in a claim against a major employer represented by city law firm.

He has a particular interest in challenging unlawfully unpaid or underpaid work and casualisation and is currently researching potential claims for employees on zero hour and minimum guaranteed hour contracts.

Russell trained at Leigh Day after gaining a Distinction in the LPC and graduating from University College London. He is a member of Industrial Law Society, Discrimination Law Association and the Employment Lawyers Association.

In his free time, Russell has spent time as a volunteer in a fishing community in Senegal and supports the current campaign against illegal pirate fishing in West Africa. He also enjoys spending time with his family and, in his more energetic moments, he loves surfing.

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Colin Ettinger

Law in London Lecture: Tort Law

Partner, Irwin Mitchell, November 1995 – Present (19 years 10 months) London, United Kingdom.
Head of personal injury department in London office handling serious injury legal matters. Partner, Thompsons, (formerly Robin Thompson & Partners) May 1976 – November 1995 (19 years 7 months)

Education

University of Leicester, 1972 – 1975
LLB, Law

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Barbara Gibson

Law in London Lecture: British Culture and Cultural Competency

Barbara Gibson (CRS400 Intercultural Communication & Social Media) has a unique combination of experience, encompassing business communication, social media, and intercultural communication. With more than 25 years' experience as a corporate communication professional, she is a past international Chair of the International Association of Business Communicators, and holds more than 30 professional awards. A social media enthusiast with nearly 20,000 Twitter followers, she has served as a coach and guide for senior executives to help them find their way in the new world of social media. Her current research focus, and the topic of her PhD thesis, is the intercultural communication competencies needed by global CEOs. She has been teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels since 2011. Professor Gibson is on the Faculty at the Syracuse University London Centre.

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Law in London – Summer 2015 – Faculty Lecturers

Catherine Nicholes

Law in London Lecture: Children's Rights and Family Law

Coram Chambers

Catherine originally practised in crime, general civil and family law. She was delighted to join a chambers which pioneered and specialised in care proceedings long before that area became popular at the Bar. Her practice in care proceedings was originally very much in representing the parents, wider family or the child both with and without a guardian. She continues to specialise in such work and has particular expertise in representing clients who have personality difficulties, mental health issues or are accused of very serious abuse. However she has, for some years, been instructed also by local authorities. Her work as a Deputy District Judge means that she has experience and perspective from “each end and both sides of the counter”. Catherine is a member of Islington Free Legal Advice Centre and continues to assist there as a committee member and when senior or specialist knowledge is needed.

Catherine undertakes “direct access” work.

Practice areas

Children

Dispute Resolution

Education

University of London, Queen Mary College

Inns of Court School of Law

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Greg Powell

Law in London Lecture: Criminal Law

Greg Powell, Managing Partner of Powell Spencer and Partners Solicitors, specializes in serious crime, civil liberties and terrorism. Having read Law at the London School of Economics and Psychology at Birkbeck College, Greg trained with WH Thompson and qualified as a Solicitor in 1973. He later became a founding partner at Powell Spencer in 1977.

Powell has successfully represented a diverse range of clients including the family of a Guantanamo Bay detainee, senior political figures in the 'donorgate' and 'cash for honours' affairs and defendants in many other serious criminal prosecutions.

Powell has an impressive record of clients acquitted of murder (9 out of the last 12). Often approached to represent cases of public interest, Greg has successfully defended the mother who faced a jail sentence as a result of allegedly lying about her address on the school application for her son, a case that raised the interesting issue of 'other intangible property!'

A past president of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association (LCCSA), Powell has been both Criminal Law Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year and a 'Times Lawyer of the Week.'

After a decade of involvement in opposing Price Competitive Tendering and the impoverishment of legal aid funding, Powell continues to be engaged in the campaign against legal aid cuts.

Powell once delivered a talk called 'The Importance of Poetry to Criminal Lawyers', which reflected his keen interest in poetry. His first book of poetry was published, 'In Love's Shawl.'