

# Representing Families at Inquests: A Practical Guide

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London**

**#AvMAInquests**

**CPD: 5 hours 50 minutes**  
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The important work conducted by AvMA's inquest service is the basis for this conference, which is designed to be a comprehensive guide to the practice and procedures when representing a family at an inquest.

Leading legal experts will take you through the preparation process, helping you to understand the complex issue of disclosure, management of expert evidence and Article 2. An update on case law, funding issues and post-inquest remedies will also be discussed. The event is aimed at intermediate to advanced level solicitors, junior barristers and healthcare professionals

The conference will be immediately followed by a networking drinks reception, kindly hosted by Hardwicke Chambers.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Chair: Henry Slack, Barrister, Hardwicke Chambers**

### 09:00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

**09:45 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS**  
**HENRY SLACK, Barrister, Hardwicke Chambers**

**09:50 AN UPDATE ON AVMA'S PRO-BONO INQUEST SERVICE**  
**LISA O'DWYER, Director Medico-Legal Services, Action against Medical Accidents**

**10:05 PREPARATION FOR INQUEST**  
**MERRY VARNEY, Partner, Leigh Day**

- Requesting witnesses
- Pre-Inquest Review
- Obtaining medical records
- What to do when the coroner doesn't open an inquest

**10:45 DISCLOSURE**  
**LEANNE WOODS, Barrister, 1 Crown Office Row**

- Obligations to disclose and management by coroners
- Typical documents to be expected on disclosure
- Redaction of documents and when it might be appropriate to give the coroner an undertaking
- Serious Incident Report
- The Coroner's decision to withhold documents

### 11:45 REFRESHMENTS

**12:00 EXPERT EVIDENCE**  
**HENRY SLACK, Barrister, Hardwicke Chambers**

- Instructing the expert
- How to manage your own expert evidence
- Conflicts on disclosure
  - Decision to disclose at inquest where a civil claim is expected
  - Balance needed to preserve position in a civil claim whilst having a full investigation e.g. experts reports, families witness statements, independently commissioned medical reports
- When should a coroner appoint an independent medical expert?

**12:40 ARTICLE 2**  
**JAMES ROBOTOM, Barrister, 7 Bedford Row**

- When does the Article 2 investigative duty apply?
- Private hospitals: can an Article 2 investigation extend to a private hospital even where the care was arranged and paid for by the NHS?
- Scope - Jamieson vs Article 2
- Conclusions - Jamieson vs Article 2
- Systemic failings – what are they?
- The relationship between common law negligence and the ECHR

### 13:20 LUNCH

**14:05 UPDATE ON CASE LAW**  
**ANEURIN MOLONEY, Barrister, Hardwicke Chambers**

**14:45 FUNDING FOR INQUESTS**  
**DOMINIC WOODHOUSE, National Training Manager, PIC**

### 15:15 REFRESHMENTS

**15:25 LEARNING FROM INQUESTS**  
**ED RAMSAY, Barrister, 12 King's Bench Walk**

- Preventions of Future Death reports (PFD)
- Trusts' action plans
- Follow up on actions plans and PFDs after the inquest

**16:05 LEGAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE CORONER IN INQUESTS WHERE MEDICAL CARE MAY BE CRITICISED**  
**ANDREW HARRIS, Senior Coroner, London Inner South Southwark Coroners Court**

**16:45 CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS, FOLLOWED BY DRINKS HOSTED BY HARDWICKE CHAMBERS**

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