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## Legal Wales Conference 2024

11 October 2024, Pembrokeshire Archive Building, Haverfordwest

### Conference Programme

09:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	09:30
09:30	<b>Opening Address</b> <b>Jonathan Elystan Rees KC</b> Chair of Legal Wales	09:45
09:45	<b>Keynote address</b> by <b>Julie James AS/MS,</b> The Counsel General for Wales and Minister for Delivery	10:15
10:15	<b>Judge Barry Clarke</b> President of Employment Tribunals (England and Wales)  <b>Chair: Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom</b> (President of Welsh Tribunals)	10:45
10:45	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>	11:10
11:15	<b>Professor Laura McAllister CBE</b>  Chair of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales  <b>In conversation with:</b>  <b>Huw Williams</b> (Chief Legal Adviser, Senedd Cymru)	11:45

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All strands: 11:45	<b>MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	All strands: 12:45
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strand 1</b> <b>Freeport Developments and Opportunities in South and West Wales</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sam Pitchford</b> Pembrokeshire County Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Craig Griffiths</b> Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Joanne Waters</b> DAC Beachcroft</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Huw Davies</b> 30 Park Place &amp; Qatar Freeport</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Paul James</b> Redkite Solicitors</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair:</b> <b>Peter Ware</b> Browne Jacobson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strand 2</b> <b>Workplace Culture and Regulatory Considerations Post Covid</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mark Evans</b> Deputy President of the Law Society of England and Wales</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elizabeth Rimmer</b> LawCare</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Richard Orpin</b> Legal Services Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Lucy O'Brien</b> Partner, Watkins &amp; Gunn</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strand 3</b> <b>The Youard Lecture on Welsh Legal and Social History</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Giraldus Cambrensis as a Canonist:</b> <b>"Thrice to Rome"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Professor Norman Doe, KC (honoris causa),</b> Cardiff University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair:</b> <b>Prof. Thomas Glyn Watkin KC (honoris causa)</b> Welsh Legal History Society</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Pardon St Yves 2025</b> <b>Prof Thomas Watkin KC</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Invitation to lawyers from Wales to attend the 2025 Pardon at Tréguier, Brittany, in honour of St Yves of Kermartin, patron saint of lawyers, advocates, canon lawyers and notaries, and co-patron saint of Brittany.</p>

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12:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUNCH</b> Kindly sponsored by:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	14:00
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### AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**(PLEASE NOTE:** In the afternoon only, Strand 1 is a one-hour session. Strands 2 & 3 list two half hour sessions taking place in these rooms. You may attend any of the stranded sessions.)

14:00 - 15:00	14:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 14:30
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strand 1</b> <b>Major Public Inquiries: Challenges and Opportunities for Wales</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel:</u></p> <p><b>Stephanie Needleman</b> Legal Director, Justice</p> <p><b>Christian Howells</b> 30 Park Place</p> <p><b>Angharad Hurle</b> Eversheds Sutherland</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chair:</u> <b>Michael Imperato</b> Watkins &amp; Gunn</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strand 2 Strand 2 (session 1)</b> <b>Legal Apprenticeships in Wales</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p><b>Bronwen Williams JP MStJ</b> Academic Director University Wales Trinity St Davids</p> <p style="text-align: center;">joined by a panel of students and apprentices</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strand 3 (session 1)</b> <b>Law Commission of Wales and England</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Introductions by the Chair:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rt Hon Sir Peter Fraser and the new Commissioner for the Law of Wales and Public Law:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prof Alison Young</b> Sir David Williams Professor of Public Law, University of Cambridge</p>

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14:30	AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS	15:00
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strand 2 (session 2)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Conversation on Accessibility at the Bar: <b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Legal Practice</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Speakers:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Joseff Morgan</b> 9 Park Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Angharad Price</b> Government Legal Department</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rebecca Griffiths</b> Apex Chambers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ewen MacLeod,</b> Director of Strategy and Policy Bar Standards Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Chair:</u></b> <b>Tim Naylor</b> Barrister, Apex Chambers &amp; Former Director of Integrity &amp; Regulation, British Horseracing Authority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strand 3 (session 2)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pathfinder: Why the pilot was transformative in Wales</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Speakers:</u></b> HH Judge Gaynor Lloyd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>District Judge Dylan Lloyd Jones</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Chair:</u></b> <b>The Hon Mrs Justice Morgan DBE</b> Family Presiding Judge for Wales</p>	

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15:00	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>	15:20
15:20	Law Council of Wales Update <b>Rt Hon Lord Lloyd-Jones JSC</b>	15:25
15:30	<b>Ambassador Stephen J Rapp</b>  Former US Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues & Senior Visiting Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Jonathan Elystan Rees KC</b>	16:00
16:00	The President of the Supreme Court <b>Rt Hon. Lord Reed of Allermuir</b>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>The Hon Mr Justice Griffiths</b> Presiding Judge of the Wales Circuit	16:30
16:30	The Lady Chief Justice of Wales and England <b>Rt Hon. Baroness Carr of Walton-on-the-Hill DBE</b>  (To include the Presentation of the Sir Samuel Evans Prize 2024 for the best undergraduate result at a Welsh Law School)  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Huw Williams</b> Senedd Cymru	17:00
17:00	Close of Conference <b>Jonathan Elystan Rees KC</b>	17:15

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19:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conference Dinner</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tŷ Milford Hotel</b> Milford Docks, Milford Haven</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Guest Speaker:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>John Hyde</b> Senior Reporter Law Society Gazette</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner in the Dulse Restaurant</p>	Until late
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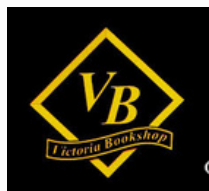
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## Related events in St Davids, Pembrokeshire

**Thursday 10th October**

St David's Cathedral

**Dramatised Reading of 'Thrice to Rome' - a play by  
Prof. Norman Doe KC (honoris causa)**

Performance time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm with one interval

Thrice to Rome – HISTORICAL PLAY | RHS (royalhistsoc.org)

Event organised by Dean and Chapter of St Davids Cathedral as part of  
Libraries Week 2024 and available to be booked separately.

Post performance reception to be held in Canonry

### **Tickets**

Tickets are £15pp and available online, [here](#)

Or [email library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk](mailto:library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk) to pay in the Cathedral Nave Shop  
on arrival.

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**Sunday 13th October 2024**

St David's Cathedral

**Guided Tour of St David's Cathedral & visit to Cathedral Library**

2pm - 3.30pm

This exclusive tour for delegates of the Legal Wales Conference and Dinner  
will be guided by Mari James, St Davids Cathedral Library Development  
Officer.

To book, please email [email library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk](mailto:library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk)

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