



# ABA CONFERENCE 2009 SPEAKERS

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The Conference will feature 30 speakers – all of them experts in their own field.



*Sir Nicolas Bratza*

In Strasbourg the programme will be presented by three experts – Sir Nicolas Bratza (Vice President of the European Court of Human Rights), Judge Egbert Myjer (Judge, ECHR), and Michael O'Boyle (Deputy Registrar, ECHR). The session will take place in the Court building and attendees will have an opportunity to visit the Grand Chamber of the Court in which 17 judges sit on Grand Chamber matters.

### In London, the keynote speakers include:



*Jack Straw*



*Cameron J*



*Abella J*

The Rt Hon. Jack Straw MP, Lord Chancellor

The Rt Hon. the Lord Phillips of Worth-Matavers, Senior Law Lord

The Rt Hon. the Lord Judge, Lord Chief Justice

The Hon. Madam Justice Abella, Supreme Court of Canada

The Hon. Justice Edwin Cameron, Constitutional Court of South Africa

While the focus of the Conference will be on aspects of human rights, there will also be expert sessions on other issues.

The **Advocacy** session will deal with those things that judges really want – at trial, at intermediate appeal, and on final appeal. The participants are:



*Hallett LJ*

The Rt Hon. the Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury

The Rt Hon. Lady Justice Hallett (Court of Appeal)

The Hon. Mr Justice Irwin (High Court, England and Wales)

The Hon. Justice Crennan

The Hon. Justice Keane

The Hon. Justice Middleton

In the session on **“Problems with Privacy”** you will hear from a lawyer, a journalist, and a victim.



*Desmond Browne*

*The lawyer.* Desmond Browne QC is Chairman of the Bar of England and Wales and a specialist in defamation and privacy cases. He has appeared in the House of Lords for Neil Hamilton (against Mohammed Fayed), for the Russian businessman Boris Berezovsky (against Forbes magazine) and for the Daily Mirror (against Naomi Campbell). Clients for whom he has acted in the Court of Appeal include Elton John, Michael Douglas, Don King and Victoria Beckham. He also represented the Financial Times in the £250m libel action brought against them by the brokers, Collins Stewart.



***The journalist.*** Joshua Rozenberg is Britain's best-known commentator on the law. He was the BBC's legal correspondent for 15 years before moving in 2000 to The Daily Telegraph, where he edited the paper's legal coverage until the end of 2008. He writes also for the London Evening Standard and the Law Society's Gazette. After taking a law degree at Oxford he trained as a solicitor, qualifying in 1976. He holds an honorary doctorate in law from the University of Hertfordshire and is an Honorary Benchers of Gray's Inn.



*Max Mosley*

***The victim.*** Max Mosley, a former barrister, is president of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), a non-profit association that represents the interests of motoring organisations and car users worldwide. The FIA is also the governing body for Formula One and other international motorsports. In March 2008, the *News of the World*, a British tabloid newspaper, released video footage of Mr Mosley engaged in a scenario that the paper said involved Nazi role-playing. Mr Mosley admitted "the embarrassment the revelations caused", but said that there was no Nazi theme involved. He sued the newspaper and recovered £60,000 in damages in action for breach of confidence and infringement of rights of privacy as protected by Art. 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

In the session on the "**The Bar and Bench under the Microscope**" the speakers will include:

*Professor Dame Hazel Genn* is a leading authority on civil justice whose work has had a major influence on policy-makers around the world, and is currently Dean of the Faculty of Laws, Professor of Socio-Legal Studies at University College London. She was awarded honorary fellowship of Queen Mary in 2004, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Edinburgh in 2004, and by the University of Leicester on 13 July 2007. She was appointed an honorary Queen's Counsel in 2006. Dame Hazel recently delivered the 2008 Hamlyn Lectures:



*Professor Dame Hazel Genn*

"As civil trials vanish, replaced by various types of private settlement and arbitration, the nature of civil justice is transforming and with it, the job and expectations of judges. Is civil justice, in fact, withering away? Although an ambition of the Woolf reforms was to raise the profile of civil justice, criminal justice dominates justice system policy, resources, and judicial deployment. The creation of a Ministry of Justice has only served to entrench the historic dominance of criminal over civil in Government's justice system thinking. Drawing on real world evidence from Britain and other jurisdictions, the 2008 lectures consider what civil justice delivers in practice, in the context of argument about what and whom civil justice is for."

*Richard Susskind* has specialised in legal technology for 25 years. He is an independent adviser to major professional firms and to national governments. He lectures internationally and has been invited to speak in over 40 countries. He has written and edited numerous books, including *Expert Systems in Law* (OUP, 1987), *The Future of Law* (OUP, 1996), *Transforming the Law* (OUP, 2000), *The Susskind Interviews: Legal Experts in Changing Times* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2005), *The End of Lawyers? Rethinking the Nature of Legal Services* (OUP, 2008) and has written over 100 columns for The Times.



*Richard Susskind*

He has advised on numerous government inquiries and, since 1998, has been IT Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England. In 2003, he was appointed by the Cabinet Office as Chair of the Advisory Panel on Public Sector Information. He holds law professorships at Gresham College in London and the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow.