The seminar addresses the question, what security can a barrister take for payment of professional fees, particularly where the instructing solicitor does not maintain a trust account?

Since 2007, the Legal Profession Act has prohibited the traditional practice of barristers receiving a fee with the brief. Although there is a regulatory exception to the prohibition, it does not apply in cases where there is an instructing solicitor. A number of barristers have identified this as a significant problem in practice. The problem is particularly acute for criminal practitioners, though it is not limited to crime.

The seminar will identify lawful and practical means for securing barristers' fees, other than by the solicitor holding funds in trust.