



ASSOCIATION OF
PENSION LAWYERS

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Hotel Le Plaza, Brussels | Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd November

Wednesday 20 November

18:00-20:00	Registration and welcome reception
20:00	Junior Networking Dinner Aux Armes De Bruxelles, Rue de Bouchers 13, 1000 Bruxelles

Thursday 21 November

Time	Session Title	Speakers
08:30 – 09:00	Welcome Tea & Coffee	
Session chaired by Ed Jackson, A&O Shearman		
09:00-09:15	Welcome Address	David Gallagher, APL Chair
09:15-09:55	Transforming TPO – our new approach	Dominic Harris, The Pensions Ombudsman
09:55-10:35	“Whose fault is it in anyway?”: Virgin Media: The Professionals	Seb Allen, Wilberforce Chambers
10:35-11:00	Tea and Coffee (25 mins)	
Session chaired by Nicolas Stallworthy KC, Outer Temple		
11:00-11:40	The case for CDC and practical learnings from Royal Mail	Chris Sharpe, Slaughter and May Derek Benstead, First Actuarial
11:40 - 12:20	Dealing with surplus – and looking at discretions	Dawn Heath, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Lauren Jackson, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer David Pollard, Wilberforce Chambers

12:20-13:00	Pensions Increases – The Law of Diminishing Returns and/or Unintended Consequences?	David E Grant, Outer Temple Chambers
13:00-14:15	Lunch (1hr 15)	
Session chaired by Keith Rowley KC, Radcliffe Chambers		
14:15-14:55	ADR - what pension lawyers need to know	Keith Bryant KC, Outer Temple Chambers Lydia Seymour, Outer Temple Chambers Amanda Rowley, Eversheds Sutherland
14:55-15:35	Sectionalisation revisited	Jane Higgins, A&O Shearman Sam Dent, A&O Shearman
15:35-15:55	Tea and Coffee (20 mins)	
Session chaired by Lynette Lewis, Shoosmiths		
15:55-16:35	The Lifetime Allowance: Gone but not forgotten	Katie Banks, Hogan Lovells Amol Chalisgaonkar, Hogan Lovells
16:35-17:15	Should trustees ever agree to scheme wind up?	Keith Webster, CMS Natalie Mee, CMS
17:15	Close day 1	
19:00	<p>The Gala Dinner will be held at the Comic Art Museum, Rue des Sables 20, 1000 Brussels. Dress code: Black tie.</p> <p><i>The Gala Dinner venue is a 10-minute walk from both Hotel Le Plaza and Hotel Indigo, so you can make your way there at your leisure (transport will not be provided). There is a cloakroom at the venue.</i></p>	

Friday 22 November

Time	Session Title	Speakers
09:15 – 09:30	Tea and Coffee (15 mins)	
09:30-10:00	Annual General Meeting	
Session chaired by Eilidh Robertson, Burness Paull LLP		
10:00-10:40	Investment fiduciary duties and ESG - where might we go from here?	Stuart O'Brien , Sacker & Partners Andy Lewis , Sackers & Partners
10:40-11:20	Investment compliance, liability and risk in the age of ESG – a practitioner's guide	Penny Cogher , Irwin Mitchell Garon Anthony , Irwin Mitchell
11:20-11:40	Tea and Coffee (20 mins)	
Session chaired by Fee James, Dentons		
11:40-12:20	'It all happened so long ago': problems of proof and evidence in pensions law.	Paul Newman KC , Wilberforce Chambers
12:20-13:00	The New DB Funding Regime: Thoughts and Expectations	Alison Winstanley , The Pensions Regulator Ian O'Toole , The Pensions Regulator Martin McNamara , The Pensions Regulator
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (1hr)	
Session chaired by Suzie Kemp, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP		

14:00-14:40	Protecting John Connor's pension: How AI might impact pension disputes	Chris Edwards-Earl , Stephenson Harwood Dan Saunders , Herbert Smith Freehills
14:40-15:20	"A leopard ate my face": should trustees support their employer's commercial activities?	Rosalind Connor , Temple Bright
15:20	Closing remarks	David Gallagher , APL Chair