



ASSOCIATION OF  
PENSION LAWYERS

# APL ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

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

## Wednesday 20 November

18:00-20:00	Registration and welcome reception
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## Thursday 21 November

Time	Session Title	Speakers
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	Virgin Media	Seb Allen, Wilberforce Chambers Speaker TBC
10:35-11:00	Tea and Coffee (25 mins)	
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)	

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)	
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	The <b>Gala Dinner</b> will be held at the <b>Comic Art Museum</b> , Rue des Sables 20, 1000 Brussels. <b>Dress code: Black tie.</b> <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>	

## Friday 22 November

Time	Session Title	Speakers
09:15	Tea and Coffee (15 mins)	
09:30-10:00	Annual General Meeting	
10:00-10:40	Investment fiduciary duties and ESG - where might we go from here?	<b>Stuart O'Brien</b> , Sacker & Partners <b>Andy Lewis</b> , Travers Smith
10:40-11:20	Investment compliance, liability and risk in the age of ESG – a practitioner’s guide	<b>Penny Cogher</b> , Irwin Mitchell <b>Garon Anthony</b> , Irwin Mitchell
11:20-11:40	Tea and Coffee (20 mins)	
11:40-12:20	‘It all happened so long ago’: problems of proof and evidence in pensions law.	<b>Paul Newman KC</b> , Wilberforce Chambers
12:20-13:00	The New DB Funding Regime: Thoughts and Expectations	<b>Alison Winstanley</b> , The Pensions Regulator <b>Ian O’Toole</b> , The Pensions Regulator <b>Martin McNamara</b> , The Pensions Regulator
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (1hr)	
14:00-14:40	Protecting John Connor’s pension: How AI might impact pension disputes	<b>Chris Edwards-Earl</b> , Stephenson Harwood <b>Dan Saunders</b> , Herbert Smith Freehills
14:40-15:20	“A leopard ate my face”: should trustees support their employer’s commercial activities?	<b>Rosalind Connor</b> , Temple Bright
15:20	Closing remarks	