

# ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR: Liability for Flooding

This seminar will look at the statutory responsibility for flood risk management, the common law rules regarding a landowner's rights of natural drainage and ability to protect against floods, liability in respect of flood damage and the statutory compensation scheme for flood risk management operations.

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**London**

6pm to 7.30pm

Venue: Old Square Chambers, 10-11 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BU

**Chaired by Stephen Grime QC**

Speakers profiles are available on the next page

## TOPICS

- Rights of natural drainage and the 'common enemy' rule..... David Cunnington
- Flood risk management..... Rosalie Snocken
- Liability for flooding at common law..... Lance Harris
- Compensation for flood risk operations..... John Bates

## SPEAKERS

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**We do hope you can join us.**

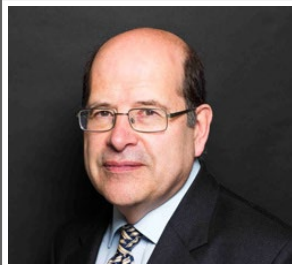
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## The speakers



### STEPHEN GRIME QC

Stephen is vastly experienced in environmental litigation representing individuals, corporates, local authorities, utilities and insurers. His recent caseload includes a class action against a local authority arising birth damage from particulate pollution during reclamation of a steel-works complex and claims for flooding by a group of householders against a local authority and a utility. In addition to his experience as an advocate, Stephen has served as a specialist Recorder in the TCC.



### JOHN BATES

John was one of the first members of the Bar to specialise in environmental law and is ranked in the legal directories as a leader in the field: *"He shows excellent attention to detail and is always prepared to think outside the box"*, *"His judgement makes him a go-to man"*. He has written extensively on the subject, including 'UK Marine Environmental Law', 'UK Waste Law' and the loose leaf work 'Water and Drainage Law'; he is also co-author of 'Liability for Environmental Harm'.



### DAVID CUNNINGTON

David has extensive experience in a wide range of regulatory and environmental proceedings ranging from planning inquiries and permitting disputes to criminal enforcement in regulatory actions. He recently appeared at the planning inquiry in to the construction of the Barton Renewable Energy Plant and acted in JR proceedings in matters related to the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012.



### LANCE HARRIS

After finishing his degree in Environmental Science, Lance spent two years as an environmental consultant at Mouchel, where he was regularly involved in projects relating to Environmental Impact Assessments, contaminated land, air quality and drainage law, before joining the Bar. As a barrister, he has dealt with appeals against noise abatement notices and appears in the magistrates' and crown courts representing companies charged with environmental and health and safety offences.



### ROSALIE SNOCKEN

Roz is keen to develop upon her experience of environmental and health & safety matters and extend this into associated criminal and regulatory hearings. She has experience of appearing in magistrates' courts and is keen to attract instructions in prosecutions brought by the HSE or Environment Agency.

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