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Whistleblowing Update Seminar — 21st June 2017

Speakers: Ben Cooper QC, Jack Mitchell, Sarah Keogh and Adam Ross

Registration: 5.15pm, talks start at 5.45pm to 7.15pm followed by drinks and canapés in the courtyard

This seminar will examine the impact of the **Day**, **Jhuti** and **Chesteron** decisions in the Court of Appeal, together with providing a general update and an opportunity for a Q&A session at the conclusion.

Topics will include vicarious liability, public interest, jurisdiction and injunctions/contractual remedies.

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The speakers



Ben Cooper QC

Ben Cooper's principal areas of practice are employment, discrimination and industrial relations. Ben acts for employers, employees and trade unions in all areas of employment, discrimination and industrial relations law. He regularly appears in the High Court, Court of Appeal, Employment Appeal Tribunal, employment tribunals and CAC.

Ben was appointed silk in 2017 and is ranked in employment law in both Chambers and Partners 2017 and Legal 500 2016. Legal 500 describes Ben as **"The top employment junior at the Bar, who combines formidable intellect with excellent client skills"**. Chambers and Partners notes that Ben is **"widely praised by clients and peers as an outstanding advocate who is incredibly hard-working and grasps the details incredibly quickly"** and cites sources who say that Ben is **"an all-round consummate employment lawyer who is incredibly capable and knowledgeable. He is able to pick up facts and run with them and he has excellent attention to detail."**

Ben's clients include NHS bodies and private healthcare organisations, major trade unions, education institutions, major airlines, financial and other commercial organisations and claimants with complex or high-value claims.

Ben's other areas of practice include professional discipline, pensions, public law and human rights.



Jack Mitchell

Jack Mitchell is best known for work on whistleblowing and discrimination work but is regularly instructed in large complex claims in all areas of employment law.

He is co-author of **'Whistleblowing law and practice: third edition'**, as he was for the first two editions.

Ranked as a leading junior in employment in both Chambers and Partners and Legal 500, he is described as **"A name synonymous in the market with high-profile whistleblowing claims, and someone who has a well established reputation for High Court advocacy and restrictive covenant issues. His meticulous preparation is highlighted as a major strength."** Chambers and Partners describe Jack as **"a very thorough barrister who shows great attention to detail"** and as having **"a specialism in whistleblowing"**.

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Sarah Keogh

Sarah Keogh is a highly experienced barrister specialising in employment, professional discipline, personal injury and clinical negligence. She joined Chambers as a tenant in April 2016.

Sarah has an established practice representing clients in high value and complex cases in Employment Tribunals, the EAT, County Courts and the High Court. She also appears in and provides legal advice to panels in professional regulatory proceedings, including Police Misconduct and Capability hearings, Special Case hearings and PAT appeals, and hearings in the Nursing and Midwifery Council. She has particular specialism in advising in cases which cross over from one area of expertise to another. She has a loyal client base which includes the British Medical Association, NHS Trusts, police forces, local authorities and large national employers.

Well known for her meticulous attention to detail and a personable yet robust and pragmatic approach, Sarah excels in advocacy and is an accredited Advocacy Trainer for the Inner Temple.

Sarah has recently been involved in advising the BMA in relation to whistleblowing protection for Junior Doctors and negotiating a national agreement to provide whistleblowing protection as against Health Education England.



Adam Ross

Adam Ross became a member of chambers in 2015 after completing his pupillage, in which he was supervised by Ben Cooper QC and Rebecca Tuck. His practice is focused on employment, professional discipline and personal injury law.

Adam acts for both claimants and respondents in Employment Tribunal and Employment Appeal Tribunal proceedings. He regularly appears in multi-day final hearings in cases involving unfair dismissal, discrimination (in particular disability-related), whistleblowing, failure to inform and consult and redundancy payments. He has particular experience of cases involving NHS Trusts. He recently successfully defended an NHS Trust in a case involving flexible working, direct and indirect race discrimination, and direct and indirect sex discrimination.

Before pupillage, Adam worked full-time at the Free Representation Unit. He advised on and appeared in a wide range of employment claims, gaining experience of multi-day liability hearings and remedy hearings. He also appeared on behalf of appellants and respondents in the Employment Appeal Tribunal.