



## **Seminar: The Work of the Adjudication Function of the SRA**

**Wednesday 25 June 2014**

**At: Sherrard Room, Middle Temple**

**The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, Middle Temple Lane,  
London, EC4Y 9AT**

**Registration: from 5.30 pm**

**Seminar: 6.00 pm**

**Guest Speakers:** **NABILA ZULFIQAR**, Director & Chief Adjudicator, Solicitors Regulation Authority

**CHRISTINE FORDE**, Assistant Director, Coventry City Council and SRA Panel Adjudicator

**Seminar Chair:** **VIKRAM SACHDEVA**, 39 Essex Street

This is an opportunity to hear from the SRA's Director & Chief Adjudicator, Nabila Zulfiqar and a panel Adjudicator, Christine Forde. Adjudicators make formal regulatory decisions on a wide range of issues. This could be whether to grant or refuse a request for a waiver, an individual's suitability for student enrolment or allegations relating to a serious conduct issue. The presentation will focus on the role of SRA Adjudicators; their significance, powers and their potential impact on solicitors' practices. Nabila and Christine will talk first hand about their roles and the work they undertake. They will describe the type of matters which are adjudicated, possible outcomes, and how solicitors can improve the way they practise. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask Nabila and Christine any questions you may have.

Nabila has an LLB in Business Law and qualified as a solicitor in 1993. Prior to joining the SRA in 2011 as Director and Chief Adjudicator, she was Council Solicitor at the General Teaching Council for England (GTC) with responsibility for advising the Chief Executive, Registrar and Council on all legal matters. She also managed the legal team with responsibility for the overall investigation and conduct of cases before the Professional Conduct Committees of the GTC. From 2005 until 2008, Nabila was Principal Solicitor and Head of Service in the Legal Department of Birmingham City Council. She specialised in child and adult protection litigation in the magistrates, county and high courts. She has extensive advocacy experience in this field. She was a member of the Children in Safeguarding Proceedings sub committee of the Family Justice Council and contributed to two Law Society publications relating to public law proceedings. In April 2013, Nabila was appointed by the Privy Council to the Architects Registration Board and Chairs its Investigation and Oversight Committee. She was also a primary school governor between 2010-2013 and chaired its Finance and Staffing Committee. She is a mentor for Mosaic, a charity which supports children and young people to achieve their potential.

Christine qualified as a solicitor in 2000. She has private and public sector experience. Currently, Christine is the statutory Monitoring Officer and Assistant Director for Legal Services at Coventry City Council. Her portfolio responsibilities include responsibility for the City Coroner, Register Office for Births, Deaths and Marriages and Democratic Services. Christine's private sector legal experience was gained over a period of seven years in medium sized firms. She has experience of insurance litigation matters and following admission, specialised in planning and environmental law.

Vikram has a wide-ranging and interesting Administrative Law and Disciplinary practice acting for individuals, public authorities and commercial bodies often involving challenges to national policies with general implications. He often acts in high profile cases involving intense scrutiny by the national media, and is on the Attorney-General's A Panel of Counsel. He has experience of a wide range of tribunals, including the GMC, GDC, NMC, SDT, Care Standards Tribunal, and Public Carriage Office. Vikram has recently been described in Chambers and Partners as "a redoubtable advocate remarked on for his impressive courtroom style". Vikram previously taught Administrative Law at Cambridge for several years.

**Ticket Price: £ 15.00**

A drinks reception will follow after the seminar.

**Please note places are limited**

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