



Speaker Biographies – Saturday 4th July

Jonathan Robinson, Environment Agency

Jonathan Robinson is Executive Director of Resources and Legal Services at the Environment Agency. He joined the Environment Agency as Legal Director in 2009.

Jonathan qualified as a solicitor with Baker and McKenzie in London, and subsequently worked in the European Commission handling enforcement of EU environmental law, and working in international environmental policy negotiations in the UN, WTO and UNEP. He has managed teams working on environmental and planning law in Defra, and been Chief Legal Adviser in the UK Department of Communities and Local Government and the New Zealand Ministry of Social Development. He is admitted as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand.

Jonathan has published articles on environmental law and edited a book on greenhouse gas emissions trading. He is visiting professor of environmental law at University College London and recently co-authored (with Eloise Scotford) the review of the state of English environmental law for the 25th anniversary edition of the Oxford Journal of Environmental Law. Since 2011 he has also had responsibility for the Resources Directorate at the Environment Agency (covering human resources, property, fleet, health and safety, and internal environmental management). In 2013 he became the first President of the newly created European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment.

Camilla Lamont, Landmark Chambers

Camilla Lamont is a barrister at Landmark Chambers. She was called in 1995 and is recognised as a leading property litigation junior. This year's directories describe her as: a very strong advocate who is able to dissect a lot of data to get to the nub of a matter; technically excellent, good on her feet, but also down to earth with a relaxed but authoritative manner with clients. She cuts to the chase and provides quality advice and sensible solutions. Camilla has "recognised skill in dealing with property disputes with an environmental angle" (Chambers & Partners 2015). Clients that she has recently acted for in her environmental practice include: a developer in relation to flooding of a disused railway tunnel; national Grid in litigation arising out of the installation of a gas pipeline; a factory operator in a claim regarding alleged pollution by discharge of organic effluent; owners of a flat alleging noise nuisance from ventilation plant; factory owners seeking to establish rights to abstract water from and discharge into a river; local authorities in respect of contaminated land and coastal protection schemes; and a public body regarding the interpretation of a "green lease" and the provision of CHP Plant.

Duncan Spencer, EDIA Environmental Insurance

Duncan Spencer is a director and founder of EDIA Limited, an environmental insurance consultant and broker. He has worked in the environmental insurance industry since 2001 and the environmental engineering industry since 1989. Duncan has worked on the placement of environmental insurance programmes (both as an underwriter and as a broker) for a very wide range of clients, ranging from SME businesses to multinational merger and acquisitions. He has been central to the development of the UK environmental insurance industry along with the pan European industry response to the Environmental Liability Directive. Currently, Duncan also works as a consultant to a national environmental regulator in the determination of correct financial provision against environmental damage caused by licensed operations.

Duncan is a regular speaker at UK and European technical and insurance based conferences, focusing on the role of insurance in the management of environmental liabilities.

Steven T Miano, Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller Philadelphia, Chair of American Bar Association, Environment Energy & Resources

Mr. Miano is a Shareholder and heads the Environmental Practice Group at Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller in Philadelphia, PA. He also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. His practice, which spans more than 25 years, includes all facets of environmental law and litigation, including federal and state cases involving the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Hazardous Waste laws, Superfund and Brownfields redevelopment. His clients include corporations, commercial entities and municipalities. Before entering private practice, he was an Assistant Regional Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University Law School, where he teaches courses on environmental law. He is a frequent lecturer and has written on various environmental legal issues. Mr. Miano currently serves as the Chair of the ABA's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. Mr. Miano received his B.S. in Environmental Studies from George Washington University and his J.D. from The University of New Hampshire School of Law. He is listed in Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business (Band 1), Who's Who of Business Lawyers for Environmental Law, Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America.

Mark Travers, Executive Vice President, Global Practice Development, Ramboll Environ

Mark Travers is a Principal and Executive Vice President Global Practice Development at Ramboll Environment and Health in Copenhagen, Denmark. Prior to Copenhagen, Mark was located in the Singapore office of Ramboll Environment and Health and served as President of the Asia Pacific operations of Ramboll Environment and Health. Mark has more than 35 years of experience in applied science and engineering, with particular emphasis in multi-media site assessment and remediation; municipal and hazardous waste management; environmental and geotechnical engineering, oil & gas (upstream and downstream); mine and ore-processing site development and operation; and litigation support and expert testimony. Mark has supported both unconventional and conventional projects and their potential impact on the environment including water resources, seismicity, worker issues, and land development. Specific project experience includes sites in the US, Australia, and Europe. Mark's experience includes projects with both private corporations and government organisations at various locations around the world in response to wide range of regulatory environments, including numerous projects in the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia-Pacific. Mark has a BS in Geology and MS in Engineering Geology

Jake White, Friends of the Earth

Jake White worked for two commercial law firms before joining the Government Legal Service in 2001 where he spent 10 initially happy years working for BIS and DECC. At BIS he advised on State aid where he intervened successfully in cases before the EUCJ (eg: Commission v Portugal) consumer credit (ensured passage through Parliament and implementation of the Consumer Credit Act 2006) and outer space. At DECC he advised principally on nuclear energy and Green Deal. This included treaty negotiations with the USA, devising a new legislative structure to cover costs of new nuclear waste and leading a team to create a new regulator. Following a career break in the Middle East, he was delighted to join FoE where he has worked on a wide range of energy, climate and nature issues. He has established a reputation as a leading light on the law and fracking

Kate Zabatis, United Utilities

Kate Zabatis is the Head of Environment Policy and Regulation at United Utilities. Having worked for United Utilities for the last 16 years, Kate has a range of experience predominantly focusing on wastewater and strategic planning activities. For the last 4 years Kate has focused her efforts in the environmental regulatory department at United Utilities working closely with local and national Environment Agency contacts. Kate studies centred in the field of environmental science and geography at The University of Wales, Aberystwyth and Newcastle University.

Lynda Warren, Aberystwyth University

Lynda is Emeritus Professor of Environmental Law at Aberystwyth University with research interests in the interface between law and science. She has particular expertise in marine environmental protection, coastal management and marine nature conservation. She has served on a number of government committees and boards of public bodies and is currently a member of the Board of Natural Resources Wales, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Defra's Scientific Advisory Council and the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management. She was a member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and chaired the Government's Review of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries legislation. She is a previous chair of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales and is a member of UKELA's Nature Conservation and Wales Groups

Bishop James Jones, Fellow of the Society for the Environment

Our Gala Dinner speaker, Bishop James Jones, is a longstanding champion for urban regeneration, with a passion for the environment. In addition to his role as Bishop of Liverpool, a post that he held from 1998 to 2013, the Bishop has served a wide range of public and professional bodies concerned with the environment. Recent and current activities and affiliations include: Fellow of the Society for the Environment; Fellow of the Institute of Foresters; Fellow of WWF; Vice President of TCPA; Chair, Independent Panel on Forests, 2011; Chair, St Pauls Cathedral Symposium on Climate Change, with UN Climate Ambassador, Christiana Figueres, 2014; Keynote speaker, European Churches Environmental Network, 2014; Westminster debate with Nigel Lawson and Nick Stern on "Can we afford to save the Planet?", 2014. Bishop James also chaired the Hillsborough Independent Panel, which led to the quashing of the original inquests.