



YOUNG BARRISTERS' COMMITTEE

## The Specialist Advocate Workshop

# Speakers



### Martin Forde QC, Judicial Appointments Commission

Martin Ford QC was appointed as the barrister member to the Judicial Appointments Commission in January 2012 and reappointed for a further 3 years from 5 January 2015.

Martin took Silk in 2006 and became a Recorder in 2009. His early career on the Midland Circuit included crime, personal injuries, matrimonial and a variety of civil and criminal work, though latterly he has focused on medical negligence and regulatory work. He is the South Eastern Circuit Diversity Mentor and Chair of the South Eastern Circuit Minorities Committee. He is also the Chair of the Bar Council's Equality and Diversity Sub Group: Access to Appointments and Progression.



### Cyrus Larizadeh QC, 4 Paper Buildings

Cyrus Larizadeh is commonly called upon to handle very complex and high profile private and public law children cases. He is a “terrific lawyer who is enthusiastic and knowledgeable”. He is “very good, a calm and competent advocate” who is “well respected by judges”.

Cyrus has also been listed as a leading family barrister in Legal 500 since 2010.



### Duncan McCombe, Chairman of the Young Barristers' Committee

Duncan appears regularly in his own right in the County Court and in the High Court. In addition, he has been led on a number of larger matters, particularly in the areas of Commercial Law and Civil Fraud.

Duncan has appeared unled in urgent injunction applications in the High Court and the County Court, both for applicants and respondents. Unled applications in the High Court include successfully applying to the Commercial Court for a without notice freezing injunction against a BVI company in support of an arbitration, and appearing for the successful respondent in an application in the Chancery Division to set aside an interim injunction obtained without notice.





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## Mark Twomey QC, Coram Chambers

Mark specialises in all areas of family law, including public and private children, care and adoption proceedings with an international element, adult and social care matters and ToLATA.

Mark has a background in mixed common law, specialising solely in family law for the last 12 years, with particular expertise in care proceedings and abduction. He has regularly appeared in the Court of Appeal.

Mark joined Coram in 2005 and is interested in complex cases involving severe injuries, international movement of children and abduction, with a particular expertise in BIIR. Mark lectured frequently on Adoption, Contempt of Court, BIIR and Abduction, including to the Local Government Lawyers Association, the ALC, to solicitors and within Chambers. He is interviewed regularly by the BBC in relation to legal issues concerning children.



## Russell Wallman, Chief Executive, Queen's Counsel Appointments

Russell has headed the QCA Secretariat since June 2013. He previously spent many years as a senior official at the Law Society where, amongst other things, he led the Law Society's team who worked up the arrangements for the new QC scheme in conjunction with Bar Council representatives.



## Andrew Walker QC, Vice-Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales

Andrew is a commercial chancery QC with extensive experience and expertise as both an advocate and an adviser, particularly in the specialist areas set out below. He acts as an advocate before all courts, tribunals and dispute resolution bodies in his specialist areas. He also has extensive experience in many (largely successful) mediations.

Andrew is the Chairman of the Bar Council's Ethics Committee.

