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Legal Wales Conference 2025

10 October 2025, Neuadd Reichel, Prifysgol Bangor University

Conference Programme

09:00	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS	09:30
09:30	Opening Address Jonathan Elystan Rees KC Chair of Legal Wales	09:45
09:45	Keynote address: Reflections on the Bicentennial of the Law Society Mark Evans President of the Law Society of England and Wales Chair: Robert Williams President of Cheshire and North Wales Law Society	10:25
10:25	Counsel General for Wales Julie James AS Chair: The Hon. Mrs. Justice Morgan	11:00
11:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK	11:30
11:30	Tim Eicke KC Judge of the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the United Kingdom (2016-2025) Chair: Jonathan Elystan Rees KC	12:15

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All strands start: 12:15	MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS		All strands end: 13:15
<p>Strand 1 Behind the scenes of the Criminal Justice System – a collaborative approach</p> <p>HH Judge Rhys Rowlands (Hon. Recorder of Caernarfon)</p> <p>With a panel from the Criminal Bar, Crown Prosecution Service and the Police</p>	<p>Strand 2 The Law Commission at 60 and law reform in Wales</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Rt Hon Sir Peter Fraser Chair of the Law Commission of England and Wales</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Rt. Hon. Lord Lloyd-Jones JSC</p>	<p>Strand 3 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the legal profession in Wales</p> <p><u>Panel to include:</u> Wales and Chester Circuit EDI Committee</p> <p>Bar Standards Board</p> <p>Solicitors' representatives</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Emma Waddingham Founder, Legal News Wales</p>	
13:15	<p>LUNCH Kindly sponsored by:</p> <div>  <p>Prifysgol Cymru Y Drindod Dewi Sant University of Wales Trinity Saint David</p> </div>		14:15

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AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

All strands start: 14:15	MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS	All strands end: 15:15
<p>Strand 1 Collaboration & Partnership: How working together can overcome unmet legal need</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <p>Sue James North Wales Community Law and Chief Executive of Legal Action Group</p> <p>Tracey Horton, Director of Bangor University Legal Advice Clinic</p> <p>with colleagues from NWCL and the Advice Clinic</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Ron Davison Gamlins Law</p>	<p>Strand 2 Deg mlynedd o Dribiwnlys y Gymraeg</p> <p>Panel discussion to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Welsh Language Tribunal</p> <p>Session in Cymraeg with simultaneous translation</p> <p>Betsan Criddle CyB Llywydd y Tribiwnlys</p> <p>Osian Llywelyn Cyfarwyddwr Rheoleiddio a Dirprwy Gomisiynydd</p> <p>Keith Bush CyB (er anrhydedd)</p> <p><u>Cadair:</u> Rhodri Williams CyB</p>	<p>Strand 3 Transforming North Wales: Projects & Planning</p>

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15:15	AFTERNOON BREAK	15:45
15:45	<p>The Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland</p> <p>Rt Hon Dame Siobhan Kegan DBE</p> <p>Chair: The Hon. Mr. Justice Griffiths</p>	16:05
16:05	<p>The Lady Chief Justice of Wales and England</p> <p>Rt Hon. Baroness Carr of Walton-on-the-Hill DBE</p> <p>(to include the Presentation of the Sir Samuel Evans Prize 2024 for the best undergraduate result at a Welsh Law School)</p> <p>Chair: Huw Williams, Senedd Cymru</p>	17:00
17:00	<p>Close of Conference</p> <p>Jonathan Elystan Rees KC</p>	17:15

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Legal Wales 2025 Conference Dinner

19:00: Drinks Reception	<p>Friday 10 October Pritchard-Jones Hall, Bangor University</p> <p>Drinks Reception Welcome: Jonathan Elystan Rees KC</p> <p>Opening Remarks Enlli Thomas, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Head of College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences</p> <p>- Three-Course Dinner -</p> <p>After Dinner Speaker: Helen Molyneaux Founder of Monumental Welsh Women</p>	Until late
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Fringe Events 2025

<p>Saturday 11 October Timings TBC</p> <p>Visit to Beaumaris Courthouse & Prison by invitation of Beaumaris Town Council</p> <p>To include a talk by Dr Richard Ireland (Welsh Legal History Society)</p>

(more overleaf)



Fringe Events 2025

Saturday 11 October

Legal Runner x Parkrun

Castell Penrhyn Castle, Bangor, LL57 4HT

9:00am

The morning after the Legal Wales Conference and dinner there is an opportunity for any Legal Runners to join Mark Evans, the President of the Law Society and Founder of Legal Runner ([Home - Legal Runner](#)) for a 5k ParkRun - at whatever your pace - in the beautiful grounds of Castell Penrhyn, Bangor (and, more importantly, a coffee and a cake afterwards!)

Where?

Castell Penrhyn Castle, Bangor, LL57 4HT

(a 5 minute drive from the Conference venue). Further details at

www.parkrun.org.uk/penrhyn/

The route

Described as "a really good bucket list kind of Parkrun", the route consists of two big loops and two smaller loops around the castle.

The big loop heads off down the main drive then swings right along a track that runs up to the walled garden. From there, stay on the track which runs up past the brick stable and along to the main castle entrance.

The small loop swings right at the main castle entrance, down past the walled garden then up past the brick stable and along to the main castle entrance and the finish. Each loop is completed twice.

Refuel at the café

Post-run, you can reward yourself in the café and enjoy coffee and a cake or a bite of breakfast to refuel.

Book your spot

Please let **Tomos Lewis** (tomos.lewis@blakemorgan.co.uk) or **Mark Evans** (mark.evans@law.ac.uk) know if you intend taking part or require any further information.