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LICENCES, LEASES AND THE MYSTERY OF POSSESSION: PLUS ÇA CHANGE

Speakers: Professor Martin Dixon, Professor of the Law of Real Property, Cambridge University and Philip Sissons, Falcon Chambers

Chair: Catherine Taskis QC

It is over 30 years since *Street v Mountford* and *Ashburn Anstalt v Arnold* appeared to have put to rest the 'heresy' of a proprietary licence. However, recent decisions suggest that the courts remain prepared to imbue licences with at least some proprietary characteristics. Professor Martin Dixon examines whether we are returning to a time when the simple distinction between licences and interests in land is breaking down. Is our concept of possession more subtle than previously we might have imagined? Philip Sissons considers the practical consequences of these developments and whether a binary lease/licence distinction fits comfortably with modern commercial requirements for the flexible use of property, including possible connotations under the Electronic Communications Code.

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THE SUPREME COURT ON SAAMCO: HAS IT REACHED THE SUMMIT?

Speakers: Lady Justice Carr DBE

Chair: Janet Bignell QC

Almost 25 years on, the Supreme Court has reconsidered the seminal *SAAMCo* principle in *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton* [2021] UKSC 20 and *Khan v Meadows* [2021] UKSC 21. The Supreme Court again climbed the fictitious mountain, advancing a new conceptual framework for analysing the scope of duty principle. The new roadmap repositions both the role and importance of the *SAAMCo* principle. Have these decisions brought clarity and consistency to the law of professional negligence? Lady Justice Carr examines this and other questions designed to explore the legal and practical consequences of these two important decisions.

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VALUATION: KEEPING TRUE TO THE PRINCIPLES

Speakers: Mark Sefton QC, Falcon Chambers and Maggie Stobo, Director, MFS Resolution

Chair: Oliver Radley-Gardner QC

Rental valuation is often at the heart of property disputes. But the process of valuation, and the legal rules that govern that process, can be hard to understand and harder still to apply. Even in very familiar contexts, questions of what to value and how to value it can give rise to disagreement (as the recent Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 case of *HPUT v. Boots* vividly illustrates). But potential for confusion exists in valuation disputes of all types, affecting all sorts of commercial property – a situation arguably made worse by the economic effects of the Covid pandemic. Mark Sefton QC and Maggie Stobo will aim to strip the rules and process of valuation back to their first principles, and then to look with a clearer eye at some of the ongoing and unresolved arguments in this field.

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RIGHTS OF LIGHT: CHALLENGING ORTHODOXY

Speakers: John McGhee QC, Wilberforce Chambers and Bryan Johnston, Head of Real Estate Litigation, Dentons

Chair: Jonathan Karas QC

Rights of light disputes are increasingly adversarial. It is now common for proceedings to be commenced and, although most cases are settled some, such as *Beaumont v Florala*, have recently got to trial. The approach taken by rights of light surveyors to assessing light loss and by the courts in assessing damages in cases such as *Tamares v Fairpoint Properties* has not so far been seriously challenged. All this is likely to change. Our speakers identify the main areas of debate that are likely to arise and how they are likely to be resolved.

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