

Property Law Roadshow 2026



September - November



1.00pm - 5.00pm



Cornwall, Devon, Cardiff, Bristol

St John's Real Estate team will be hitting the road to host their annual property roadshow throughout the Autumn in Bristol, Exeter, Cornwall and Cardiff. This conference is aimed at all real estate practitioners across the South West who are looking for the latest developments.

Topics include:

- **Boundary Disputes: Strategies and Pitfalls**
- **Expert determination: tips and pitfalls in real property cases**
- **The family home: an update**
- **The Right of Light: a brief guide**
- **Life is a highway**
- **Damages in lieu of injunctions**
- **Interactive workshop**

CPD - 3 hours
Cost: £70 + VAT

CORNWALL

Wednesday 30th September
Innovation Centre,
Treliske, Truro, TR1 3FF

DEVON

Thursday 8th October
Sandy Park,
Sandy Park Way, Exeter, EX2 7NN

CARDIFF

Wednesday 4th November
Raddison Blu,
Bute Terrace, Cardiff, CF10 4FL

BRISTOL

Wednesday 18th November
St John's Chambers



Cornwall
Law Society

**Our Cornwall seminar is
in association with the
Cornwall Law Society.**

Programme



The leading set when it comes to agricultural work on the Western Circuit."

The Legal 500, 2026

1.00 pm	Registration and refreshments
1.25 pm	Introduction by Chair Adam Boyle, Barrister
1.30pm	Boundary Disputes: Strategies and Pitfalls Charles Shwenn, Barrister, St John's Chambers Covering common mistakes in the prosecution and resolution of boundary disputes, tips to get the best results for clients and updates in view of recent caselaw.
1.55 pm	Expert determination: tips and pitfalls in real property cases Adam Boyle, Barrister, St John's Chambers
2.20 pm	The family home: an update John Sharples, Barrister, St John's Chambers Addressing a number of recent cases and issues arising in the context of co-owned land and consider their implications for clients and lawyers.
2.45 pm	The Right of Light: a brief guide Ben Harwood, Barrister, St John's Chambers
3.10 pm	Refreshments - Cream teas
3.35 pm	Life is a highway Nicole Hilton, Barrister, St John's Chambers Nicole will explore the boundaries between private and public rights of way and their place in disputes, including some common problems that may arise and potential remedies.
4.00 pm	Damages in lieu of injunctions Christopher Jones, Barrister, St John's Chambers
4.25 pm	Interactive workshop Francesca D'Argenio, Barrister, St John's Chambers
5.00 pm	Close for questions and answer - followed by drinks and canapes

Barristers



John Sharples

Year of call: 1992

"John is a first-rate barrister with exceptional skills. He is beyond excellent at both advice and advocacy, and always offers a commercial and practical approach for clients"

Chambers UK, 2026

John is very well versed in handling a variety of complex cases, and is frequently instructed on behalf of estates, developers, public authorities as well as private clients. He is ranked in Band 1 for both real estate litigation and chancery in Chambers UK and is one of Legal 500's leading individuals. Chambers UK describe him as "... an exceptional barrister both in terms of his judgement and his people skills and as good as any senior junior in the country." He has a First Class Law degree from Oxford University and Masters of Law degrees from Cambridge University and the University of Pennsylvania. He was formerly an Attorney in New York.



Christopher Jones

Year of call: 2004

"Christopher is fantastic with clients as he is very approachable and knowledgeable. He is particularly strong at explaining complex matters in a way they understand. He is technically very good and remarkable on his feet."

Chambers UK, 2026

Head of Real Estate, Christopher has extensive expertise in a wide variety of property issues, with particular emphasis on real property litigation (particularly in relation to easements, restrictive covenants and contracts for the sale of land) and commercial and agricultural landlord and tenant disputes. He also regularly advises on professional negligence claims, particularly in relation to claims against solicitors, accountants and tax consultants in relation to negligent conveyancing and tax advice as well as being a trained mediator.



Adam Boyle

Year of call: 2012

"Adam is an exceptional barrister. He is technically excellent and amazing on his feet. He is incredible with clients and extremely personable." Chambers UK 2026

Adam is a very experienced real estate practitioner and a "go to" barrister in relation to difficult property matters.

He is frequently instructed in the full gamut of property cases, including everything from rights of way, to complicated aspects of landlord and tenant law (including agricultural and commercial tenancies). He is often instructed in complicated hybrid cases and property-adjacent cases, such as those involving farm partnerships, estoppel or relevant negligence (i.e. surveyor's / conveyancer's).

In addition, Adam is very well-versed in dealing with ToLATA, nuisance, trespass, boundary issues, adverse possession and easements, and has assisted many clients in respect of difficult neighbour disputes.

Barristers



Charles Shwenn

Year of call: 2017

"Charles was brilliant and really presented our side very concisely and knowledgeably" Client, 2023

Charles practises in the areas of real estate, agricultural and commercial law. He is ranked as a 'Leading Junior' in The Legal 500 2026 guide for property and construction. Charles is instructed on all aspects of property law litigation and takes a particular interest in real property matters including those concerning: boundaries, easements, trusts of land, proprietary estoppel and restrictive covenants. He is experienced in leasehold-specific disputes such as those relating to service charges, leasehold covenants and forfeiture. He is instructed across a full range of such disputes including: possession proceedings, contested commercial lease renewals, claims for disrepair, applications for housing-related injunctions and committals.



Nicole Hilton

Year of call: 2021

Nicole is a barrister and trained mediator with a broad practice encompassing many areas of commercial and chancery law. Nicole accepts instructions in commercial, construction, professional negligence, landlord and tenant, commercial and residential property, other property and real estate and wills and trusts disputes. She has experience in many aspects of litigation including interim applications, possession hearings, Part 8 proceedings, and fast track and intermediate track trials. She has also assisted a leading planning barrister in an inquiry hearing an appeal of an enforcement notice.

A thorough, analytical, and detail-oriented professional, Nicole is able to address complex legal questions and present persuasive arguments built upon her excellent problem-solving abilities. Nicole takes a meticulous approach to her cases, which assists in her navigation of difficult legal questions.



Ben Harwood

Year of call: 2022

Ben regularly appears in both the County Court and High Court undertaking procedural hearings, including including strike out, summary judgment and disclosure; enforcement applications, including for charging orders, third party debt orders and orders for sale of land; and trials, including on both the intermediate and multi-track. Ben has also appeared a number of times before the First-Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber).

Ben frequently undertakes instructions across a range of landlord and tenant work for residential, commercial and agricultural property, including possession proceedings, disrepair and rights of entry. Ben also provides representation and advisory work in matters relating to boundary disputes, Party Wall Act disputes, easements, and beneficial interests in land. Ben also deals with matters relating to property damage, including negligence, nuisance and street works claims.

Barristers



Francesca D'Argenio

Year of call: 2023

Francesca is a barrister with a broad commercial and chancery practice. Francesca accepts instructions across the spectrum of commercial and chancery work, including wills and trusts, commercial and insolvency, landlord and tenant and real property.

Her court work includes interim applications for relief from sanctions, setting aside of judgment and strike out/summary judgment, allocation and other procedural matters, final hearings and trials. She has provided advice including in real property, wills, landlord and tenant and insolvency matters. Some of Francesca's notable recent work includes securing a stay in execution of a warrant of possession on the application of a non-party and pro-bono advice via Advocate on the prospects of an appeal to the High Court in a landlord and tenant dispute.