

INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES: Inquisitorial or Adversarial?

Inner Temple, 16 May 2026

Programme

10:00 – 10:10	Opening plenary: Welcome	Her Excellency Joanna Korner CMG KC / HHJ Anthony Leonard KC
10.10 – 11.10	Inquests and Inquiries: The Coroner and Chairman's Perspective To focus on the Structure of Inquests and Inquiries	HHJ Mark Lucraft KC Inquests Lord Hughes Inquiries
11:10 – 11:30	Break	
11.30 – 12.00	Q&A with speakers from first session	
12.00-12.45	Preparing and Conducting Inquests & Inquiries: Counsel's Perspective (15 mins each + 15 mins Q&A)	Jason Beer KC Stephen Simblet KC
12.45 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.30	Are the Proceedings Inquisitorial or Adversarial? The Witness'/Supporters' Perspective	Lord Arbuthnot Toby Williamson, Clerk, Fishmongers Hall David Enright, Partner at Howe and Co Chair: Mrs Justice Lambert
14.30 – 14.50	Break	
14.50 – 16.00	Breakout panel sessions – "Representation for Inquests & Inquiries" Inquiries Inquests	Sam Stein KC Kate Grange KC Jenni Richards KC Jason Beer KC Thea Wilson Mrs Justice Lambert Stephen Simblet KC Sunyana Sharma
16:00 – 16.15	Closing plenary/reflections	Her Excellency Joanna Korner CMG KC / HHJ Anthony Leonard KC
16.15 – 17.15	Drinks Reception	