

PROFESSIONAL *Conferences*

LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR THE CURRENT PROPERTY ISSUES 2026 CONFERENCE 6 HOURS STRUCTURED CPD

Session I

RECENT PROPERTY CASES UNPACKED

Speaker: Sarah Thompson Copsey

At the end of the session delegates will understand:

- The need for clear, objective evidence to demonstrate the need for a landlord's break clause on renewal under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954;
- The current approach of the court in rights of light cases to measuring the light, deciding whether to grant injunctive relief and to assessing damages;
- How to assess whether or not a nuisance has occurred, and what it takes to demonstrate it;
- The recent thinking on "practical benefit" in restrictive covenant cases, and the interrelationship between adverse possession claims and leases

Session II

THE IMPACT OF CHANGES IN LEGISLATION AND TECHNOLOGY ON THE PROPERTY VALUATION PROCESS

Speaker: Nick French

- An understanding of the proposed changes to rent review legislation.
- An understanding of the use of AI within the standards of the RICS Red Book.
- Decanting and using the appropriate market signposts for different cash flows within one market
- Dealing with and commenting upon uncertainties in the market in any form

Session III

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY REFORM: WHAT SURVEYORS NEED TO KNOW NOW

Speaker: Sarah Thompson Copsey

At the end of the session the delegates will understand:

- How best to assess the basis of occupation – and any rights that have accrued – where a tenant remains in occupation at the end of a contracted-out lease
- What practitioners should expect from the Law Commission's recent proposals as to commercial leases
- When residential lease service charge rights affect commercial leases
- How the ban on upwards only rent review clauses in the English Devolution Bill is likely to work in practice

Session IV

DILAPIDATIONS: PRICING COST OR CHASING VALUE?

Speaker: Derek Bruce

- Appraise how a lease deals with decoration, disrepair, alteration and improvement.
- Discuss how surveyors handle issues surrounding disrepair.
- Explain legal language in lease contracts in connection with dilapidations.
- Assess correct processes when different disrepair situations arise.
- Review court decisions and reflect on the protocol for handling dilapidations cases, the dispute arena and liability.

Session V

SPOTLIGHT ON PRACTICE: MARKET TRENDS, LEGAL PITFALLS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO CONSIDER

Speaker: Suzanne Gill

- Understand the legal treatment of chattels left on premises, including abandonment, bailment and the risks for landlords when disposing of goods.
- Identify where lease drafting needs to address furnished or turn key space, including inventories, yielding up obligations and disposal rights.
- Recognise how EPC and MEES requirements influence negotiations and lease renewals, and the extent to which “green” provisions are reasonable in modern leases.
- Appreciate the legal and practical considerations for building integrated energy measures such as solar panels, including ownership, reinstatement and service charge implications.
- Analyse the key elements of overage, anti embarrassment and service charge apportionment, and apply recent case law to assess what constitutes a fair and permissible approach.

Session VI

IS PROPERTY MEASUREMENT SIMPLE? – THE RICS CODE OF MEASURING PRACTICE 7TH EDITION

Speaker: Tom Pugh

- Understand why accurate and consistent measurement is important
- An overview of the current landscape of measurement standards
- An appreciation for the arguments for IPMS
- Receive a clear overview of the current RICS guidance, including the scope and application of the Code of Measuring Practice.
- Be introduced to the key changes proposed in the RICS Code of Measuring Practice, 7th Edition.
- Understand the practical implications of these changes for surveyors and property professionals
- Leave with a clearer understanding of best practice in measurement