

PROFESSIONAL

Conferences

LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR THE CURRENT PROPERTY ISSUES AUTUMN 2025 CONFERENCE 6 HOURS FORMAL CPD

Session I

CASE LAW UPDATE

Speaker: Sarah Thompson Copsey

To understand:

- The strength of evidence needed to succeed on grounds (f) and (g) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 in opposing renewal, and how to prepare it
- The importance of the need to restore the landlord to its pre-breach position on relief from forfeiture and what that means in practical terms for tenants
- The circumstances in which local authority landlords can rely on lease covenants even where they appear to conflict with planning permission
- The Court of Appeal's approach to the pre-eminence of boundary agreements in resolving neighbour disputes

Session II

PROPERTY VALUATION

Speaker: Nick French

- An understanding of the changes to the RICS Code of Measurement Practice 2025.
- An understanding of the dynamics of the high street and its impact on value.
- The importance of economic commentary and alternative uses to place the market value figure in context.
- Dealing with and commenting upon uncertainties in the market

Session III

SERVICE CHARGES: ALL CHANGE WITH THE NEW CODE?

Speaker: Sarah Thompson Copsey

To understand:

- The mandatory requirements and core principles of the professional standard and how these apply in practice
- When and how the terms of the lease can override the professional standard
- The courts' current approach to the interpretation of lease service charge clauses
- The need for transparency and communication to comply with the professional standard and avoid litigation

Session IV

CONFLICT AVOIDANCE AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION – GETTING THINGS RIGHT

Speaker: Derek Bruce

- Understanding whether Med-Arb has a place to play in property disputes?
- Appraising the roles and duties of dispute resolvers
- Reviewing the revised provisions of the Arbitration Act 2025
- Researching the developing position of Artificial Intelligence versus Ethics
- Understanding key roles and duties of the expert witness
- Examining some RICS Professional Standards on disputes

Session V

ELECTRIC VEHICLES: HOW THE GROWTH IN EVS HAS CREATED A NEW REAL ESTATE SUB-MARKET

Speaker: David Goatman

- Understand the charge-point operator market and who is most acquisitive
- Understand how EV charging hub developments work and key site criteria
- Understand the commercial terms behind EV leasing deals and valuation
- Overview of the rapidly developing real estate EV market.

Session VI

BUSINESS RATES – REFORMS, REVALUATION AND RULES

Speaker: Jerry Schurder

To understand:

- Labour's plans to reform business rates
- Content of the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Act 2025
- The likely impact of the 2026 rating revaluation
- Empty property rates update and proposals for a General Anti Avoidance Rule
- New obligations to be imposed on businesses – Duty to Inform and Notify