

CMJA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

12-15 September 2021

“Post-Pandemic Innovations”



Brochure

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VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the CMJA is venturing into new realms and is holding its 2021 conference virtually for the first time. Where possible we have tried to take into account the time differences so that you are able to participate in the Conference wherever you are in the Commonwealth.

This Conference is a unique opportunity for you to interact with other judicial officers to build the feeling of community with your colleagues. The virtual conference will bring the expertise and knowledge of our distinguished speakers directly to you in your home or your office.

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM *The President of the CMJA*

We are delighted that, despite the continued pandemic and travel restrictions worldwide, the CMJA is able to organise a Conference this year. Whilst we appreciate that holding a Commonwealth-wide virtual conference may not be ideal for everyone, we feel that it is important that we gather our members together once again and we have much to discuss this year in relation to how the pandemic has affected the good administration of justice across the Commonwealth and how we can share our experiences and innovations going forward.

Our Director of Programmes, Judge Shamim Qureshi has put together an exciting programme for the CMJA on “Post Pandemic Innovations”. We all hope that the roll out of the vaccines across the world will take place quickly and that we can revert to our in-person conferences. However, in the meantime we would be delighted to see you online and for you to participate in the CMJA’s first virtual Conference.

His Hon. Justice Mankhambira Charles Mkandawire JA
CMJA President

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CMJA CONFERENCE

- To promote better understanding amongst judicial officers of all ranks and from all parts of the Commonwealth of judicial independence issues and to explore the approach to those issues in different parts of the Commonwealth;
- To promote greater awareness amongst the magistrates and judges of the Commonwealth, of international treaties and law relating to the development and access to justice, and to consider the practical application of that body of law;
- To enhance networking within the Commonwealth Magistrates’ and Judges’ Association on judicial developments.
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DRAFT PROGRAMME

(This Programme is subject to change)

(All timings GMT+1)

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021	
	Chief Justices Meeting (by invitation only – time to be confirmed)
13:00-14:00	Gender Section Meeting
MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021	TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021
08:15-09:00	<u>Session 1</u> Opening Ceremony
09:00-10:30	<u>Session 5- Panel Session</u> Digital Footprints
13:00-14:30	<u>Session 2</u> The Efficient Disposal Of Cases After Covid-19
18:00-19:30	<u>Session 3: Panel Session</u> Access To Virtual Legal Systems
13:00-14:30	<u>Session 6: Panel Session (Concurrent)</u> 6A: Creation Of Gender-Based Violence Courts 6B: Replacing Judges with AI in Courts?
18:00-19:30	<u>Session 7: Panel Session (Concurrent)</u> 7A: Environmental Pollution Litigation And Human Rights 7B: Business, Human Rights and the Courts
WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021	
8:55-10:30	<u>Session 8: Specialist Sessions</u> A: Criminal Sentencing Guidelines B: Hague Convention Issues in Family Law C: Military Justice Issues
13:00-14:30	<u>Session 9 – Panel Session</u> Judicial Wellness For The Restless
14:30-14:45	<u>Session 10</u> Closing Ceremony

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DETAILS

The Conference will take place virtually via Zoom. Registered Delegates will have to register online for the Conference (internet access required). Complete the registration form online at www.cmja.biz.

Places are **ONLY SECURED ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES.** If we do not receive the payment at the time of registration or within 30 days, your place will be forfeited and made available to new registrants. Places at the Conference are made on a first come first served basis. We would therefore urge you to **BOOK AND PAY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.** www.cmja.biz

	EARLY DISCOUNT RATE until 30 June 2021	NORMAL RATE After 30 June 2021
CMJA Individual Member Fee	GBP £ 175	GBP £ 250
Full Delegate Fee	GBP £ 250	GBP £ 350
Day Delegate Fee (limited to one day only)	GBP £ 100 (per day)	GBP £ 100 (per day)

- **Early Discount rate:** To qualify for the early discount rate your Registration and Payment must be received by **30 June 2021**. All registrations will be acknowledged within 3 working days of receipt by email. If you do not receive confirmation please advise the CMJA.
- **CMJA Individual Member Fee:** Paid up Individual Members of the CMJA who have paid their membership fee before registering for the Conference are eligible for the CMJA Members discount. This Fee includes all benefits of Non-Members Delegates Rate (see below) and a certificate of attendance, sent after the conference.

Join the CMJA now as an Individual Member and benefit from the Discount!
 Go to <http://www.cmja.org/joinus.html>, or contact info@cmja.org for details.

- **Non-Member Delegate Fee includes:** entrance to all conference sessions; receipt of Conference documentation, access to the Delegates Area on the Conference Website (www.cmja.biz) for papers distributed during the event; participation in the online sessions on 13, 14, 15 September 2021; access to all recordings of the Conference during the conference and for up to 3 months after the conference; post conference papers (accessible online on the CMJA’s conference website: www.cmja.biz , accessible from the beginning of the Conference).
- **Day Delegate Fee includes:** Attendance at working sessions, on the day (s) paid for; Receipt of Conference documentation and any additional papers distributed on the day(s) of attendance. Day Delegates can only register for a **maximum of one day** during the conference.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PAYMENT

All registration fees need to be paid **IN ADVANCE TO THE CMJA** in GBP £ (see address below). Places are **ONLY SECURED ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES.** If we do not receive the payment at the time of registration or within 30 days, your place will be forfeited and made available to new registrants. All bank charges are the responsibility of the payee and must be paid at source. If paying by bank transfer, please include the **NAME OF THE DELEGATE AND CMJA INVOICE NUMBER** on the copy of the transfer instructions.

CONFERENCE CANCELLATION POLICY

Up to 90 days prior (10 June 2021) full refund less bank charges and admin fee of £30
 Up to 60 days prior (10 July 2021) less bank charges and cancellation charge of £90
 Less than 60 days before start of conference – no refund

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LETTER OF INVITATION

Letters of invitation will **ONLY BE ISSUED** after payment is received from registered participants. Please note that such an invitation is intended to help potential participants raise funds for participation. It is not a commitment on the part of the conference or the CMJA to provide financial support.

ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE

The Conference will be held virtually via Zoom Delegates will be required to register online and will only be able to use the registered email to access the sessions of the Conference. Please ensure that the email you provide on your registration form is the one you will be using for access to the virtual session. If not, please provide the Conference Coordinator with the right email as soon as possible and at least one week before the Conference so that you can be set up accordingly.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

The certificates will be sent after the conference to all paid up CMJA Individual Members who participate. If you are interested in Individual Membership, please contact the CMJA.

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ETIQUETTE

Delegates will be required to comply with Conference etiquette. Delegates will be required to ensure that their microphones and videos are turned off at all times except when they are speaking. Please ensure that you do not use your keyboard or rustle papers when your microphone is on as this can be distracting to others attending the meeting. Please dress appropriately for the meeting and remember that your camera picks up everything so please be aware of how you are being viewed by your fellow delegates when your camera is switched on. Avoid eating during the Conference for this reason. Please be aware of your surroundings and make sure that your fellow delegates are not distracted by things going on in the background, including any interruptions by family members or colleagues. If required, blur your background so that people are not distracted. When speaking or asking a question, please make sure that you introduce yourself and your country. Guidance on how to use Zoom will be included in the information sent to you prior to the Conference.

DATA PROTECTION/ PRIVACY POLICY

The CMJA makes every effort to protect the data it holds on delegates in the run up and during the Conference. The information will need to be provided to the IT firm we are using to provide support for the virtual conference during the time the conference will be held. This information will be held by the CMJA for up to 4 months following the Conference in order for it to complete all its administrative and financial requirements of the Conference including the issuance of certificates of attendance.

The CMJA will also be producing a list of delegates; this will appear in the secure area of the Conference website at the beginning of the Conference and will remain on that website for up to 100 days after the conference. Thereafter all details will be deleted from the website. In accordance with UK law, the CMJA will not share your personal details with any third parties other than people directly associated with the conference (which may include the organisers of events held during the Conference). Please ensure you answer **all boxes** on the Registration form to ensure that the CMJA is able to comply with data protection information. The CMJA's privacy policy is available on the CMJA's website at: www.cmja.org

DISCLAIMER

Registrations will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and on the basis of receipt of fees. The organisers reserve the right to amend or cancel the event or amend the terms and condition of registration where deemed necessary. In the event of cancellation of the conference, a full refund of any registration fees less admin cost will be paid but the organisers will accept no further liability. The CMJA will not be held responsible for local internet problems suffered by any delegate, even though the CMJA will have IT support to help with any problems occurring from the host connection.



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