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SPEAKER PROFILES

DAMIAN GREENISH – HOST



Damian Greenish of Pemberton Greenish LLP primarily advises the owners of landed estates within Greater London, but also acts as a solicitor for many other private landlords, investors and tenants in the field of residential landlord and tenant. His principal clients are the Cadogan, Crown, Sloane Stanley and Portman Estates. He is the co-author of the leading enfranchisement textbook, *Hague on Leasehold Enfranchisement*, the fifth edition of which was published at the beginning of July 2009. He regularly writes, lectures and chairs conferences on the subject of leasehold reform. He is a member of the residential management committee of the British Property Federation and the Honorary President of ALEP.

ELLODIE GIBBONS



Described by the Legal 500 as “fantastic”, Elodie was called to the bar in 1999 and joined Tanfield Chambers for her second-six pupillage, where she began taking on residential landlord and tenant work. Elodie has since developed a specialist property practice dealing with all aspects of commercial and residential leases (both short and long) and real property disputes, but with a particular emphasis on service and administration charges and leasehold enfranchisement. Elodie is a contributing author to the first and second editions of *Service Charges and Management: Law & Practice* (Sweet & Maxwell) and co-author of *Leasehold Enfranchisement Explained*, 2010 (RICS Publishing).

JANET POWELL



Janet Powell is a partner at Pemberton Greenish LLP in its Private Client Group. She works on taxation issues and enfranchisement schemes with property solicitors in the firm. She both sets up schemes on new transactions, where Pemberton Greenish will be acting, and advises lessee groups for whom it did not act but who have encountered problems with what was done. She also acts for some of the family trusts of the landed estates which Pemberton Greenish represents. Her other work is on contested Wills and Trusts for general private clients. Her background to this work is practice in will drafting and trust drafting, probate and tax planning.

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SYNDICATE LEADERS

CHARLIE COOMBS



Charlie has worked in the residential sector in central London since 1999. He initially joined W A Ellis as a house sales negotiator and then transferred to their valuation department, focusing on leasehold reform and mainly acting for the landed estates. After a little more than six years at W A Ellis he joined Douglas & Gordon as a valuation surveyor and subsequently took over the management of the valuation department last year. The department provides most forms of residential valuations, although the bulk of instructions involve leasehold reform work.

MARK CHICK



Mark Chick is a solicitor specialising in leasehold reform and a partner at Bishop & Sewell LLP, where he is the head of the firm's landlord and tenant department. Mark has experience of advising on a wide range of issues relating to landlord and tenant including property litigation. He is an ALEP committee member and is on the LVT frequent user panel. In addition to writing and speaking on leasehold reform and landlord and tenant matters, he has recently started a blog looking at leasehold reform issues: www.leaseholdreformnews.com.

GAVIN BUCHANAN



Gavin Buchanan is a Partner in the Leasehold Reform Department of Knight Frank. He specialises in high value residential property in central London. He has appeared before the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal and Lands Tribunal on numerous occasions. His high profile cases include *Moreau v. Howard De Walden Estate*, *Rosen v. Camden Charities*, *Shalson v. John Lyon Estate* (House of Lords) and *Malkeshad v. Howard de Walden Estate* (House of Lords). He has also undertaken numerous ground rent portfolio valuations for Delancey Estates PLC, Rotch and McCarthy & Stone and provided professional advice to a number of institutional funds for residential investment purposes.