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‘Does the litigation system in England and Wales deliver access to justice and value for money?’

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**Have the Woolf reforms led to a decrease in costs and shorter cases?
Have the funding reforms (deconstruction of legal aid, introduction of CFAs, standards for uplifts in groups of cases) led to an increase in civil justice?
How predictable are litigation costs?
Are these features valuable: legal aid, the CFA system, fixed fees?
Are the costs proportionate to the sums recovered?
Is there a compensation culture in the UK?
Does the system identify good and bad claims, and provide mechanisms to deal with them?
How many claims are spurious?
Do we have enough, or not enough, access to justice?
What lies in the future?**

Speakers

Sir Henry Brooke (Court of Appeal, London)	David Marshall (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers)
Peter Hurst (Senior Costs Judge, Royal Courts of Justice, London)	Andrew Parker (Beachcroft Wansbroughs; Past President – Forum of Insurance Lawyers)
Professor Ross Cranston QC	Nick Starling (Director of General Insurance, Association of British Insurers)
Professor John Peysner (Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University; Chair, Costs Committee, Civil Justice Council)	Annette Morris (Barrister, Cardiff Law School)
John Price (Bond Pearce; President, PEOPIL)	Dr Dan Kelemen (Lincoln College, Oxford)
Toby Hooper QC (12 King’s Bench Walk)	Donal Nolan (Worcester College, Oxford)
Dr Christopher Hodges (Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford)	Dr Magdalena Sengayen (Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford)
Professor Dafydd Walters (University of Edinburgh; Brussels)	Lisa Webley and Pamela Abrams (University of Westminster)

8:30 – 16:30, Friday, 9 December 2005
To be held in the Conference Room, Manor Road Building,
Manor Road, Oxford University, Oxford

Cost: £175 (inc. lunch); students and academics free

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