# Case law development explained: labour law review

A one-day conference Wednesday 24th April 2019 9:30am to 3:00pm Unite the Union, 128 Theobald's Road, London WC1X 8TN

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#### About the conference

At this interactive, hands-on conference, trade union representatives and others interested in defending workers' rights will learn how recent changes in the law are being interpreted in the courts, as well as given the opportunity to apply what they learn to issues in their own workplace.

Workers' rights are governed through two processes: primary legislation - that is, the law as agreed by parliament; and case law - that is, the decisions and rulings made by the court system. Case law is of vital importance to workers' rights because it clarifies how Acts of Parliament are likely to be interpreted and implemented by judges, while in the case of judicial review - such as the Supreme Court's ruling on the unlawfulness of tribunal fees - it can overturn the law altogether.

Some of the most important case law developments in recent years

#### Who should attend

Trade unionists. employment lawyers working in support of trade unions, and academics and students with an interest in industrial relations and labour law.

#### How to get there

Holborn tube station, or from Euston/Kings Cross take bus no. 188 to North Greenwich and alight at Southampton Row.

have centred around the rights of 'gig workers'. In several landmark cases, judges have ruled that individuals hitherto treated as 'independent contractors' by their employers were actually 'workers' under the law and therefore entitled to basic workers' rights such as the minimum wage, holiday pay and rest breaks.

Elsewhere, there have been important developments in the implementation of the Trade Union Act 2018, where courts have clarified the requirements that trade unions and employers must meet to stay within the bounds of the new legislation.

Sessions will be led by lawyers from the Old Square Chambers team behind the Institute of Employment Rights' popular annual publication - Labour Law *Highlights*. They will cover a wide range of employment issues, including trade union rights, employment status, whistleblowing, and discrimination.

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## Programme

9.30am Registration

Welcome from the Chair 9.50am Nerus Owen, Labour Research Dept.

#### 10.00am

#### Collective issues and industrial action

Betsan Criddle, Old Square **Chambers** 

#### 11.30am

#### Worker status disputes

Betsan Criddle and Bruno Gill, Old Square **Chambers** 

#### 1.45pm

Whistleblowing and discrimination important cases of 2018 Bruno Gill, Old Square **Chambers** 

#### 10.30am

Breakout session

10.40am

Group feedback

#### 12.00 noon

Breakout session

12.10pm

Group feedback

Breakout session

#### 2.25pm

Group feedback

#### 11.00am

**Questions** and discussion

#### 11.15am

Break

#### 12.30pm

Questions and discussion

### 12.45pm

Lunch

#### **2.45pm**

**Questions** and discussion



Close

**2.15pm** 

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