

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Global & Domestic Litigation, Environmental Destruction & the Climate Crisis

Tuesday, 13 October 2026

Garden Court Chambers, 9 Carmelite Street, London, EC4Y 0DR

Program timetable

- **14.00 – 14.20:** Arrival and registration
- **14.20 – 15.40:** Session 1 – Civil Law Panel (1 hour 15 minutes)
- **15.40 – 15.50:** Break (10 mins)
- **15.50 – 17.20:** Session 2 – International Criminal Law Panel (1 hour 30 minutes)
- **17.20 – 17.30:** Break (10 mins)
- **17.30 – 18.45:** Session 3 (1 hour 15 minutes)
- **18.45 – 21.00:** Refreshments and networking

14.00 – 14.20: Arrival and registration

14.20 – 15.35: Session 1 – Civil Law Panel

From International Climate Obligations to Domestic Legal Action: Civil and Public Law Perspectives

The panel will address:

1. Reading the Global Signals: How can courts and practitioners use international climate decisions and advisory opinions?
2. Making International Climate Law Bite at Home: How can global principles be translated into effective domestic civil and public law claims?
3. Proving the Climate Case: What evidence is needed to establish causation, responsibility and legal breach?

Speakers

- Marc Willers KC (Chair), Garden Court
- Abigail Holt, Garden Court
- Frances Lawson, Garden Court
- Acland Bryant, Garden Court
- Noah Walker-Crawford, LSE

15.35 – 15.50: Break, 15 mins

15.50 – 17.20: Session 2 – International Criminal Law Panel

The role of international criminal law in challenging climate and environmental harm

The panel will address:

- The development and practical use of ecocide law
- The role of the International Criminal Court, and domestic courts applying international law
- The relationship between environmental destruction, protest, criminalisation and accountability

Speakers

- Jodie Blackstock, Garden Court (Chair)
- Jojo Mehta, Co-founder & CEO, Stop Ecocide International
- Dr Andrea Brock, Sussex University
- Katherine Tyler, Legal Director, Kingsley Napley
- Richard Rogers, Climate Counsel
- Paul Clark, Garden Court
- Tom Wainwright, Garden Court

17.20 – 17.30: Break 10 mins

17.30 – 18.45: Session 3 – Small Island States: The Front Line

Climate Justice on the Front Line: Law, Development and Environmental Democracy in Small Island States

The panel will address:

Climate justice is shaped not only by international treaties and climate policy, but by the everyday legal struggles of communities seeking to participate in decisions affecting their land, environment and future.

Drawing on litigation from Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada and Dominica, the panel will explore:

- Environmental democracy and public participation
- Consultation and community consent
- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Communal land rights and environmental governance
- Balancing economic development with environmental protection

- The role of public law and strategic litigation in holding decision-makers to account

Speakers:

- Thalia Maragh, Garden Court (Chair)
- Leslie Thomas KC, Garden Court
- Johnnie Chamberlin, ELAW
- John Mussington, Chair of the Barbuda Council, marine biologist and community representative
- Liz Alden Wily, International authority on community land rights, customary land tenure and environmental governance

18.45 – 21.00: Drinks Reception