

FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2025 – 19:00 FOR 19:30 UNTIL LATE
HIGHCLIFF MARRIOTT HOTEL, ST MICHAEL'S ROAD, WEST CLIFF BOURNEMOUTH

COST: MEMBER **£60 (£65 FROM 3 MARCH UNTIL CLOSING DATE)**

NON-MEMBER **£70 (£75 FROM 3 MARCH UNTIL CLOSING DATE)**

****PRICE INCLUDES A WELCOME DRINK IN THE SHERBORNE SUITE ON ARRIVAL, A 3 COURSE MEAL WITH COFFEE & MINTS AND A BOTTLE OF RED & WHITE WINE ON EACH TABLE****

DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE

OPEN TO: SOLICITORS & TRAINEES, CILEX MEMBERS, NOTARIES, BARRISTERS, JUDGES AND MEMBERS OF BDLS



I am delighted to announce our Annual Dinner will, once again, be held at the Highcliff Marriott Hotel. I look forward to an evening of fine dining, excellent company and an entertaining speaker.

*Joanne Clarke,
President 2024/2025*

Our speaker is **CLIVE COLEMAN**. As the BBC's Legal Correspondent, Clive was the face and voice of legal coverage and analysis across the BBC news output on radio, television and the website.

Drawing on his years as a practicing barrister, he covered a vast range of domestic and international legal stories and issues including 2019's momentous Supreme Court prorogation case, Brexit, the growing courts backlog, the Barclay brothers 'Ritz' dispute,



GDPR, the VW emissions scandal, phone hacking, Sir Cliff Richard v BBC, and the Hillsborough tragedy inquests.

Clive broke many stories and secured exclusive interviews, including with Lady Hale on her departure from the Supreme Court, Lord Reed on his appointment as President, John Crilly the ex-offender who fought the London Bridge attacker Usman Khan, and many more. He won numerous journalism awards in the role, most recently the 2019 Bar Council Reporting Award for his coverage of the prorogation case. Clive has also received an honorary doctorate of Laws and was made an honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple in recognition of his legal journalism.

Prior to becoming BBC Legal Correspondent, Clive was for six years the presenter of Radio 4's flagship legal analysis programme 'Law In Action', and presented a raft of BBC programmes including Panorama 'The Death of Kiss and Tell', on the rise of privacy protection under the Human Rights Act. He has also been a columnist on 'The Times' and written for 'The Guardian' and 'The Independent'. His time in journalism has given him a comprehensive knowledge of the media landscape, and a privileged insight into the justice system, the legal profession and the civil and criminal law. Clive has an in-depth knowledge of how news stories work, are managed and affect the lives and reputations of those involved. His litigation training and experience in practice has given him a particular insight into news stories involving those going to law or seeking to avoid legal action, and the role of the lawyers advising and representing them.

Clive is also an acclaimed writer for theatre, television and film. His credits include, the play 'Young Marx' which opened Sir Nicholas Hytner's Bridge Theatre in 2017, 'Chambers', his BBC sit-com starring John Bird and Sarah Lancashire, and the film 'The Duke' starring Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent, released in February 2022. Clive's writing career has given him an understanding of story and narrative that has proved invaluable in anticipating how news stories are likely to develop and play out.

Menu

Carpaccio of Black Angus beef
Mustard dressing, caper berries and Parmesan

or

Ham Hock Terrine
Shallot marmalade and baby leaf salad

or

Leek and Potato Soup (V)
with herb croutons



French Trimmed Chicken Supreme
Red wine jus, dauphinoise potatoes, seasonal vegetables

or

Pan fried Fillet of Salmon
Lemon and dill sauce, crushed baby potato, seasonal vegetables

or

Fresh Pumpkin tortellini (V)
Pea and leeks velouté, roasted pinenuts and pea shoots served with sun dried herb tomatoes and garlic bread sticks



Chocolate tart
Raspberry sorbet, white chocolate ganache

or

Summer berries Pavlova
with cocoa dust

or

Vegan chocolate mousse
Burnt oranges and wild berries compote



Tea, Coffee & Mints

****PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS OR ALLERGIES****

Booking Information:

The Dinner is open to Solicitors, trainee Solicitors, CILEX members, Notaries, Barristers, Judges and Members of BDLS

Please book your places by email to Mandy Heath at mandy@bournemouthlaw.com by Friday 7 March 2025 at the latest. Last year was a sell out with a waiting list, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Your booking will be confirmed once payment has been received

Table plans to be received by email to mandy@bournemouthlaw.com Please note that the tables are round tables and take 12 people. If your party is fewer than 12 then you may be sharing with another party.

Room Discount:

We have agreed a special rate with the hotel of £186 for a double room and £173 for a double room for single occupancy. Both rates include breakfast and complimentary car parking. Please book via this link: [Book your group rate for BDLS Dinner & Bedrooms 2025](#)

Rooms are subject to availability and please note the last day to book is Friday 21 March 2025.

Parking:

There is complimentary parking at the hotel for guests as this function for the evening. Please inform reception of your car registration number on arrival. There will be a fee payable if you leave your car overnight. Car Parking is on a first come first served basis and is limited to up to 86 parking spaces. Alternatively, there is street parking outside the hotel.