



The End of Time – The Uniplex Decision

a seminar by
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Guest Chairman Andrew Lockley from Irwin Mitchell

Tuesday 23 March 2010 – 6pm
Thirty Nine Essex Street, 39 Essex Street, London WC2R 3AT

On 28th January 2010 the European Court of Justice ruled that the requirement in the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 to bring public procurement proceedings 'promptly and in any event within three months' was unlawful. This decision in *Uniplex (UK) Limited v NHS Business Services Authority* C-406/08 deals with when time runs, the time period within which to bring proceedings and extensions of time. It has profound implications for the judicial review time limit, particularly in cases with a European dimension.

This seminar will be of interest to everyone involved in procurement, public environmental and planning litigation. It will address:

- What did the ECJ decide?
- Implications for procurement litigation
- How far does it apply to other European law cases, especially where Mellor reasons are involved
- Practical examples in procurement, public, planning & environmental law
- Can promptness survive in judicial review?

The seminar will be followed by refreshments.

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Speakers



Richard Harwood

Richard Harwood specialises in planning, environmental and public law. Richard appeared in *Burkett* in the House of Lords on judicial review time limits and in other judicial review promptness cases such as *R(Young) v Oxford City Council* and *Derwent Holdings*. Other recent cases include *Mellor* on Environmental Impact Assessment, Eco-towns and a major Public Contracts Regulations claim. He is recommended by Chambers and Partners Directory for planning, environmental and local government law and by the Legal 500 for planning and environmental law and was a finalist for Barrister of the Year in the Lawyer Awards 2006.



Parishil Patel

Parishil Patel has a wide ranging public law practice which encompasses procurement, local authority, community care, health and human rights law. He is recommended as a leading junior by the Legal 500 2009 for Administrative and Public law. He has extensive experience of advocacy in the higher courts (High Court and Court of Appeals) and he has appeared on a number of occasions in the House of Lords. In procurement matters, he has advised both economic operators and contacting authorities on all aspects under the 2006 Regulations (liability and remedies) and drafted proceedings and applications for interim remedies. Parishil also has a broad regulatory and disciplinary law practice acting for and against, amongst others, the SRA, GDC and the GSCC.



Andrew Lockley
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Andrew Lockley is a partner with Irwin Mitchell LLP, and national head of Public Law. Irwin Mitchell is one of the country's largest law firms and the only one with a substantial legal aid practice. Andrew's team operates from 5 of Irwin Mitchells' offices and advises individuals, public authorities and businesses across the whole field of public law, including the law relating to access to education, community care and health care, planning and environmental law, prison, and the regulation of the professions and businesses. *Uniplex (UK) Ltd v NHS BSA* is one of his cases. He is a part-time Judge of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal, and a Legal Assessor for GMC Panels. He is a member of the Editorial board of Education, Public Law and the Individual. He is also an Honorary Fellow of the University of Sheffield.