

8.30 – 9.00 am **Registration, Coffee and Networking**

9.00 – 9.10 am **Welcome and Introduction**
Tracey Keith, Legal Manager, Offshore Energies UK

9.10 – 9.45 am **Political and Policy Risk – UK outlook**
Dr Mark McLelland, Acting Corporate Affairs Director, Offshore Energies UK
Andrew Henderson, Director of Public Policy, Pinsent Masons

9.45 – 10.30 am **Judicial Review and Climate Litigation**
Jackie Harris, Partner, Pinsent Masons

Pinsent Masons partner Jackie Harris will provide an overview of recent judicial review cases and climate related litigation, with a particular focus on the UK North Sea.

10.30 – 11.00 am **Morning Break**

11.00 – 11.30 am **Technology Considerations for the Legal Profession in the Energy Sector**
Scott Keenon, Head of Operational Technology, Sword
Neale Stidolph, Head of Strategic Development, Sword

Operational resilience and security in the energy sector is increasingly dependent on suppliers, partners and joint ventures, & may be subject to M&A. This session explores emerging regulatory, contractual and operational challenges around cyber reporting, system integration, data governance, software ownership, sovereignty, transaction readiness, and the secure adoption of AI technologies

11.30 – 12.15 pm **Drilling Down into Dispute: Exemption Clauses, Termination Rights and the Realities of Offshore Charter Conflicts**
Fiona Cain, Counsel, Haynes and Boone CDG
Andreas Dracoulis, Partner, Haynes and Boone CDG
Trevor Butler, Partner, HKA Global
James Turner KC, Quadrant Chambers

12.15 – 1.30 pm **Lunch Break**

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1.30 – 2.00 pm **Sanctions & Export Controls: Navigating the North Sea Through Shifting Geopolitics and Heightened Enforcement Risk**
Zulfi Meerza, Managing Associate, Addleshaw Goddard LLP
Lisa McNeill, Legal Director and Solicitor Advocate, Addleshaw Goddard LLP

Toolkit Talks

2.00 – 2.20 pm **Dawn Raids**
Jamie Dunne, Legal Director, Brodies LLP
Charles Livingstone, Competition & Public Law Partner, Brodies LLP



2.20 – 2.40 pm **IP in the North Sea: Patent Tips for Offshore Innovation**
Duncan Nevett, Partner, Reddie & Grose LLP

2.40 – 3.10 pm **Decommissioning – the direction of travel**
Tom Roberts, Partner, Clyde & Co LLP
Mark Walsh, Partner, Clyde & Co LLP
Ruth Thomas, Subsurface Manager, Well-Safe Solutions

3.10 – 3.40 pm **Afternoon Break**

3.40 – 4.10 pm **Rethinking Decommissioning – What can we do better?**
Valerie Allan, Partner, CMS
Paul Kidd, Partner, CMS
Linn Beate Woll, General Counsel, AF Offshore Decom
Paul Collins, Group Legal and Commercial Director, THREE60 Energy

Decommissioning in the UKCS is accelerating—and with it comes a real opportunity (and need) to challenge “business as usual”. This session is designed to be a practical, forward-looking conversation about what we can do better: smarter structures, clearer risk allocation, better regulatory alignment and lessons from the most mature basins worldwide.

4.10 – 4.45 pm **Decommissioning Panel Discussion**

Toolkit Talks

4.45 – 5.05 pm **Legal Privilege**
David Lewis KC



5.05 – 5.25 pm **Force Majeure and the Bargain Struck**
India Furse, Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
Madeline Hallwright, Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

5.25 pm **Concluding Thoughts and Thanks**
Tracey Keith, Legal Manager, Offshore Energies UK

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5.30 – 6.30 pm **Drinks Reception**

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6.30 pm **Conference Dinner**

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10.00 pm **Event Close**

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