

Business & Law update for the Automotive Sector.

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Topics and speakers subject to change.

09.00 to 09.45	Arrivals	
09:40 – 09:45	Chair's Welcome Bill Fennell, The Motor Ombudsman	
09.45 to 10.15	Conference Opening A 'whistle-stop' tour of the most important business and legal challenges for the automotive sector. Iain Larkins, Director, Radius Law	
10.15 – 10.45	Economic Outlook 2025 – for the Automotive sector. Bank of England	
10.45 to 11.00	Break	
	Stream 1	Stream 2
11.00 to 11.45	Consumer law changes – impact on Auto Sector The Digital Markets Competition and Consumers Act 2024 – is being implemented throughout 2025 and 2026. This session will focus on the three issues that we think will have the most impact on the Automotive Sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforms to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subscription contracts; ○ Consumer Savings Schemes (Service Plans); • New fines regime. 	Employment Law Update The change in Government has provided a swing to employee friendly laws. This session will provide an update on the recent employment law changes and the consultations for future developments. Sandra Martins, Radius Law
11.45 to 12.30	Modern Slavery. The UN estimates that 50 million people are trapped in slavery. That's more than ever before.	Finance Compliance changes – impact on the Auto Sector The FCA Discretionary Commission review and the shock Court of Appeal decision

	<p>New laws are coming – increasing responsibility on corporates to do more.</p> <p>This session will provide insights into slavery risks and provide guidance on reporting obligations.</p>	<p>on commission in October has provided a turbulent year in Auto finance. We'll be reviewing the latest status and, as always, providing practical advice.</p> <p>Jerry Page, Radius.</p>
12.30 to 13.15	Lunch	
13.15 to 14.00	<p>The changing automotive marketplace.</p> <p>The automotive marketplace is in turmoil. Retailers are consolidating, manufacturers are multiplying, the Government has changed and, of course, we are shifting away from ICE. How will the next 10 years shape this sector?</p> <p>Richard Aucock Auto Retail Network Perran Moon, MP [Other speakers to be confirmed]</p>	
14.00 to 14.45	<p>Consumer law trends 2024 to 2025.</p> <p>Zeynep Desen, Lead Adjudicator, The Motor Ombudsman</p>	<p>How global regulations are driving the automotive and mobility transition.</p> <p>Patrick Ayad Hogan Lovells</p>
14.45 to 15.30	<p>Help! My business partner is insolvent.</p> <p>The Automotive supply chain is closely interdependent on others. When one business in the chain fails, the effect is often expensive to the reputation and finances of others. New law in 2020 materially changed the rights on insolvency events to provide more 'breathing space' to insolvent businesses, but potentially causes more costs to other businesses.</p> <p>This session will explore the risks and recommended protections.</p> <p>James Couser, Barrister, Three Stone Buildings Ben Hargraves, Radius Law</p>	<p>Introducing AI.</p> <p>AI – the Good, the Bad and the Ugly</p> <p>We all know that, like it or not, we must embrace AI to survive.</p> <p>In this session, we'll consider the opportunities and risks and top tips for the successful implementation.</p>
15.30 to 16.15	<p>Creating an unstoppable culture of Good Governance.</p> <p>Corporate Governance is vast and getting everyone to do the right thing all the time is challenging, probably impossible.</p>	

	<p>This session will provide an overview of the challenge and provide practical insights on developing an unstoppable culture of Good Governance.</p> <p>Gail Harrison, Sewells Iain Larkins, Radius</p>
16.15 to 16.30	Closing remarks
16.30 to late	Drinks reception.

