

Business & Law update for the Automotive Sector.

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Wednesday 14th May 2025

Topics and speakers subject to change.

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| 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. Rob Elder, Bank of England. | |
| 10.45 to 11.00 | Break | |
| | Stream 1 | Stream 2 |
| 11.00 to 11.45 | Consumer law trends 2024 to 2025. Zeynep Desen, Lead Adjudicator, The Motor Ombudsman | 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. New laws are coming – increasing responsibility on corporates to do more. This session will provide insights into slavery risks and provide guidance on reporting obligations. | Finance Compliance changes – impact on the Auto Sector The FCA Discretionary Commission review and the shock Court of Appeal decision 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. Jerry Page, Radius. |

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| | Zoë Warren, Philanthropy Lead, IJM UK | |
| 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 Vicky Read, CEO of Charge UK Marc Palmer, Head of Strategy & Insights</p> | |
| 14.00 to 14.45 | <p>Consumer law changes – impact on Auto Sector</p> <p>The Digital Markets Competition and Consumers Act 2024 – is being implemented throughout 2025 and 2026.</p> <p>This session will focus on the three issues that we think will have the most impact on the Automotive Sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforms to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subscription contracts; ○ Consumer Savings Schemes (Service Plans); • New fines regime. <p>Melanie Wiseman, SMMT</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>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> <p>Peter Bury, PaoloAlto Networks Lucy McCormick, Barrister, Henderson Chambers</p> |

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| | <p>This session will explore the risks and recommended protections.</p> <p>Ben Hargraves, Radius Law</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. | |

