

# Nugee Memorial Pensions Conference & Dinner 2026

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Shangri-La The Shard, London

## Programme

12.15pm **Registration and lunch**

1pm **Opening remarks from Jonathan Chew**

1.05pm **The Theatre of Compliance**

**Paul Newman KC**

- Exploring the gap between compliance structures and what actually matters when a complaint or dispute reaches the Ombudsman or the court
- Why good governance systems can still fail under scrutiny
- The five 'illusions of compliance' in decision-making and administration

1.35pm **Avoiding a contested hearing: a blessing or a compromise?**

**Jennifer Seaman, Caspar Bartscherer and Ram Lakshman**

- An analysis of blessing and compromise approval applications, highlighting some recent cases
- The Court: a rubber stamp, a hurdle to clear, or a problem solving ally?
- Notification, representation, and other practical guidance

2.20pm **Break**

2.45pm **Equalising GMPs: What Lloyds doesn't tell you**

**Michael Tennet KC**

3.05pm **"Provided that...": current issues with fetters to amendment powers**  
**Thomas Robinson KC, Edward Sawyer and Naomi Kilcoyne**

- Construction
- Effect on future service benefits
- Severance and underpins
- Status of an amendment in breach of s.67, prior to avoidance by TPR?

3.50pm **Break**

4.15pm **Pension trustee investment: non-financial factors**

**David Pollard, Sebastian Allen and Allison Wu**

- Recap on investment powers
- Disinvestment/limiting investment choices - role of legal and investment advice
- Pension Schemes Bill: Mandation/State Guidance issues
- Litigation risk

5pm **Guest Speaker**

**Ronnie Bowie**

Chair at Prudential Assurance Company, former President of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and Senior Partner of Hymans Robertson

5.30pm **Closing remarks from Jonathan Chew**

5.35pm **Drinks Reception**

7pm **Dinner**

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