

“If Tribunals were to be at liberty to exceed their jurisdiction without any check by the courts, the rule of law would be at an end”

*Denning LJ, Master of the Rolls
(R v Medical Appeal Tribunal;
Ex parte Gilmore [1957] 1 QB 574 at 586)*

The ouster clause in the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Bill: An end to the rule of law?

Wednesday 11 February 2004, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Chair: Nigel Pleming QC

39 Essex Street Chambers

Speakers: Nicholas Blake QC
Lord Falconer
Michael Fordham
Stephen Irwin QC
Andrew Le Sueur

Matrix Chambers
Constitutional Affairs Secretary (invited)
Barrister, Blackstone Chambers
Chair of the Bar Council
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Clause 10 of the Bill creates a precedent. The clause prevents any judicial scrutiny of decisions of the new Asylum and Immigration Tribunal and allows only reference by the President of the new single tier tribunal to the Court of Appeal for an 'opinion'. The clause also prevents judicial scrutiny of removal, deportation and associated decisions of the Home Secretary and Home Office officials.

This meeting is convened by the BIHR and ILPA to ensure that judges, lawyers, academics and all committed to the rule of law are made aware of these proposals to deny access to the courts in asylum and immigration cases.



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