



The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November will see the Royal Court host a “Rencontre de Droit Normand”, which amongst other things will celebrate the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Paris by which King Henry III of England agreed with the French king to renounce control of Normandy but not the Channel Islands. This event, which will be open to the public, will be hosted in the Royal Court and promises much of interest to those with an interest in the Island’s Norman history and law. Working closely with the Royal Court of Jersey (from which a delegation will attend led by the Bailiff of Jersey, Mr Michael Birt), the Royal Court will bring together an eminent group of speakers including lawyers and academics from the UK, France, Jersey and Guernsey.

The Royal Court is particularly pleased that the event is being supported by academics from the University of Caen. Students who seek admission to the Guernsey Bar must first secure the Certificat D’Etudes Juridiques Françaises et Normandes.

Amongst the subjects to be covered will be the *Charters as Sources of Norman Customary Law*, the *Context of the Signature of the Treaty of Paris* and the *Law of Defamation*. Amongst those speaking will be Professor Tim Thornton, Maitre Sophie Poirey and Advocate Jon Barclay.

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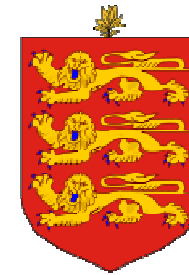
If members of the public wish to attend the Conference and the Service at the St James Concert and Assembly Hall they will find full details of the Programme of Events on the Guernsey Bar website, [www.guernseybar.com](http://www.guernseybar.com). There is no charge for admission.

The Bailiff, Sir Geoffrey Rowland said “*The Royal Court is absolutely delighted to be able to host such a distinguished panel of speakers and also our fellow members of the Judiciary and lawyers from Jersey for what promises to be an extremely interesting and varied Rencontre*”.

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For more details including **speaker profiles** please see the Guernsey Bar website  
[www.guernseybar.com](http://www.guernseybar.com)

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### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

#### **Thursday, 5 November 2009**

- 2.15 Welcome and opening of the Rencontre at the Royal Court – Sir Geoffrey Rowland, The Bailiff of Guernsey
- 2.30 Professor Francois Neveux : *“Le contexte de la signature du Traité de Paris : les relations franco-anglaises au XIIe et XIIIe siècles”*
- 3.00 Professor Tim Thornton : *“Clerical careers and interactions in the Channel Islands in the late middle ages”*
- 3.30 Mrs Rebecca MacLeod : *“Transfer of Immovable Property in Jersey and Guernsey”*
- 4.00 Break
- 4.15 Advocate Tim Hanson : *“The Role of the Jurats”*
- 4.45 Professor Nicholas Vincent : *“Talking to the Enemy: The Rules of Anglo-French Diplomatic Discourse 1200-1270”*
- 5.15 Close of first day of Rencontre

#### **Friday, 6 November 2009**

- 10.00 Formal Procession (Robed) from Royal Court to St James Church Service to be officiated by The Very Reverend K P Meller, Dean of Guernsey, and organ recital by Professor François Neveux.  
Procession back to Royal Court.
- 11.00 Break
- 11.25 Welcome and opening of second day of Rencontre by Mr Michael Birt, The Bailiff of Jersey
- 11.30 Dr Judith Everard : *“The editions of the Grand Coutume de Normandie”*
- 12.00 Dr Sue Johns : *“Normandy, the Channel Islands, and female power in Wace”*
- 12.30 Lunch Break
- 2.30 Advocate Jon Barclay : *“The Defamation Action in Guernsey: Past, Present and Future”*
- 3.00 Professor Daniel Power : *Charters as sources for Norman customary law: the Savigny evidence (12-13<sup>th</sup> C.)”*
- 3.30 Break
- 4.00 Maitre Sophie Poirey : *“L’hommage lige du roi d’Angleterre au roi de France”*
- 4.30 Question and Answer Session
- 5.00 Closing of the Rencontre by The Bailiff of Guernsey