

# When Lawyers are Good for your Health

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**Room 825, 8/F., Cheng Yu Tung Tower**  
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This talk will highlight the important connections between law and health, explain how - independently - access to justice research and public health research have identified these links, and describe how community lawyers in the UK and internationally are developing partnerships with health services to address health harming legal needs.

It will describe international trends in practical service responses (Medical Legal and Health Justice Partnerships), and, drawing on research undertaken in the UCL Laws Health Justice Partnership in a general practice in East London, it will consider the benefits and challenges of integrating community legal services within healthcare settings. The talk will conclude with a discussion of where policy and research on health justice should be going.

Dame Hazel Genn is Professor of Socio-Legal Studies in the Faculty of Laws at UCL. She was Dean of the Faculty 2008-2017 and is currently Director of the UCL Centre for Access to Justice and Co-director of the UCL Judicial Institute. Dame Hazel is a leading authority on access to civil and administrative justice. She has conducted numerous empirical studies on public access to the justice system including *Paths to Justice: What People Do and Think About Going to Law* a seminal study of public access to justice which has since been replicated in 27 jurisdictions around the globe. Her prize-winning scholarship has had a major influence on policy-makers around the world. Dame Hazel has been appointed to numerous public service roles concerned with the justice system including serving on the England & Wales Judicial Appointments Commission from 2006-2011. In recognition of her work on civil justice, she was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2000 and appointed DBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2006. In 2006 she was also appointed Queen's Counsel Honoris Causa. In 2008 she was elected Honorary Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.



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