Equality Act: an adjustment for landlords

This paper will focus on the impact of the Equality Act 2010 on landlords, including the “accidental landlord”. The paper is presented by a property law expert and an employment law expert in an interdisciplinary analysis of the application of the Equality Act and the practical effect on landlords. The paper will take the format of a review of the legal position and what practical problems landlords should be aware of and why. The Equality Act 2010’s impact on the protection against discrimination in employment and the provision of services is well known, but it is much more than that and we have to examine the issues outside of the field of employment. Most text books concentrate on the discipline of either property law or employment law and there was a gap in covering the issue and a coherent approach in addressing this area and may be of interest on a multidisciplinary level to those who work with property as a core function of their practice.

This paper is presented by 2 solicitors (non-practising) with very different experiences who moved into education in 2007 & 2008 direct from private practice.