

LSLA NEWSLETTER – JULY 2018

Dear Member,

Welcome to our latest newsletter which contains information about future events and reports on some of our recent activities.

FUTURE EVENTS

LSLA Summer Party

All LSLA members and their guests are invited to the LSLA Summer Party at CloudM!

The cost of the tickets is £45 per person for LSLA members and £55 for non-members.

Kindly sponsored by Opentext, NERA Economic Consulting, and Thomson Reuters Legal Managed Services, and also subsidised by the LSLA, the ticket cost includes a great selection of drinks and canapés.

Please apply for tickets online at: <https://www.lsla.co.uk/events>. If you are unable to apply online, please send a cheque payable to London Solicitors Litigation Association to Jo Davies, LSLA Events, 5 Quernmore Road, London, N4 4QU, along with a covering note with your firm's contact details and a list of each attendee, including their name, email address, whether they are a member and any dietary requirements.

PAST EVENTS

The LSLA has run the following lectures during the last month:

- **10 July 2018** *“Pursuing Fraudsters – What’s the Point?”* Graham Chapman QC and Shail Patel of 4 New Square provided an up to date analysis of recent developments and trends in the Business and Property Courts, in relation to remedies, relief and enforcement in commercial fraud litigation.
- **18 July 2018** *“Recovery of compensatory, restitutionary and negotiating damages in commercial cases: implications of the Supreme Court’s judgment in Morris-Garner v One Step”*. Craig Orr QC of One Essex Court discussed the nature and basis for the award of restitutionary and negotiating damages (aka Wrotham Park damages) as alternatives to ordinary compensatory damages and the likely impact of *Morris-Garner v One Step* upon commercial cases.

These lectures bring an end to our summer lecture series. Our thanks to our speakers, together with Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, Slaughter and May and Simmons & Simmons LLP for hosting the events.

Details of our autumn / winter lecture series will be announced following the summer break.

LSLA / NLJ SURVEY

As you will be aware, the LSLA is regularly consulted on civil justice reform proposals. The feedback we provide by our formal responses, participation in judge-led working groups and LSLA debates, carries considerable weight.

We have recently distributed our Litigation Trends Survey, which is held in conjunction with the New Law Journal. Please give us just a few minutes of your time to complete this brief survey and encourage your litigator colleagues to do the same. We know from experience that LSLA members' views resulting from our surveys are widely reported and seriously considered by those driving civil litigation reform. The survey may also be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW6FV2J>

The closing date for responses to the survey is Friday, 14 September 2018.

SHORTER AND FLEXIBLE TRIALS SCHEME (“SFTS”)

Several of our members have used the SFTS and with some success. In order that we may provide informed and constructive feedback to the Court before the pilot ends later this year, we are inviting members to share their experiences. If you have feedback please contact Georgina Squire at Georgina.Squire@rkllp.co.uk.

RECENT PRESS AND PUBLICITY

The LSLA and members of its committee has recently received the following press coverage:

- 21 May 2018, Law Society Gazette, ‘How to Avoid a Proportionality Reduction’ by Richard Foss (<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/practice-points/how-to-avoid-a-proportionality-reduction/5066145.article>)
- 31 May 2018, New Law Journal, ‘Court Competition Hots Up’ by Charles Balmain (<https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/court-competition-hots>)
- 1 June 2018, Legal Week, ‘Climbing the Legal Ladder: five tips to get the most out of networking’ by Elaina Bailes (<https://www.legalweek.com/2018/06/01/climbing-the-legal-ladder-five-tips-to-get-the-most-out-of-networking/>)
- 22 June 2018, CDR, ‘David Greene is elected to deputy vice president of the Law Society’ with comments by Julian Acratopulo (<https://www.cdr-news.com/categories/people-and-firms/8300-the-future-s-greene>)
- 2 July 2018, LexisNexis, ‘An interview with Julian Acratopulo—the new president of the LSLA’ (<https://blogs.lexisnexis.co.uk/dr/an-interview-with-julian-acratopulo-the-new-president-of-the-lsla/>)
- 3 July 2018, The Times, ‘London must fight off foreign court rivals’ by Julian Acratopulo (<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/london-must-fight-off-foreign-court-rivals-bw79bbcpb>)
- 9 July 2018, The Law Society Gazette, ‘Disclosure, Directions and Hot-tubbing’ by Nicholas Heaton (<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/practice-points/disclosure-directions-and-hot-tubbing/5066755.article>)
- 10 July 2018, CDR, ‘Cyber-court beefs up London’s legal status’ by Nikki Edwards (<https://www.cdr-news.com/categories/litigation/8348-cyber-court-beefs-up-london-s-legal-status>)
- 13 July 2018, New Law Journal, ‘The implications for ‘no oral modifications’ clauses in the fallout from MWB v Rock’ by Sophia Purkis and Leigh Callaway ([https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/content/be-careful-what-you-say-no-longer](https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/be-careful-what-you-say-no-longer))

THE JUNIOR LSLA

The JLSLA provides:

- Seminars designed to offer practical tips on procedural and substantive legal issues commonly faced by junior civil litigators in an interactive and relaxed atmosphere;
- Networking events for members to meet and form contacts in their peer group; and
- E-news on recent and future activity and key developments with the aim of ensuring that the junior perspective is reflected in the LSLA's responses to consultation papers.

The JLSLA is aimed at solicitors of 8 years PQE and less. Members of the LSLA will automatically become members of the JLSLA if they qualify by year of admission and complete the relevant section of the membership form.

The JLSLA also has firm Champions, who act as the point of contact between the JLSLA committee and their firm.

If you are interested in joining the JLSLA or being the JLSLA Champion for your firm, please contact the JLSLA President, Natalie Osafo at Natalie.Osafo@SlaughterandMay.com.

The JLSLA can also be contacted via their LinkedIn profile at http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Junior-London-Solicitors-Litigation-Association-4438638/about?trk=anet_ug_grppro.

MEMBERSHIP

The LSLA is delighted to announce that the Association now has over 2,400 members, including 974 members of the JLSLA and 31 corporate member firms.

Corporate membership can offer a real saving to firms. Essentially, for £500 a firm with corporate membership can register an unlimited number of litigation solicitors working for it in London as members. Please contact Chris Bushell at chris.bushell@hsf.com if you would like further information or to take out corporate membership.

Otherwise, you can join the LSLA by visiting our website at <http://www.lsla.co.uk/>. If you are 8 years PQE or less you will automatically become a member of the JLSLA if you input your year of admission when completing your online membership application.

Members are also welcome to join the LSLA LinkedIn group at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4545696>

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Some of our members say that they are, on occasion, not receiving email notifications for LSLA and Junior LSLA events. We have been advised that such notifications may sometimes be blocked by our members' firm's IT servers, which automatically quarantine emails received from, for example, "donotreply" email addresses.

Should you not be receiving our email notifications, we would advise you to contact your firm's IT team and request that they "whitelist" both donotreply@lsla.co.uk and lsla@lsla.co.uk.

ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR LSLA EVENTS

When making payments for membership and our events we would kindly request that you quote the correct data to identify the matter to which the payment relates. Incorrect identification often occurs where a firm's accounts team makes a payment to the LSLA as an existing payee, using old order data rather than updating the payment instruction to include the new order number.

Updating payment data to correctly reference the event to which a payment relates would significantly ease the LSLA's administrative burden. Thank you for your continued support and assistance.

LSLA WEBSITE

Our website at <http://www.lsla.co.uk/> includes: details of our forthcoming events, copies of the responses we have filed to recent consultations, recent articles and press citing members of the association, and past editions of the newsletter.

You can also join the LSLA via our website as well as sign up for future events on it.

We hope that our website will prove a source of information for members. Please let us know if you have any comments on it.

LIST OF SUPERVISING SOLICITORS

The White Book refers to the LSLA maintaining details of individuals who might be able to act as supervising solicitors for the execution of Search Orders. Our list continues to grow and is updated quarterly. We invite those suitably qualified to provide us with their details, including relevant experience, for inclusion on the list.