

## LSLA NEWSLETTER – JULY 2017

Dear Member,

Welcome to July's LSLA newsletter which contains information about some of our future events and reports on some of our recent activities.

### FUTURE EVENT

#### Summer Party – SAVE THE DATE – 27 September 2017

All members and their guests are invited to the LSLA Summer Party at The Gherkin.

Join us on the top floors of The Gherkin to enjoy panoramic views from one of the most iconic venues in the City with drinks and canapes served in our exclusive area.

The cost of the tickets will be £50 per person for LSLA members and £60 for non-members.

Further details and a form for tickets will be circulated soon.

#### Annual Dinner – 23 November 2017

Our Annual Dinner shall be held on 23 November 2017. Details will be circulated in due course but in the meantime, please make a diary note of the date.

### RECENT EVENTS

#### Spring/Summer Lecture Series

Our lecture series has been another sell out success with the last taking place on 12 July. Our lectures included:

- **Wednesday 10 May 2017 at Herbert Smith Freehills**  
*“Instructing Experts – the do’s and don’ts”* featured a panel of Master Marsh (High Court, Chancery Division), Camilla Bingham QC (One Essex Court), Roger Franklin (Edwin Coe LLP), Nick Andrew (Grant Thornton), and Nikki Edwards (Temple Bright) sharing their tips and views.
- **Wednesday 24 May 2017 at Slaughter and May**  
*“Paranoia on the Clapham Omnibus”* Toby Landau QC (Essex Court Chambers) analysed recent developments in the law of apparent bias and conflicts of interest in the fields of litigation, commercial and investor-state arbitration, and public international law.
- **Thursday 15 June 2017 at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP**  
*“Under Siege – an Update on Legal Professional Privilege”* Colin Passmore (Senior Partner of Simmons & Simmons LLP and author of leading textbook “Privilege”) addressed recent developments and the increasing attacks on legal professional privilege.
- **Wednesday 12 July 2017 at Slaughter and May**  
*“Freezing Orders: Practical guidance on obtaining, resisting, policing and enforcing them”* Nathan Pillow QC (Essex Court Chambers) considered practical issues concerning freezing order in this ever growing area.

#### JLSLA – Summer Party – 27 June 2017

The Junior LSLA “Aloha” Summer BBQ, sponsored by Inventus, was held in a Polynesian paradise marquee at The Brewery on Chiswell Street. Despite the good summer weather in the weeks preceding the event, rain was omnipresent that day in London, which is of course a prerequisite to any British BBQ. The weather did little to deter the 70-plus guests who attended, and they were rewarded with good food, wine and company. Inventus have also posted a report of the event on their website which can be see at: <http://www.uk.inventus.com/blog/aloha-junior-litigators-bbq-at-the-brewery>

### RECENT PRESS and PUBLICITY

The LSLA has recently received the following press coverage:

- 3 May 2017, Solicitors Journal, “*Contractual Interpretation; it does not have to make sense*” by Matthew Westcott and John Bramhall (see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/feature/201705/contractual-interpretation-it-doesnt-have-make-sense>)
- 4 May 2017, New Law Journal, article announcing the speakers for our Spring Summer lecture series (see [www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/Isla-speakers](http://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/Isla-speakers))
- 19 May 2017, New Law Journal, “*LLP: Handle with Care*” by David Owen (see <https://www.lsla.co.uk/node/679>)
- 23 May 2017, Solicitors Journal, “*Asset Stripping and Judgment Avoidance*” by Leigh Callaway (see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/comment/201705/commercial-litigation-asset-stripping-and-judgment-avoidance>)
- 30 May 2017, Solicitors Journal, “*Further Erosion of Privilege*” By Gavin Foggo and Veronique Bergau (see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/feature/201705/further-erosion-legal-professional-privilege>)
- 27 June 2017, Solicitors Journal, “*A New Era Post of Professional Liability*” by Georgina Squire (see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/feature/201706/new-era-post-professional-liability>)
- 29 June 2017, in an article on the anniversary of the Brexit vote Commercial Dispute Resolution (CDR) quoted Julian Acrapulo (see <https://www.cdr-news.com/categories/litigation/7403-brexit-firmly-in-mind-for-2017-parliament-and-beyond>)
- 29 June 2017, Ed Crosse spoke at the CDR Summer Litigation Symposium and participated on a panel chaired by Sir Christopher Clarke (former CA Justice) along with Simon Davis (past president of the LSLA) and Christopher Hancock QC (20 Essex St) discussing challenges and opportunities for commercial litigation in the UK.
- 3 July 2017, Ed Crosse spoke at the Legal Business Commercial Litigation Summit on a panel chaired by Lord Dyson, Former Master of the Rolls along with Justice Knowles, Justice Birss, HH Judge Waksman QC and LSLA committee member, Damian Taylor of Slaughter and May. The panel topic was “Modernisation, funding and Brexit – the future of London as a disputes centre”
- 5 July 2017, Solicitors Journal, “*A whirlwind six months*” by Georgina Squire (see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/comment/201707/whirlwind-six-months>)
- 5 July 2017, CDR, “*Civil Justice on their Minds*” reported on CDR’s Summer Litigation Symposium in which Ed Crosse sat on the panel (see <https://www.cdr-news.com/categories/litigation/7418-civil-justice-on-their-minds>)
- 18 July 2017, Solicitors Journal, “*Making the most of privilege*” by Caroline Field (see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/comment/201707/making-most-privilege>)
- 21 July 2017, Ed Crosse ‘s comments on the announcement that Baroness Hale has been appointed President of the Supreme Court appeared in:
  - Financial Times: see <https://www.ft.com/content/bc91cb9c-6df7-11e7-b9c7-15af748b60d0>;
  - Solicitors Journal: see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/news/201707/lady-hale-become-supreme-court-president>

- The Global Legal Post: <http://www.globallegalpost.com/big-stories/supreme-court-appoints-first-female-president-57661664/>; and
- The Times The Brief (24 July 2017) <https://www.thetimesbrief.co.uk/users/39175-the-brief-team/posts/18797-hale-praised-but-concerns-about-judicial-diversity-linger>
- 25 July 2017, Solicitors Journal, “Do you need protection from an obsessive LIP?” by Jonathan Fozard (see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/comment/201707/do-you-need-protection-obsessive-lip>)
- 25 July 2017, Solicitors Journal, “Cross-border jurisdictions problematic for privilege” by Colin Passmore and Alexandra Webster (see <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/comment/201707/cross-border-jurisdictions-problematic-privilege>)

## **THE JUNIOR LSLA**

### **Junior LSLA Survey of Members**

The Junior LSLA events calendar shall resume after the holiday period. In the interim, we shall shortly be requesting feedback from our members in respect of recent Junior LSLA events, and views on what our members would like from the organisation in the future, in respect of our education series, networking events, and career support.

### **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 JSLA 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, Leigh Callaway at [lcallaway@fladgate.com](mailto:lcallaway@fladgate.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](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 2,300 members, including 939 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](mailto: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](#).

### **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.