

LSLA NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2018

Dear Member,

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

We continue to seek feedback on any experiences you might have had with the Commercial Court's Shorter and Flexible Trials Scheme and invite you to let us know your views.

FUTURE EVENTS

Summer Lecture Series

Places are still available for our remaining lectures in our summer series identified below.

- **10 July 2018** *"Pursuing Fraudsters – What's the Point?"* by Graham Chapman QC and Shail Patel of 4 New Square who will provide 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"* from Craig Orr QC of One Essex Court reviewing 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.

A flyer with further details and an application form for tickets is attached. Our lectures usually sell out quickly, so if you are interested in attending please apply promptly.

The lectures on 6 June 2018 and on 10 July 2018 will be held at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP; that on 11 June 2018 will take place at Slaughter and May and the lecture on 18 July 2018 will be held at Simmons & Simmons LLP. The events will start at 6.00pm and will last approximately one hour, to include a period for questions at the end, and will be followed by drinks.

Summer Party – 26 September 2018 – SAVE THE DATE

Our previous summer parties have been very well received, so we have decided to hold another, this time in the rooftop bar of citizenM by the Tower of London.

Details and an application form for tickets shall be circulated in due course.

Annual Dinner – 21 November 2018 – SAVE THE DATE

Our black tie Annual Dinner will take place at The Law Society on 21 November 2018. We shall announce the identity of the speakers and other entertainment nearer the date.

JLSLA Champions Evening with Mixology

The JLSLA is planning an evening for firm champions and their colleagues with a mixologist and cocktails. Details will be circulated when available.

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.

RECENT EVENTS

Our lecture series kicked off with a successful talk on 6 June 2018 delivered by Lord Neuberger of One Essex Court entitled *"Reflections on the UK Supreme Court"*. Lord Neuberger discussed the challenges currently facing the judiciary and reflected on his time in the Supreme Court.

The lecture on 11 June 2018 proved equally popular. “*Dishonesty: recent developments*” was delivered by Christopher Pymont QC and Siward Atkins of Maitland Chambers who explored the meaning of dishonesty and its significance following the recent decisions of *Ivey v Genting Casinos* [2018] and *Wingate & Evans v SRA* [2018].

GDPR

As you will all be very aware, the GDPR came into force on 25 May 2018. A copy of the LSLA’s privacy policy is available on our website by clicking [here](#). If you do not want to receive future newsletters or invitations to lectures and events from the LSLA, you can opt out [here](#). As set out in our Privacy Policy, so long as you remain a member we will still need to keep your personal data and contact you about membership matters

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@rklp.co.uk.

RECENT PRESS AND PUBLICITY

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

- 20 April 2018, New Law Journal, “*Litigation Futures*”, by Julian Acratopulo (<https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/litigation-futures-0>)
- 3 May 2018, City AM, “*UK needs new dispute mechanism post-Brexit*” by David Greene
- 4 May 2018, Law Society Gazette, “*Are the courts embracing technology?*” by Georgina Squire (<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/comment-and-opinion/are-the-courts-embracing-technology/5065984.article>)
- 9 May 2018, City AM, “*National Audit Office report - Early progress in transforming courts and tribunals*” by Francesca Kaye (<http://www.cityam.com/285524/national-audit-office-casts-doubt-progress-court>)
- 10 May 2018, New Law Journal had a feature on our new President: “*Movers & Shakers Profile: A Q&A with Julian Acratopulo*” ([https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/content/nlj-profile-julian-acratopulo-lsla](https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/nlj-profile-julian-acratopulo-lsla))
- 11 May 2018, New Law Journal, “*Trends in Litigation: A Costs Conundrum*” by Georgina Squire (<https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/content/costs-conundrum-1>)
- 21 May 2018, Law Society Gazette, “*How to Avoid a Proportionality Reduction*” by Richard Foss and Mychael Tyler

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.

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.

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_grpro.

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>

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.