

LSLA NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2019

As we look forward to a new Court term we bring you our latest newsletter with information about future events and our recent activities. We also share an early bird offer for the Law Society's Commercial Litigation Conference 2019.

Feedback for Court User Groups

The LSLA sends representatives to both the Chancery and Commercial Court User Groups. Both groups are keen to receive feedback on all aspects of the operation of the relevant courts. If members have comments or concerns they are encouraged to pass them on to the LSLA representatives so that they can be raised at the next user group meeting. This is an opportunity to raise issues directly with the judiciary and court administrator.

For feedback on the Chancery Division Courts please contact:

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For feedback on the Commercial Court please contact: Ed.crosse@simmons-simmons.com

FUTURE EVENTS

LSLA Summer Party – 17 September 2019

Members and their guests are invited to the LSLA's Summer Party at Radio Rooftop, ME London, 336-337 Strand, London WC2R 1HA for drinks and canapes.

The party is sponsored by Anexsys, Assurety and Grant Thornton and subsidised by the LSLA. Tickets cost £50 each for members and £60 for non-members. Details are on the attached flyer. As there are only a few spaces left please apply now to avoid missing out.

LSLA Summer/Autumn Lecture Series

Another lecture has just taken place. However, there are still tickets left for the remaining lecture in our latest series, but hurry to book them before they sell out.

Earlier this month, on 5 September, Neil Hext QC and Tom Shepherd of 4 New Square gave a lecture called "*Enough is enough? Setting aside a judgment for fraud*" which looked in particular at the interaction with the abuse of process doctrine and the implications of the recent Supreme Court decision in *Takhar v Gracefield Developments Ltd* [2019] UKSC 13. Copies of the slides from the lecture can be viewed at <https://www.lsla.co.uk/node/861>.

Yet to come are:

- Tuesday 22 October 2019 - ***Developments in vicarious liability*** from Andrew Ayres QC of Maitland Chambers to be held at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
- Tuesday 26 November 2019 - ***Good faith - how good do commercial parties have to be?*** by David Quest QC and Ian Wilson QC of 3 Verulam Buildings to take place at Hogan Lovells LLP

Attendance is not limited to LSLA members. Anyone can apply for tickets via the website or using the attached form (a confirmatory email will be sent a few days before the lecture to confirm your booking). The cost is £20 per event (non-members £25).

JLSLA Champions Event 2019 – “Ready, steady…… bowl!” – 25 September 2019

From 6:30pm on Wednesday 25 September JLSLA Champions and their guests are invited to All Star Lanes in Brick Lane for a night of bowling, cocktails and canapés. The event will be an opportunity to introduce new JLSLA Champions to the association and for JLSLA Champions and their guests to network in a fun and relaxed environment.

Further details are on the attached flyer. Spaces are limited so apply promptly for tickets via the website (<https://www.lsla.co.uk/event/857/jlsla-champions-event-ready-steadybowl>) to avoid missing out.

JLSLA and Junior COMBAR Seminar – 7 October 2019

We are pleased to announce that the JLSLA and Junior COMBAR are hosting a seminar entitled “*Bear witness: Dos and don'ts for using factual witness evidence for trial*” at Pennington Manches' offices on Monday 7 October from 6.30pm. The event will feature an expert panel discussing practical tips for using and managing factual witness evidence effectively in litigation and for trial. Please see the attached event flyer for further details.

We hope that you can join us for what should be an insightful discussion.

Annual Dinner – 20 November 2019

Our Annual Dinner shall take place on 20 November so please make a diary note to save the date.

LAW SOCIETY COMMERCIAL LITIGATION CONFERENCE 2019

This half-day conference is designed to give practical insight into the forthcoming reforms concerning witness statements, the implications of extending fixed costs for commercial litigation and the latest developments in disclosure and will feature input from judges, commercial litigators and costs barristers. The cost is £150 + VAT for LSLA members. To obtain this early bird rate please book before 20 September at www.lawsociety.org.uk/commercial-lit-conf19

RECENT PRESS AND PUBLICITY

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

- 29 July, New Law Journal, “*Unfair prejudice petitions: can a director's breach of duty bar their claim?*” by Richard Foss and Elena Matsa (see <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/unfair-prejudice-petitions-can-a-director-s-breach-of-duty-bar-their-claim>)
- 2 August, New Law Journal, “*Group litigation orders: sharing the spotlight*” by Gavin Foggo and Andrew Hill (see [https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/content/group-litigation-orders-sharing-the-spotlight](https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/group-litigation-orders-sharing-the-spotlight))
- 7 & 29 August, CDR, there were name checks for Ed Crosse, Chris Bushell and Julian Acratopulo in articles entitled “*Simmons & Simmons announces new disputes leadership*” and “*New Leaders for Litigation Associations*” (see <https://www.cdr-news.com/categories/people-and-firms/9942-exclusive-simmons-and-simmons-announces-new-disputes-leadership> and <https://www.cdr-news.com/categories/people-and-firms/10031-new-leaders-for-litigation-associations>).

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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.

Join the JLSLA LinkedIn page to receive updates on JLSLA events and initiatives:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4438638/>

MEMBERSHIP

The LSLA is delighted to announce that the Association's membership is nearing 3,000 members with well over 1,250 members of the JLSLA with 40 corporate members.

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 <https://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 <https://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.