

LSLA NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2021

We are looking forward to the end of restrictions and being able to meet again. In the meantime our virtual events and initiatives continue...read on.

EVENTS and INITIATIVES

Future Events

Annual Dinner – 25 November 2021

We are hopeful that our Annual Dinner can take place in November at the Law Society as in previous years. Please keep the date free and we shall circulate details in due course.

We are also considering a **late summer event**, circumstances permitting and shall let you know if we decide to go ahead with it.

Lecture Series

There are still places available on our re-scheduled lecture at 6pm on 28 July from Anthony de Garr Robinson QC of One Essex Court on reflective loss: *“Problem solved or problems created? The new rule against reflective loss in Sevilleja v Marex Financial Limited”*

Further details are on the attached flyer and you can register by clicking [here](#).

Two further lectures from the series have taken place recently:

- *“A view from the Bench”* hosted jointly by the LSLA and JLSLA took place on 22 April and featured insight from several solicitors who have become members of the judiciary. Chatham House rules applied which meant the speaker were free to express opinions.
- Adam Kramer QC and Alexia Knight of 3 Verulam Buildings gave a presentation entitled *“Bank Transfer Scams: Liability of the victim’s and fraudster’s banks for push payment fraud”* on 27 May 2021

If you missed these or should like a refresher, you can see all the available recordings of the webinars on our website at <https://www.lsla.co.uk/events>. Just scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on “Previous Events”.

Future Initiatives

Mentoring Programme

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us to take part in the proposed mentoring programme. We are working on developing this to begin later this year and to provide our members with an opportunity to connect and learn from the expertise and experiences of someone outside their firm. If you would be liked to be involved in the programme, either as a mentor, a mentee or both, please email Isla@Isla.co.uk to register your interest.

Pro Bono Initiative

Over the years the LSLA has made donations to many charitable organisations including those providing pro bono advice and assistance so we may seek to give back to the profession and encourage engagement.

We are seeking to increase our involvement in this area and promoting opportunities to all our members such as by providing solicitor support for advocates offering pro bono

representation, offering legal advice on matters involving human rights, assisting litigants in person and providing advisory work in fields such as corporate governance, intellectual property and employment. To facilitate members' involvement we have published a list of organisations with which we already have links and which offer pro bono advice and assistance so members may contact them, if they wish, to assist with their work. The list and further details on our pro bono initiative are available on our website Isla.co.uk.

The list is not exhaustive. If you have any suggestions for organisations you think should be included on the list please email Isla@Isla.co.uk so our committee may consider including it.

Past Events and Initiatives

London International Disputes Week 10-14 May

Many of our committee members took part in the core programme and member-events of LDW. Despite being held remotely, the week-long event drew attention from over 1,000 participants from 66 different countries who attended the core ticketed programme, and an estimated 7,500 attendances at the numerous member-hosted events. It was an excellent opportunity to catch up with others and to listen to debates on current topics including:

- *“London and the new, decentralised disputes resolution landscape”* which featured contributions from Julian Acratopulo
- *“Breaking the mould – new approaches to evidence in the digital age”* with contributions from Chris Bushell
- *“Career development in the new normal (whatever that is)”* with contributions from Charlotte Hill
- *“Beyond attrition: is winning at all costs consistent with wellbeing and mental health?”* which was chaired by Ed Crosse.

Witness Statements

As many of our members shall be aware the new Practice Direction on the preparation of witness statements for use at trials in the Business and Property Courts, came into effect earlier this year. Our President Chris Bushell sat on the working group which spent nigh on 3 years reviewing the old rules and seeking to put in place and foster a culture of best practice to the benefit of witnesses and judges alike.

If you have any feedback to share on the new rules please contact Chris at Chris.Bushell@hsf.com.

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: nicholas.heaton@hoganlovells.com or patrick.wheeler@collyerbristow.com

- the Commercial Court please contact: Ed.crosse@simmons-simmons.com
- the Financial List contact Chris.Bushell@hsf.com

PRESS AND PUBLICITY

Some of the LSLA and JLSLA committee members' recent publicity includes:

- 5 May, New Law Journal "*Cold cases: living expenses & freezing injunctions*" by Natalie Todd and Richard Swan (see <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/cold-cases-living-expenses-freezing-injunctions>)
- 14 May, Law Society Gazette featured comments from Charlotte Hill in its article entitled "'Presenteeism is a curse': Cherie Blair backs flexible working post-pandemic" (see <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/presenteeism-is-a-curse-cherie-blair-backs-flexible-working-post-pandemic/5108504.article>)
- 24 May, Law Society Gazette "Tackling cyber threats as the pandemic abates" by Leigh Callaway (see <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/practice-points/tackling-cyber-threats-as-the-pandemic-abates/5108585.article>)
- 3 June, Global Legal Post, included comments from David Greene in its article "Negotiations for UK to join trans-Pacific trade pact welcomed by Law Society" (see <https://www.globallegalpost.com/big-stories/negotiations-for-uk-to-join-trans-pacific-trade-pact-welcomed-by-law-society-83265745/>)

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LINKEDIN AND WEBSITE

You can find out more about the association on our website at <https://www.lsla.co.uk/> and our LinkedIn page at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/london-solicitors-litigation-association/>

THE JUNIOR LSLA

The JLSLA provides:

- Webinars/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, Charlotte Hill at charlotte.hill@penningtonslaw.com.

Join the JLSLA LinkedIn page to receive updates on JLSLA events and initiatives:
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/66587315/>

MEMBERSHIP

The LSLA membership continues to grow and we now have 3,500 members with over 1,400 members of the JLSLA and 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 Ceri Morgan at ceri.morgan@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.

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.