

LSLA NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2019

Welcome to this month's newsletter, which looks at the LSLA's new pro-bono initiative and reports on our future events and our recent activities. Do also remember that if you have feedback on the Chancery or Commercial Courts we have representatives on the User Groups – scroll down for details.

FUTURE EVENTS

Annual Dinner – 20 November 2019

Members and their guests are invited to the flagship event of the Association's year, the Annual Dinner, which will once again be held at the Law Society Hall in Chancery Lane, WC2 on the evening of Wednesday 20 November 2019.

We are delighted that Simon Davis, President of the Law Society, and past president of the LSLA has agreed to speak at the dinner. The dress code is black tie.

Tickets cost £95 each and include a champagne reception and wine during the meal. There will also be a bar after the dinner for those who wish to stay on and carriages are at 11.30pm. Tables are of 10, and everyone may buy as many tickets as they wish. It is always a very popular event and tickets sell out quickly. Further details are contained in the attached flyer.

You can apply for tickets on the [LSLA website events page](#)

LSLA Summer/Autumn Lecture Series

There is only one lecture left in our highly successful Summer/Autumn Series.

Tuesday 26 November 2019 will see David Quest QC and Ian Wilson QC of 3 Verulam Buildings presenting a lecture on the topic of "*Good faith - how good do commercial parties have to be?*" at Hogan Lovells LLP.

There are still a few tickets left for which anyone can apply via the LSLA website or using the attached form. The cost is £20 for members or for £25 for non-members.

Junior Lawyers' National Pro Bono Week Event – 6 November 2019

In recognition of this year's National Pro Bono Week, on 6 November 2019, the Junior LSLA is hosting a panel discussion on the importance of pro bono work for junior lawyers' practices and professional development in the Parliament Chamber in Middle Temple. The event is being run in collaboration with the London Young Lawyers' Group, the Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association and in partnership with the charity Advocate.

During the event, testimonials will be shared by a panel of junior barristers and solicitors on how pro bono work has enhanced their careers, which will be followed by audience Q&As and a drinks reception. The event is free to attend although pre-registration is required. You can register via the [Eventbrite events page](#).

Junior LSLA Autumn Bash 2019 – 13 November 2019

We invite members and their guests to join us in celebrating another successful year of events at the Junior LSLA 'Secret Garden Party' Autumn Bash. Kindly sponsored by Wilberforce Chambers and FTI Consulting, this year's Autumn Bash will be held in South Place Hotel in the City.

As this is one of the most popular events in the JLSLA calendar tickets sell quickly, so please apply promptly to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £65 for members and £75 for non-members and can be applied for via the [JLSLA website events page](#) or using the attached form.

The ticket includes welcome drinks in the Secret Garden, a three course dinner, coffee, petit fours and wine with the meal. There will also be limited drinks after dinner, with a cash bar available for those who wish to stay on. Further details are in the attached flyer.

RECENT EVENTS

LSLA Summer Party – 17 September 2019

Members and their guests enjoyed a relaxed evening at the LSLA's Summer Party at Radio Rooftop, ME London on the Strand.

The party was sponsored by Anexsys, Assurety and Grant Thornton and subsidised by the LSLA.

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

The JLSLA held an entertaining evening and bowling tournament for new and existing Champions and their guests bowling at All Star Lanes in Brick Lane. The event was a great opportunity to introduce new JLSLA Champions to the association and for JLSLA Champions and their guests to network in a fun and relaxed environment.

JLSLA and Junior COMBAR Seminar – 7 October 2019

The seminar hosted by the JLSLA and Junior COMBAR entitled “*Bear witness: Dos and don'ts for using factual witness evidence for trial*” at Pennington Manches’ was another informative and successful event. It featured an expert panel discussing practical tips for using and managing factual witness evidence effectively in litigation and for trial.

LSLA Summer/Autumn Lecture Series

The penultimate lecture in our latest series took place earlier this month. Andrew Ayres QC of Maitland Chambers gave an informative talk on “*Developments in vicarious liability*” at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP.

PRO BONO INITIATIVE

To coincide with National Pro Bono Week this month, we are pleased to announce our own increased 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.

Our new pro bono sub-committee has been tasked with increasing 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 are publishing 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.

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

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

RECENT PRESS AND PUBLICITY

LSLA committee member Georgina Squire has written a couple of articles:

- 18 September 2019, New Law Journal, "*Is client confidentiality at risk again?*" reporting on the recent developments in the decisions involving ENRC (see <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/is-client-confidentiality-at-risk-again>)
- 23 September 2019, Law Society Gazette, "*Derivative actions and unfair prejudice petitions*" (see <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/practice-points/derivative-actions-and-unfair-prejudice-petitions/5101437.article>)

Please remember to respect the publisher's and writer's copyright in the above articles.

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 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 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.