



# Property Section Engagement Programme 2016 – 2017





## *Foreword*

### **Welcome to the Law Society's Property Section 2016/2017 engagement programme.**

The legal property market is going to be subject to a lot of change in 2017; a new *SRA Code*, changes to *regulation* and the shadow of *Brexit* will have a huge impact on how we practice.

The Property Section was setup to provide practical support and guidance to property solicitors, looking to stay on top of legal, economic and market changes.

The Section is uniquely placed, with access to the Law Society's policy work, key stakeholders and experts, to help you navigate any challenge, maintain and grow your practice and stay apace with developments.

Our programme of activities and support is crafted by a committee of practising experts drawn from a range of disciplines covering residential, commercial, insurance, planning, in-house and landlord and tenant law and practice.

If you want to stay up-to-date, manage your record of professional development, network with your peers and manage your career, join the Section today and access the full range of benefits.

To join please visit our website at: [www.lawsociety.org.uk/property](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/property)



## *Mission Statement*

- To promote, develop the fields of land law, conveyancing and property-related work and increase the effectiveness of solicitors.
- To provide benefits and services for the solicitors' profession, and help members of the Section obtain better access to services and information provided by the Society.
- To encourage best practice, improved standards of work and service to clients through publications, seminars, guidance, printed and electronic media and by other appropriate means.
- To offer opportunities for contact, communication and information-sharing amongst members of the Section on matters of common interest.
- To provide a medium for the views of members to be expressed within the Law Society

*This programme is updated throughout the year, please continue to check our [website](#) and subscribe to our newsletter for announcements and updates.*

## Events

Our 2017 programme of Events, networking opportunities and workshops including a brand new half-day event, workshops, webinars and our flagship magazine, *Property in Practice* - all included in the cost of membership.

### Workshops : Cyber Security, Fraud and Scamming - what Property Practitioners need to know!

**When:** April 25, Time 17:00, Bristol

**Venues:** Bristol (venue TBC)

**When:** May 9, 17:30, London

**Venues:** Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London.

**When:** May 18, 17:00, Birmingham

**Venues:** Birmingham (venue TBC)

**When:** May 23, 17:00, Manchester

**Venues:** Manchester (venue TBC)

**Cost:** All included in the cost of membership

Your opportunity to learn about successful fraud prevention techniques, to safeguard yourself, your business and your clients from scams now and in the future. The workshops will explore and break down the methods adopted by firms to counter the threat of fraud and how you can adapt and develop for your own practice.

The workshops will cover:

- Mortgage Fraud
- Consequences of Fraud and Cyber Crime
- The Regulatory Position
- What Should you be Doing in Practice?
- Are You Covered By PII?
- The Identified Risks?
- How to Protect Your Firm

For the full programme and to book your place, keep an eye on our [Events page](#).



## Half-Day Conveyancing Convention

**When:** May 2017, 14:30  
**Venues:** Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London  
**Cost:** Included in the cost of membership

The first inclusive convention for conveyancers will feature bespoke sessions on the most relevant topics of the day, presented by leading authorities in the field. Working with CQS and our internal policy committees, this will be a chance to influence the work of the Law Society and learn about ongoing developments.

As well as presentations on key issues, we will dedicate one session to a practical, 'ask our panel' symposium with leading conveyancers, insurers and specialists - answering your questions and concerns.

Followed by a networking drinks reception.

Programme to follow, keep checking our [website](#) for updates and join us on [LinkedIn](#) for special programme announcements!

## The National Property Law Conference

**When:** 11 October 2017  
**Location:** Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, WC2A 1PL  
**Cost:** Members entitled to discount at our flagship property event

Stay tuned to our [website](#) for keynote and programme announcements.

The Law Society's flagship property event brings leading authorities from the world of commercial and residential practice together under one roof to deal with the biggest, most challenging topics of the day and provide you with a unique opportunity to network and learn in a mixture of plenary and workshop led sessions.

Our past speakers have included:

- David Smith, Economics Editor, The Sunday Times
- Peter Downing, Head of Stamp Taxes Policy, HMRC
- Noel Hunter OBE, Chairman, Consumer Code for Homebuilders
- Warren Gordon, Head of Real Estate Know How, Olswang LLP
- Robert Mowbray, Founder, Taylor Mowbray LLP
- Christopher Fawcett, Manager, Commercial Fraud Risk Management, Lloyds

This event provides a unique opportunity to select a bespoke conference experience, choosing sessions that suit your needs and concerns as well as a chance to network with your peers, ask questions of our panellists and talk with our exhibitors and sponsors, picked for their relevance to our industry,

Stay tuned to our [website](#) for keynote and programme announcements.

## Webinars

Our agile platform for delivering up-to-the-minute digital content.

Listen on the day or download later to watch. Listen to our entire back catalogue of webinar content and stream new webinars as they are released throughout the year. Webinars are included in the cost of your Property Section Membership

For full details of our forthcoming programme, dates and speakers, visit our [website](#).

### Residential Property Update

**When:** TBC, Digital Platform

**Duration:** TBC

**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

This webinar will cover:

- The latest on Flood Re
- Duty of care when discharging a mortgage
- Right to rent
- Land Registry developments
- SDLT (Stamp Duty Land Tax)
- CML Handbook updates
- Fraudulent replies to enquiries
- Latest Law Society guidance
- Partitions
- Recent case law relevant to residential conveyancing

### Commercial Property Update

**When:** TBC, Digital Platform

**Duration:** TBC

**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

This webinar will cover:

- Brexit impact on real estate law
- Can a tenant assign its tenancy to its guarantor?
- Interaction of landlord's reserved rights and its quiet enjoyment obligation.
- Treatment of break rights in hypothetical lease for rent review
- Solicitor's responsibility for fraud by their client
- New Protocol for applications for licences to alter

### How to Avoid Negligence Claims in Conveyancing

**When:** TBC, Digital Platform

**Duration:** TBC

**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

This webinar will cover:

- Competence
- Identifying risk
- Using technology
- Cyber Security
- Best practice



## Brexit - Property Update

**When:** TBC, Digital Platform

**Duration:** TBC

**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

This webinar will cover:

- Economic trends following Brexit
- Mitigating risk
- Talking to clients
- EU Legislation
- What next
- Ring-fencing practice

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Programme subject to change, for announcements and further details follow our Twitter account [@LSCivLit](https://twitter.com/LSCivLit) or visit our [webpage](#).

## *Discounted Webinars*

As well as our programme of inclusive webinars, we also offer a 20% discount on a range of webinars drawn from across the breadth of Law Society practice areas.

Stay [tuned](#) for our full webinar lineup and for join us on [LinkedIn](#) for special announcements.

## *Benefits*

### Property in Practice Magazine

**Format:** Hard copy magazine and electronic PDF.  
**Publication:** March / June / September / December  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

The Section's flagship publication invites leading authorities to write on topics of critical importance to practitioners and is your first port of call for detailed guidance, information, discussion and property know-how.

The magazine is published four times a year, March / June / September / December and arrives at your preferred address once you've signed up.

With a dedicated team of commissioning editors, make this your preferred read for in-depth, technical and discursive analysis of trends, developments and market conditions.

### E-newsletter

Keep up-to-date with legal developments and news with our newsletters. Each mailing contains news and best practice guidance, details of policy updates and analysis, case reports and forthcoming events and webinars.

Use to keep up-to-date with developments and Law Society activities.

### Spotlights, Features and News

Visit our [website](#) for best practice and guidance written by experts in their field drawn from across a number of disciplines including:

- Residential Property
- Commercial Property
- Planning
- Insurance
- Conveyancing
- In-House

Your one-stop-shop for keeping on top of developments.

### LinkedIn

Our growing network of property practitioners and support professionals aims to let you know of recent Land Registry and Gazette updates as well as provide our members with a forum for discussion and feedback.

[Join us](#) and get involved in the debate.

### Website

As well as recent news, articles and features, we also have a searchable bank of content and guidance, webinars, practice notes you can use.

It also contains details of future events and webinars drawn from across the Law Society's supported practice areas.

Visit the [website](#) to stay up-to-date and brief yourself on past developments.



## Committee

### Thank you to our committee members

This programme of engagement was created in close consultation with the Property Section Committee to ensure it is both relevant and timely.

Committee members meet six times a year to discuss key issues and topics facing the residential and commercial property community. Committee members help formulate Law Society policy and co-ordinate a programme of events and commentary for the exclusive benefit of Section members.

The Property Section is chaired by **Ian White**, an experienced commercial property lawyer, and former managing partner and head of property at a large Midlands law firm.

**Myfanwy McDonagh** is the Vice-Chair, a partner and head of residential property at Furley Page LLP, a Legal 500 firm based in East Kent. We would like to thank the committee members for their time, commitment and contribution.

Committee Member	Organisation	Role
Ian White	Law Society	Chair, Property Section
Myfanwy McDonagh	Furley Page LLP	Partner, Residential Property
Nick Gurney-Champion	Gurney-Champion & Co	Head of Property
Mark Hughes	Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP	Head of Property in the London office
Warren Gordon	Olswang LLP	Head of Real Estate
Michael Garson	Kagan Moss & Co	Partner
Simon David	Thomas Legal Group	Managing Partner
Nick Dell	Stone King LLP	Senior Associate, Commercial Property
Dennis Cameron	Law Society Council	Residential Conveyancing Specialist
Christopher Bean	Gaby Hardwicke Solicitors	Partner and Director of Business Development
Roger Buston	Birkett Long	Consultant Solicitor
Louise Waugh	Northern Rock	Head of Customer Team in Legal
Ian Ward	Bond Dickinson	Partner
Philip Askew	Stone King LLP	Associate Solicitor, Private Client Residential Property
Mary Rose Millin	RadcliffesLeBrasseur	Joint Head of Property
Neil Robinson	Legal Director	Redrow Homes LTD
Peter Rodd	Senior Partner	Boys & Maughan

## About the Law Society

The Law Society exists to represent, promote and support all solicitors, so they in turn can help their clients.

We also work to ensure that no-one is above the law and to protect everyone's right to have access to justice. We promote England and Wales as the jurisdiction of choice and the vital role legal services play in our economy. We work internationally to open up markets to our members and to defend human rights while supporting our members with opportunities in the domestic market.

### The Law Society helps members by:

- representing solicitors by speaking out for justice and on legal issues
- promoting solicitors through publicising the value of using a solicitor at home and abroad
- supporting solicitors by helping them develop their expertise and their business, respective of whether they work for themselves, in-house or for a law firm

### The Law Society represents the profession by:

- campaigning on the rule of law, human rights, access to justice and regulation. This includes lobbying in Brussels, Westminster and Cardiff and in the media.
- working with international legal bodies to position the Law Society as a thought-leader on global issues
- intervening in cases where solicitors and the law are under threat in the UK and abroad
- helping our members to represent key issues impacting the profession to their MP, AM or MEP
- using the law to challenge changes which will impact negatively on the profession and society
- championing and facilitating pro bono work



### The Law Society promotes the profession by:

- internationally working to open and grow markets for English and Welsh law such as inward visits of foreign lawyers and trade missions
- providing and increasing awareness of Find a Solicitor – our website enabling consumers and businesses to find a solicitor who can meet their needs
- hosting our annual Excellence Awards which highlight and celebrate outstanding contributions across the profession
- recognising the contribution solicitors make to civil society and communities
- publicising the value of legal services to the UK economy



### The Law Society supports the profession by:

- identifying issues and market trends affecting solicitors to help them prepare for the future
- developing a comprehensive and cohesive education and training offer
- providing practice notes and guidance on issues important to members
- giving advice through our library and helplines
- running accreditation schemes to support and demonstrate effective practice
- creating communities of members based on who you are and what you do
- supporting those who find it difficult to enter the profession through our Diversity Access Scheme
- offering consultancy services for members who want more detailed help
- assisting members who wish to practice abroad





The Law Society

## How the Law Society works

Solicitors pay their annual practising certificate fee to the Solicitors Regulation Authority. The Law Society receives around 30 per cent of this fee to support, represent and promote the profession. Other funding comes from commercial activities.

The Law Society Council governs the Law Society's work. Council members are elected to represent members from England and Wales, different demographic groups and parts of the profession. The Law Society harness the knowledge of the Council members and around 300 volunteers to deliver the advice, support and service members want. The Council has 100 seats, 61 for geographical constituencies and 39 for special interest groups and areas of practice.

For more information please visit [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

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