



The Law Society

Civil Litigation



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Civil Litigation Section Engagement Programme 2016 – 2017





Foreword

Welcome to the Law Society's Civil Litigation Section 2016/2017 engagement programme.

Litigators, dispute resolvers and litigation support professionals are facing unprecedented challenges. *Digitisation, fixed fees, proportionality, resourcing* and the evolving situation around Brexit.

The Civil Litigation Section is tasked to provide you with best practice guides, news, and analysis to help you navigate this demanding market, maintain and grow your practice and stay ahead of what's happening.

We are uniquely placed, with links to the Law Society's policy work and stakeholders, to provide you with detail of what changes mean for you, how advice can be applied practically and what to expect in the months ahead and when to expect it.

Our programme of activities is crafted, by our committee of practising experts drawn from a range of disciplines covering costs, commercial litigation, dispute resolution and ADR, travel, and personal injury.

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/civil-litigation

Deborah Burke
Chair of the Civil Litigation Committee



Our vision

To provide best practice guidance to the Civil Litigation profession, take the lead on matters affecting practitioners and develop content for continuing professional development.

Terms of Reference

To promote and develop the work of civil and commercial litigators, litigation support professionals and dispute resolvers across England & Wales.

To provide an annual programme of best practice guidance, services and events to supplement and enhance your continuing professional competence . Our programme will include workshops, conferences, peer-to-peer learning opportunities, best practice guidance, legal updates and know-how, case reports and access to discounts across a range of Law Society products.

We will also provide a medium for the views of our members to be expressed within the Law Society to influence change and policy.

Events

Our 2017 programme of Events, networking opportunities and workshops including two flagship half-day conferences - all included in the cost of a Civil Litigation Section membership.

[Book Your Places Now](#)

Spring Half-Day Conference

When: Thursday 27 April 2017, 14:30

Venue: Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London. WC2A 1PL

Cost: Free for section members

Session one - The Future of dispute resolution in the UK and beyond

Keynote speech: Dispute resolution in a time of change

Speaker: *Joshua Rozenberg QC (Hon)*

Technology - Everyday innovation fir the high street

Speaker: *Isabel Parker, Director of Legal Services Innovation Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

Costs in practice

Speaker: *Stephen Hines, Taylor Rose KKK*

Panel Discussion – your chance to ask questions to our speakers.

Chair: TBC

Session two - Judicial Symposium: Successful practice

Hear from leading practitioners about unbundling, good costs practice and proportionality:

- Unbundling in practice, pitfalls and tips
- Submitting good costs budgets
- What works well
- Proportionality in practice

Panellists: TBC

Networking drinks reception



Autumn Half-Day Conference

When: Thursday 28 September 2017, 14:30, London
Venue: Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London. WC2A 1PL
Cost: Free for section members

The second of our inclusive, flagship conferences will provide a year-end focus on what promises to be one of the most legally challenging and exciting years of recent history. We hope to be able to provide some key analysis of the post Brexit landscape as well as insights and advice heading into 2018.

This event has sold out in the past and is not to be missed for its analysis of what's happened and what's coming up.

Followed by a networking drinks reception.

Programme to follow, keep checking our [Events page](#) for updates and follows us on **Twitter @LSCivLit** for special announcements!

Workshops - Making Litigation Pay

When: 14 March 2017, 17:30

Venue: *DWF, 20 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 3AG*

When: 4 April 2017, 15:30

Venues: *Bristol Law Society, Bradford House, 12 Colston Avenue, Bristol, BS1 4ST*

When: 19 April 2017, 15:30

Venues: Newcastle

When: 9 May 2017, 15:30

Venues: Southampton

Cost: All free for section members

After a successful series of similar events in 2016 we will be taking our workshops to different locations in 2017, hosting key litigators and firms from your area in a peer-to-peer learning environment.

These workshops will provide you with an opportunity to network with your peers and shape our strategy and the wider strategy of the Law Society.

The workshops will be chaired by members of the Civil Litigation Committee and will provide an opportunity to hear, discuss and develop initiatives based on the following issues:

- Legal and business impact of Brexit on litigation and funding.
- Pressure on courts, proposed fixed fees, Briggs' proposals, proportionality
- LiPs and McKenzie friends
- Mediation experiences - effective, impartial, resource and training availability.
- Court experience, what works well in your area and what is the reality of litigation in 2017.

[Click here to view the Workshop Programme](#)

[Full details and book my place](#)



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 a Civil Litigation Section membership.*

[Full details and book now](#)

Part 36 Masterclass

When: TBC, Digital Platform
Duration: TBC
Cost: Free for section members

This webinar will cover:

- Offers in split-trial cases
- Offers on counterclaims
- Sunset clauses
- 95% offers
- Part payments and Part 36
- Interaction with Calderbank offers
- Interaction with fixed costs

Commercial Litigation in 2017

When: TBC, Digital Platform
Duration: TBC
Cost: Free for section members

The webinar will cover:

- Disclosure and privilege
- Expert evidence
- Settlement agreements and part 36 offers
- Costs and funding

Litigation in the shadow of Brexit - staying on top of developments

When: TBC, Digital Platform
Duration: TBC
Cost: Free for section members

This webinar will cover:

- Trends in litigation after Brexit
- Cross-border litigation
- What is likely to change
- EU Legislation
- Jurisdiction of choice

Proportionality in 2017, what does it mean in practice?

When: TBC, Digital Platform

Duration: TBC

Cost: Free for section members

This webinar will cover:

- BMN v MGN Ltd
- May v Wavell
- Litigation strategy
- 'Transforming Justice' - what does that mean for practice
- Costs strategy

Programme subject to change, for announcements and further details follow our Twitter account [@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 follow our Twitter account [@LSCivLit](#) for further announcements.



Additional Benefits

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:

- Personal Injury
- Commercial
- ADR and Arbitration
- Clinical Negligence
- Costs and practice strategy
- General practice updates

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

Twitter

Follow our Twitter handle **@LSCivLit** for details of forthcoming events and webinars, special offers and news from the Ministry of Justice, HMCTS, Supreme Court and Civil Procedure Rules Committee.

Your first port of call for news.

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

Litigation Funding Subscription Discount

Membership of the Section entitles you to 40% off a subscription to the Law Society's flagship magazine for litigation and costs specialists. notes you can use.

For full details of the publication schedule and, to download a recent copy, please visit our [website](#).

Committee

Thank you to our committee members

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

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

We would like to thank all our committee members for their time, commitment and contribution.

Committee Member	Organisation	Role
Stephen Mason	TravLaw LLP	Senior Partner
Deborah Burke	Attain Legal Costs Management	Director
Gareth Raisbeck	Cook & Co	Solicitor
Mark Field	Mark Field Mediation	Mediator
Matthew Cotton	Morris Orman Hearle	Solicitor
Nerys Thomas	Duncan Lewis Solicitors	Civil Litigation Director and Solicitor
Cormac Toomey	Debevoise & Plimpton LLP	Associate
Jonathan Haydn-Williams	Goodman Derrick LLP	Senior Counsel
James Perry	DWF	Director Technical - Co-Manager of the Recoveries Team
Rajinder Rai	MK Gill	Head of Litigation
Alison Kirby	Howes Percival LLP	Head of Litigation and Dispute Resolution



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 of the legal services to the UK economy

The Law Society supports the profession by:



- identifying issues and market trends affecting solicitors to help the 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

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