



# Property Section Engagement Programme 2017-2018



## *Foreword*

### **Welcome to the Law Society's Property Section 2017/2018 engagement programme.**



Welcome to the Law Society's Property Section's 2017/2018 engagement programme.

A key theme for the Property Section this year is residential conveyancing and the impact of the Government's proposals on the role of solicitors in the conveyancing process.

The Property Section's publications and events this year will reflect the focus on residential conveyancing with our October 2018 National Property Law conference majoring on this theme. Our half-day conveyancing convention in June will also pick up on this and as always, the conference and the convention promise to play host to leading stakeholders and industry experts.

The Property Section will also offer high quality webinars focusing on residential and commercial property and we will be looking to increase the number of shorter podcasts, as well as our regular fare of high quality email briefings on property legal topics.

We will be ensuring that the offering focuses on key areas of interest for commercial property practitioners whether it be the Electronic Communications Code, Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards or forthcoming new RICS professional statement on service charge for commercial property.

The Property Section works very closely with the Law Society's Conveyancing and Land Law Committee and the Conveyancing Quality Scheme to offer a seamless service representing solicitors on property matters. In addition to supporting and promoting the work of residential and commercial property practitioners, the section also supports solicitors with an interest in land law, landlord and tenant, property finance, planning or construction.

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

To join please visit our website at:  
<http://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/property/>

We very much welcome feedback from you on what we can do better and please contact us with your suggestions:  
<http://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/property/about-us/contact-us/>

Kind regards,  
Warren



## *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**

*Please find below the details of our 2018 programme or member benefits.*

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

## Events

Our 2018 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.

### Half-Day Conveyancing Convention

**When:** 26 June 2018, 14:00 - 18:30  
**Venues:** BPP Law School, Birmingham.  
**Cost:** Included in the cost of membership

This year, the Law Society's Property Section bespoke half-day convention for property practitioners will be held in Birmingham and hosted by BPP University. The convention will focus on the important issues affecting modern property practice: digital transformation, blockchain, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Regulation.

Our speakers have been briefed to provide practical advice and technical know-how and will be on hand to answer your questions.

As always, the event, concluding with a drinks reception, will offer you plenty of opportunities to network with speakers, the Property Section Committee and your fellow delegates.

[Book here.](#)



## Workshops: Risk and Negligence in property transactions.

**When:** September  
**Venues:** The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London.  
**Cost:** Included in the cost of membership

**When:** October  
**Venues:** Birmingham.  
**Cost:** Included in the cost of membership

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

## 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.

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

### *2018 Webinars - Included in the cost of membership*

#### **Residential Property Update 2018**

**When:** 10 April 2018, Digital Platform  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership  
**Speaker:** Russell Hewitson, Associate Professor of Law

This webinar will cover:

- The effect of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Regulations on residential property
- Fraud in conveyancing
- The new Welsh Land Transaction Tax
- Changes to the Standard Conditions of Sale
- Modification and discharge of restrictive covenants
- The new register of beneficial owners of overseas companies
- Easements by long user
- VAT on search fees
- Changes to conveyancing searches
- Current leasehold issues including the latest on leasehold enfranchisement
- Land Registry developments including the latest on local land charges and digital conveyancing
- Latest Law Society guidance
- Recent case law relevant to residential conveyancing.

#### **SDLT – Residential Update**

**When:** TBC, Digital Platform  
**Duration:** TBC  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership  
**Speaker:** Julian Moran



## SDLT – Commercial Update

**When:** TBC, Digital Platform  
**Duration:** TBC  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership  
**Speaker:** Julian Moran

## Commercial Leases (Landlord and tenant perspective)

**When:** TBC, Digital Platform  
**Duration:** TBC  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership  
**Speaker:** Ben Tarrant

## Planning Law Update 2018

**When:** 6 June 2018, Digital Platform  
**Duration:** TBC  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership  
**Speaker:** Anna Russell-Knee

## Commercial Property Law Update 2018

**When:** 25 October 2018, Digital Platform  
**Duration:** TBC  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership  
**Speaker:** Warren Gordon

Visit [our page](#) to book onto your free inclusive webinars.

## *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.





## *Property in Practice Magazine*

*- Subscription included in membership -*

**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.

## *2017 / 2018 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:

- 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.



## *The National Property Law Conference*

*- members entitled to discount at our flagship property event -*

**When:** 10 October 2018

**Location:** Law Society, London

**Cost:** Special price for Section members £300 (incl. VAT)

Our members and industry experts have highlighted the issues that will present the biggest challenges to property practitioners in the near future.

Growing your practice in a challenging climate, the increase of cybercrime attacks and the continued uncertainty of the economy and property market are likely to affect the conveyancers and property practitioners. This conference is designed to give you the tools and support to equip you in these areas.

There will be three workshop sessions encouraging delegates to share best practice, pick up tips from experts and hear success stories from peers. The wide choice of workshop sessions will meet needs in the commercial and residential environments.

There conference includes a high-quality mix of interactive plenary and panel sessions giving delegates the opportunity to hear the latest updates and receive advice from national experts.

[Book now.](#)

## *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.

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



## *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

## 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. Our other funding comes from commercial activities.

The Law Society Council governs our work, with Council members elected to represent members from England and Wales, including different demographic groups and parts of the profession.

We harness the knowledge of our Council members and around 300 volunteer board and committee members to deliver the advice, support and services our members want.

And we continually listen and respond to our members, so we can be sure we are meeting their needs.

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

113 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1PL Dx 56 Lon/ChanceryLn  
t: 020 7242 1222 f: 020 7831 0344 [\*\*www.lawsociety.org.uk\*\*](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)