



# Civil Litigation Section Engagement Programme 2017-2018



## *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 2018 programme of Events, networking opportunities and workshops including two flagship half-day conferences - all included in the cost of membership.

[Book Your Places Now](#)

### Spring Half-Day Conference

*Changing for the better*

**When:** Taken place - 25 April 2018, 14:00 - 18:30  
**Venue:** Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London. WC2A 1PL  
**Cost:** Included in cost of Section membership

Our very successful first flagship conference of the year was split into two parts. The first part saw Senior Master Fontaine outline updates to the Civil Procedure Rules. This will be followed by a speech from Alexander Kingston-Splatt on proving your case from a practitioner's perspective.

In the second part of the conference, a panel of practitioners from a range of practice areas took to the stage to discuss their specialisms and how to diversify to meet future market challenges. The session focused on areas not covered by Lord Justice Jackson's reforms.

As always, the spring conference provided delegates with plenty of opportunities to network with colleagues, key industry experts and the Civil Litigating Section Committee.

**This event has taken place but please do book on to our Autumn Conference.**

### Autumn Half-Day Conference

*It's a Risky Business*

**When:** 27 September 2018, 14:30 - 18:30  
**Venue:** Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London. WC2A 1PL  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

#### Risks for the litigation practitioner: How to identify and manage them

The second of our inclusive, flagship conference will focus on risks that litigators face with the aim of equipping event attendees with the knowledge to manage such risks.

Key areas that the experts will address include:

- Professional negligence and what claims are covered by professional indemnity insurance.
- Compliance with professional obligations - advice that should be given to clients in respect of the costs they could incur.
- Assessing risks to prevent censure or sanction from the court.
- Reputation

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.

[Book now to avoid disappointment](#) for updates and follows us on [Twitter](#) @LSCivLit for special announcements!

## **Workshop:** *Artificial Intelligence and other Advancing Technologies*

**When:** 18 October 2018, 17:00 - 19:40, London  
**Venue:** The workshop will be held in Birmingham – venue to be confirmed.  
**Cost:** Included in cost of Section membership

Learn about artificial intelligence and other advancing technologies at the Civil Litigation Section Workshop, due to be held on 18 October in Birmingham.

Join experts in this field from different professional legal backgrounds for an interactive session and debate on how advancing technologies already have and will continue to infiltrate the practice of litigation.

Programme to follow, keep checking our [events page](#) for updates and follow us on [Twitter](#) @LSCivLit for special announcements.



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

### Part 36 Masterclass

**When:** 17 July - [available on request](#)  
**Speaker:** Erica Bedford, litigation and funding costs barrister, Kings Chambers  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

### Drafting witness statements (Solicitor)

**When:** TBC - live streamed and available afterwards  
**Speaker:** Alexander Kingston-Splatt, Barrister, Five Paper  
**Duration:** TBC  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

Keep checking our webinar page for updates

### Holiday Sickness Claims

**When:** 27 September 2018 - live streamed and available afterwards  
**Speaker:** Stephen Mason, senior partner, TravLaw LLP  
**Duration:** TBC  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

Keep checking our webinar page for updates

### Commercial Litigation Update

**When:** 31 October 2018 - live streamed and available afterwards  
**Speaker:** Maura McIntosh, professional support consultant, Herbert Smith Freehills  
**Duration:** TBC  
**Cost:** Included in cost of membership

Keep checking our webinar page for updates

## *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 announcements.

## 2018 Additional Benefits

### E-newsletter

Keep up-to-date with legal developments 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 legal 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](#) page @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 the [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, *Litigation Funding*.

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



## Committee

### Thank you to our committee members

The programme of activities 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.

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
<b>Stephen Mason</b>	<b>TravLaw LLP</b>	<b>Senior Partner</b>
<b>Deborah Burke</b>	<b>Attain Legal Costs Management</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Gareth Raisbeck</b>	<b>Cook &amp; Co Solicitors</b>	<b>Head of Dispute Resolution</b>
<b>Mark Field</b>	<b>Mark Field Mediation</b>	<b>Mediator</b>
<b>Alastair Shaw</b>	<b>William Grace Law</b>	<b>Partner</b>
<b>Jonathan Haydn-Williams</b>	<b>Goodman Derrick LLP</b>	<b>Senior Counsel</b>
<b>James Perry</b>	<b>DWF</b>	<b>Director Technical - Co-Manager of the Recoveries Team</b>
<b>Rajinder Rai</b>	<b>MK Gill</b>	<b>Head of Litigation</b>
<b>Alison Kirby</b>	<b>Howes Percival LLP</b>	<b>Head of Litigation and Dispute Resolution</b>
<b>Peter Causton</b>	<b>ProMediate</b>	<b>Mediator, Deputy District Judge</b>

## 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, irrespective 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 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.

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