



Property Section Engagement Programme 2018-2019



Foreword

Welcome to the Law Society's Property Section 2018/2019 engagement programme.

Welcome to the Law Society's Property Section 2018/2019 engagement programme.



Following a very successful half day Summer convention in Birmingham, we will repeat this in 2019 and add an additional convention in London. The conventions offer excellent speakers on topical conveyancing issues and take less time out of your day. The Property Section is keen to run events around the country and to that end we plan to run a workshop in Manchester and possibly one in Yorkshire in the coming year.

We will also be holding the annual National Property Law conference at Chancery Lane. As always, the conference will play host to leading stakeholders and industry experts and will cover a variety of key issues relating to commercial and residential property.

In addition to events, the Property Section offers high quality webinars and podcasts focusing on residential and commercial property, subscription to our quarterly magazine, Property in Practice and regular newsletters on legal and practice issues of interest.

The key topics that we are likely to cover in the 2018/19 offering include Electronic Communications Code, Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards, Forthcoming new RICS professional statements on letting business premises and service charge for commercial property, Stamp Duty Land Tax, implications of the Dreamvar decision and the Law Society's Code for Completion, Land Registry's plans for electronic conveyancing, SRA's regulatory changes affecting risk and compliance, planning and construction issues for conveyancers, as well as all matters technology and Brexit.

The Property Section works very closely with the Law Society's Conveyancing and Land Law Committee, the Conveyancing Quality Scheme and other policy committees 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, whether they are in private practice, in-house, public sector, academia or any other situation. 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: communities@lawsociety.org.uk.

Many thanks,

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.**

What our members say...

'The section is there to offer support and guidance.'

'It gives you a means of keeping in touch and up to date with all developments in conveyancing.'

'Effective way of keeping up to date in property law.'

Please find below the details of our 2018/2019 programme of member benefits.

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

Our extensive programme will address the following key areas:

- *Residential and commercial property updates*
- *Stamp Duty Land Tax*
- *Implications of the P&P and Dreamvar ruling*
- *Conveyancing Protocol*
- *Planning and Environmental Law*
- *Digitalisation of the conveyancing process*
- *New rules on leasehold reform*
- *Regulatory Matters*
- *Anti-Money Laundering Regulation*
- *Technology*
- *Brexit*



Events - Included in the cost of membership

Half-Day Conveyancing Convention - Birmingham and London

When: June 2019, 14:00 - 18:30
Location: London and Birmingham.
Cost: Included in the cost of membership

Due to the success of the 2018 half-day conveyancing convention, we will be holding two conventions in 2019 - one in Birmingham and one in London.

The 2019 conventions will put you in front of key industry experts who will be briefed to provide practical advice and technical know-how and will be on hand to answer your questions. 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 always, the Conventions will conclude with a drinks reception, offering you plenty of opportunities to network with speakers, the Property Section Committee and your peers.

Stay tuned for further information - the Conventions are not to be missed.

For info: Our very successful **2018 convention** focused on the important issues affecting modern property practice including: digital transformation, blockchain, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Regulation. The Convention played host to influential industry stakeholders, including Graham Farrant, CEO and Chief Land Registrar, HM Land Registry.

Workshops

When: February 2019
Venues: Manchester
Cost: Included in the cost of membership

When: September 2019
Venues: TBC
Cost: Included in the cost of membership

These bitesize workshops will provide you with technical know-how and guidance to react to the ongoing market changes in the property market.

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

For info: The 2018 Workshops, delivered by barristers of Hardwicke Chambers focused on risks and negligence in property transactions - problems and pitfalls for practitioners and provided delegates with practical guidance and insight on how to manage risk.

After the events, you will gain access to speaker presentations and notes, providing you with readily accessible information and guidance.

Where possible, we will also record events.

Meaning that you have access to the content even if you are not able to join us on the day.



Webinars - Included in the cost of membership

Construction Law

When: TBC
Duration: TBC
Cost: Included in cost of membership
Speaker: TBC

Residential Property Law Update 2019

When: TBC
Duration: TBC
Cost: Included in cost of membership
Speaker: TBC

Commercial Property Law Update 2019

When: TBC
Duration: TBC
Cost: Included in cost of membership
Speaker: TBC

Stamp Duty Land Tax

When: TBC
Duration: TBC
Cost: Included in cost of membership
Speaker: TBC

Commercial Leases

When: TBC
Duration: TBC
Cost: Included in cost of membership
Speaker: Ben Tarrant & Mary Rose Millin

Planning Law Update 2019

When: TBC
Duration: TBC
Cost: Included in cost of membership
Speaker: Anna Russell-Knee

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

Our agile platform for delivering up-to-the-minute digital content allows you to either listen to the webinar on the day or download to watch later. When listening live, you can submit your questions to our expert speakers.

You will also have access to our entire back catalogue of webinar content.

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.

Property Section E-newsletter

Keep up-to-date with legal developments and news with our newsletters, produced six times a year by experts in the field.

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.

2018/2019 Additional Benefits

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

Property Section members entitled to discount at our flagship property event -

When: TBC

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.

The 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.

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.

Relationship Management Team

The work of the committee is supported by the relationship management teams.

The relationship management teams work with individual members and firms to represent their views, increase awareness of Law Society services and activities, and add value to members' businesses. As part of this, the relationship management team work with Sections and various committees to raise membership awareness of the benefits of our products and services.

The mission of the team is to build a strong relationship between the Society and its members, including those in private practice and in-house roles. This is achieved through an account management approach for larger organisations and collaboration with local representative groups and stakeholders.

The Law Society has a network of representatives in the English regions and an office in Wales. Our regions are divided between three teams:

The City, London, South East and East

Midlands and South West

The North

Further details can be found on our [relationship management webpages](#).



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

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)