Civil Litigation Section
Engagement Programme
2020-2021
Our vision

To provide best practice guidance to the Civil Litigation profession on matters affecting practitioners and to develop content for 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 La 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.

Our programme for 2020/21

Below is the planned programme of Civil Litigation Section support from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021.

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

Our extensive reactive and proactive programme will address the following key areas:

- Updates on the Civil Procedure Rules & procedural case law
- Advancing technologies, including artificial intelligence
- Mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution
- Litigants in Person
- LASPO Part Two review
- Changing fee structures, including unbundling and damages based agreements
- Risk and compliance – avoiding professional negligence claims and other problems
- Holiday sickness claims
- Brexit
Events - *included in the cost of your membership*

**Inclusive Conferences**

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<td><strong>Autumn Conference</strong></td>
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Due to the success of our conferences in previous years, we will continue to hold a Spring and Autumn Conference.

As always, the conferences promise to put you in front of experts who will provide you with practical advice and technical know-how. The speakers will be on hand to answer your questions, ensuring that you leave the conference with expert insight that you can apply to your practice.

**Online Seminars**

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<td><strong>When and location:</strong></td>
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These bite-size 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](#).
**Webinars - included in the cost of your membership**

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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.

**E-newsletter - subscription included in membership**

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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.

Also use to keep up-to-date with developments and Law Society activities.
2020-2021 Additional Benefits

Podcasts

Civil litigation section podcasts will keep you up-to-date with recent developments through short discussions with expert speakers. These bitesize podcasts can be downloaded for you to listen when on the move, making them a convenient way to stay informed of legal changes.

Listen to the podcasts [here](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/civil-litigation).

Website Archive

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](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/civil-litigation) to stay up-to-date and brief yourself on past developments.

LinkedIn

Join our growing network of civil litigators and dispute resolution experts to keep up-to-date with updates and changes affecting your work and also for the opportunity to join a forum for discussion and feedback.

[Join us](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/civil-litigation) and get involved in the discussion.

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.
Committee

Thank you to our committee members

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

Committee members meet regularly throughout the year to discuss key issues and topics facing civil litigators and dispute resolution experts. 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.