

# Property Section Engagement Programme 2019-2020

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## Foreword

### Welcome to the Law Society's Property Section 2019-2020 engagement programme.



Welcome to the Law Society's Property Section 2019-2020 engagement programme. We have a full programme of events for the coming year. Following the successful half day conventions of the last couple of years, there will be two half day conventions in the Spring in Bristol and London. The conventions offer excellent speakers on topical conveyancing issues and take less time out of your day. The Property Section believes in the importance of running events around the country and to that end we will be running regional seminars in Manchester and Birmingham.

The annual National Property Law conference will be held at Chancery Lane in the Autumn. There will be an excellent array of leading stakeholders and industry experts, covering key issues relating to commercial and residential property.

In addition, the Property Section offers high quality podcasts and webinars focusing on residential and commercial property; subscription to our quarterly magazine, Property in Practice; the excellent Property Section website full of useful content; and our regular e-newsletters covering practice and legal issues of interest.

The key topics that we will look to cover in the 2019-20 offering include Commercial and Residential Property Updates; Stamp Duty Land Tax; Construction Law; Agricultural property; Environmental issues; the important SRA changes on professional conduct; Leasehold reform; and the impact of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards on conveyancing.

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, which include events, webinars, podcasts, online learning and publication.

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 at [communities@lawsociety.org.uk](mailto:communities@lawsociety.org.uk).

Warren Gordon

Chair of the Property Section Advisory Committee

## 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.'*

## Our programme for 2019-20

Below is the planned programme of Property Section support from 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020.

*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 your membership

### Half-day Conveyancing Conventions - Bristol and London Fraud & CQS

<b>When and where:</b>	11 May (13:00 - 17:00) - Bristol 16 June (13:00 - 17:00) - London
<b>Location</b>	Bristol and London
<b>Cost:</b>	Included in the cost of your membership

The 2020 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. 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.

[Book onto the Bristol Convention](#)

[Book onto the London Convention](#)

### Seminars - Birmingham, Manchester, London The 5<sup>th</sup> Anti-Money Laundering Directive

<b>When and where:</b>	16 April (17:00 - 19:30) - Manchester - <a href="#">book your place</a> 22 April (17:00 - 19:30) - Birmingham - <a href="#">book your place</a> 23 April (17:00 - 19:30) - London - <a href="#">book your place</a>
<b>Cost:</b>	Included in the cost of your membership

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

## Webinars - *included in the cost of your membership*

<b>Code for completion and AML</b>	
<b>When:</b>	27 November 2019 (12:30 - 13:30)
<b>Speaker:</b>	Sarah Dwight, solicitor & Nic Taggart, barrister
<b>Construction Law Update</b>	
<b>When:</b>	04 February 2020 (12:30 - 13:30)
<b>Speaker:</b>	Bill Barton
<b>Planning Law Update</b>	
<b>When:</b>	04 March 2020 (12:30 - 13:30)
<b>Speaker:</b>	Anna Russell-Knee
<b>Residential Property Law Update</b>	
<b>When:</b>	01 June 2020 (12:30 - 13:30)
<b>Speaker:</b>	Russel Hewitson
<b>SDLT on Commercial Property Transactions</b>	
<b>When:</b>	05 October 2020 (12:30 - 13:30)
<b>Speaker:</b>	Sean Randall
<b>SDLT on Residential Property Transactions</b>	
<b>When:</b>	02 November 2020 (12:30 - 13:30)
<b>Speaker:</b>	Sean Randall

## 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*

<b>Format:</b>	Hard copy magazine and electronic PDF
<b>Publication:</b>	March / June / September / December
<p>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.</p> <p>The magazine is published four times a year, March/June/September/December and arrives at your preferred address once you've signed up.</p> <p>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.</p>	

## Property Section E-newsletter - *subscription included in membership*

<b>Format:</b>	Email
<b>Publication:</b>	Every two months.
<p>Keep up-to-date with legal developments and news with our newsletters, produced six times a year by experts in the field.</p> <p>Each mailing contains news and best practice guidance, details of policy updates and analysis, case reports and forthcoming events and webinars.</p> <p>Use to keep up-to-date with developments and Law Society activities.</p>	

## 2019-2020 Additional Benefits

### 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](#) to stay up-to-date and brief yourself on past 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.

## National Property Law Conference - Property Section members entitled to discount at our flagship property event

<b>When:</b>	07 October 2020, 09:00 - 17:05
<b>Location:</b>	The Law Society, London
<p>Our members and industry experts have highlighted the issues that will present the biggest challenges to property practitioners in the near future.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

# Committee

## Thank you to our committee members

This programme of engagement was created in close consultation with the Property Section Advisory Committee to ensure it is 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.