

# News from the JLD

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## **Kieran van Bussel - Chair**

Kieran is a corporate/commercial solicitor at Michelmores LLP, returning to the JLD committee in 2015/16 as Chair, having previously served as Diversity and

equality rep, social secretary and National rep. This year his key aims are to continue to expand the membership of the JLD, improve the links of the DSJLD to lawyer's groups and continue to strive for greater access to justice and access to the legal profession.

He looks forward to working with the committee and our sponsors and partners to continue to support junior lawyers across Devon and Somerset.

## **Emilie Haine - Secretary**

Emilie is a second year trainee at Michelmores LLP and is Secretary of the DSJLD Committee (after serving as Charities Secretary last year).

Emilie hopes to increase the variety of firms (large and small) who are members of the JLD so we can better represent the junior members of the profession across the South West.



## **Ashley Fletcher - National**

### **Representative**

Ashley qualified as a solicitor in September 2015 and is currently in the construction & engineering team at Michelmores.

He is committed to supporting junior lawyers and lobbying for matters which are important to them. In particular, he wishes to lobby the SRA to continue to strive for greater access to the legal profession.

## **Adam Quint - Education**

### **Secretary**

Adam is a first year trainee solicitor at Michelmores LLP currently sitting in the Education team. Adam is the Education Secretary on the committee this year and is keen to increase attendance at Education based events by listening to feedback and providing sessions that members feel is missing in their current professional training. He also seeks to continue to create good links with training providers and create a relationship with the University of Exeter's Law School.



## **Naomi Morley - Vice Chair**

Naomi is a second year trainee solicitor at Michelmores LLP and is newly elected as Vice Chair of the 2015/2016 committee. Naomi's primary ambition is to facilitate the wider provision of

educational and social events throughout the year by securing the necessary funding to offer these events to JLD members. Naomi aims to build and maintain strong relationships with our sponsors and is looking forward to working with the committee to ensure the DSJLD continues to be a valuable society for our members.

## **Sam Leyland - Treasurer**

Sam is a second year trainee at Michelmores, currently in the Corporate/Commercial team.

As the treasurer of the DSJLD, Sam looks forward to having a hand in the overall organisation of the committee along with getting involved in the planning of the DSJLD's regular events. Sam is particularly interested in increasing JLD membership.



## **Georgie Carter-Somerset**

### **Representative**

Georgie is a Trainee Solicitor at Everys and specialises in Private Client. Georgie is new to the committee and is hoping to create more interest in the Somerset area and set

up some networking and social events with young professionals across Somerset

## **Michelle Beckett—Joint**

### **Social secretary**

Michelle is a clinical negligence solicitor at Tozers LLP and joins the committee as joint Social secretary. She has previously served on other committees around the South West and looks forward to the challenge of her new role on the JLD.

Michelle believes it is important that junior lawyers have the opportunity to meet with other individuals in the profession who can help and support each other in the early stages of their career.



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## **Sarah Dukes - Diversity and Equality Representative**

Sarah is a second year trainee solicitor at Michelmores LLP. This year she is the Diversity and Equality Representative on the committee, having previously been involved as

the National Representative.

Sarah's aims include increasing access to the profession for all and forging further links with groups for underrepresented minorities.

## **Jasmine Davis—Joint Social Secretary**

Jasmine is a first year trainee at Michelmores LLP. Jasmine is new to the DSJLD committee and will be sharing the role of Social Secretary with Michelle Beckett. This year her key aims are to ensure that social events continue to be fun and a good way for junior lawyers to build their personal networks. Jasmine would like to support the DSJLD's broader aim of expanding the membership through social events.



## **Rebecca Tilke - Sports Representative**

Becky is a paralegal in the Commercial & Regulatory Disputes team at Michelmores, and was the Sports Secretary on the Committee last year. Becky returns for another year as Sports Secretary with the hope to continue bringing people together from various firms through fun events such as five-a-side football, rounders and the infamous DSJLD treasure hunt .



## **Ella Nyakuedzwa-Smith - Communications Secretary**

Ella is a first year trainee at Ashfords LLP. Ella is a new member of the DSJLD although has previously served as a committee member of the Sussex JLD.

Ella is keen to connect lawyers from across the region, acting as the primary point of contact.



## **Sean Garbutt - Sports Representative**

Sean is a first year trainee solicitor at Michelmores LLP. This year he is a joint Sports Representative on the committee, having previously been Vice-Chair (2013/14) and Chair (2014/15) of the DSJLD. Sean hopes to maintain and build on the sports events run by the JLD, including the annual rounders' grudge match against the DASLS grown-ups.

## **Emma Clayton - Charities Secretary**

Emma is a first year Trainee at Ashfords LLP. This year, she is the Charities Representative on the committee. Emma's aim is to raise as much money as possible for the JLD's charity of the year.

Emma is excited to announce the DSJLD's charity of the year in the coming weeks.



## Focus Areas

The committee is committed to expanding the reach of the DSJLD by increasing membership, improving relations with lawyer and student groups and continuing to strive for greater access to the legal profession. In order to achieve this three distinct focus areas have been put in place :

- Diversity
- Participation
- Access to the profession