

Dear All

Please find below the September edition of our human rights update full of news, opportunities and events. As always please do feel free to circulate this update to your colleagues, students, friends and family.

Law Society News

Law Society Business and Human Rights Programme

- **London Launch – Panel event**

We still have a few places left for our launch event in London on 15 September. The event will bring together a wide range of prominent professionals to discuss the relevance of business and human rights to the legal practice and what the evolving expectations of clients, governments and civil society mean for you as a lawyer.

[Find out more and book your free place](#)

Workshops across England and Wales:

We are also holding workshops for solicitors interested in business and human rights in Wales, Cambridge, Bristol and Manchester. The workshop will provide an introduction to business and human rights for the legal practice.

Please email sarah.j.smith@lawsociety.org.uk if interested in joining a workshop. Please note places are limited.

- **Take our survey on business and human rights**

Get involved with the Law Society Business and Human Rights programme by completing our survey. You will have a chance to win one of three £50 vouchers for Prezzo restaurant!

[Complete the survey](#)

'Human rights defenders under pressure: Challenges in litigating human rights violations in the former Soviet Union'

The Law Society and the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC) are holding a joint event on 'Human rights defenders under pressure: Challenges in litigating human rights violations in the former Soviet Union'

[Read more](#)

Egypt: Ms Azza Soliman-Lawyer at risk

The Law Society expressed concern for Ms Azza Soliman, a human rights lawyer and founder of the Centre for Egyptian Women's Legal Aid (CEWLA).

[Read intervention](#)

Azerbaijan: Leyla and Arif Yunus – Human Rights Defenders at risk

The Law Society expressed grave concern for the Human Rights Defenders, Leyla and Arif Yunus.

[Read more](#)

Thailand: Mr Baramee Chairat – Human Rights Defender at risk

The Law Society is gravely concerned over the summons and investigation of Mr Baramee Chairat, a board member of Amnesty International Thailand and coordinator of Assembly for the Poor, a local movement whose work assists rural communities harmed by development projects.

[Read intervention](#)

Law Society Interventions

[All interventions can be found on our website](#)

What is the International Action Team (IAT) and are you interested in joining it?

The International Action Team or IAT is a Law Society driven project that relies on a pro-bono network of lawyers and law students who intervene on behalf of lawyers at risk across the globe. Please note the IAT may be required to undertake both factual and legal research as well as drafting.

[Find out more and get involved](#)

Events of Interest:

Human Rights: Can we go it alone?

Date: 10 September

Time: 18.30

Venue: The Large Pension Room, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, 8 South Square, London

[More info](#)

A conversation with Sir Geoffrey Bindman

Date: 18 September

Time: 18.30

Venue: 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ

[More info](#)

Challenges to client confidentiality and legal professional privilege in the digital age seminar

Date: 30 September

Time: 09.30 -12.00

Venue: Law Society, London

[More info](#)

Opportunities

Job title: Legal Advocates for El Salvador

Employer: International Anti-homophobia Legal Clinic

Location: El Salvador

For further info contact Ana Montano, Attorney at Law, Program Advisor ana@alrp.org

Job title: 2 x Trustee

Employer: Graham Turnbull Memorial Fund (GTMF)

Deadline: 30/09/2015

Graham Turnbull was a United Nations monitor who was sadly killed during the genocide in Rwanda. The Graham Turnbull Memorial fund was set up in his memory and for many years the Human Rights Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales has worked in conjunction with the trustees of the Graham Turnbull Memorial fund.

[More info](#)

Job title: Research Officer in Health Policy and Human Rights

Employer: LSE Health, London School of Economics & Political Science

Location: London

Salary: £33,450 - £40,462

Deadline: 30 Sep 2015

[More info](#)

Job title: Director of Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns
Employer: Action Aid
Location: London
Salary: £65,760 - £75,205
Deadline: 27 Sept 2015
[More info](#)

Other news:

Charity Salsa Night

Latin sounds, Cumbia traditional dancing show, Salsa lesson, Buffet, Raffle.....

Date: Friday September 18th

Time: 7pm onwards

Location: The Langham Club, 600 Green Lanes, London N8 0RY

£10 (plus £5 optional for buffet)

Reserve your ticket now at: colombian.caravana@gmail.com

Law Society reveals shortlist for the Excellence Awards 2015

The brightest stars of the world's greatest legal profession have been announced by the Law Society today.

The finalists for the Law Society Excellence Awards 2015, selected by a panel of senior industry experts, reveal a breadth of talent throughout the profession in England and Wales, from small local practices and in-house teams, to large City firms. [Find out who has been shortlisted for the Human Rights Lawyer of the Year award](#)

Achieving Justice and Human Rights in an Era of Climate Disruption

Global climate change is a defining challenge of our time. Dramatic alterations to the planet's climate system are already affecting the world's inhabitants and its natural environment.

Read the latest report from the IBA Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights. It contains a series of new ideas and recommendations to governments and world institutions, such as the World Trade Organization, human rights bodies, international development financing agencies, as well as specific law and corporate governance reforms to aid in the prevention and mitigation of climate change impacts and protect the human rights of vulnerable communities.


[Read the report](#)


Training:

International Action Team (IAT)

[Take our training now to become part of the IAT](#)

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Kind regards

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