

Dear All

Please do circulate the following news, opportunities and events to your colleagues, students, friends and family.

## Law Society News

### Law Society responds to Cameron's call to scrap Human Rights Act

The Law Society stands by its initial response to the proposed Bill of Rights in 2011: the Human Rights Act should be retained, not replaced. The Conservative's suggested Bill of Rights would be an unnecessary duplication and complication in the protection of human rights.

[Read our full press statement](#)

### Law Society responds to call for evidence regarding Investigatory powers

The Law Society has called for review and revision of the UK's regulatory framework for investigatory powers to ensure greater clarity, proportionality, respect for privacy and to safeguard legally privileged communications.

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### Law Society annual human rights conference

The conference will cover a wide range of topics associated with business and human rights including Modern Slavery, trafficking, a treaty on business and human rights, supply chains and accountability as well as lawyers and the responsibility to respect. [Book your place](#)

### High Court ruling on criminal legal aid judicial review

As you may be aware, the Law Society supported a judicial review brought by the London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association (LCCSA) and the Criminal Law Solicitors Association (CLSA), which challenged aspects of the Ministry of Justice's consultation process on their criminal legal aid reforms.

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### Sri Lanka: President of the Bar Association reportedly under surveillance

The Law Society is gravely concerned over the reported surveillance of Mr Upul Jayasuriya, President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) and a senior human rights lawyer in Sri Lanka.

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### Law Society Interventions: International Action Team (IAT)

The Law Society is now recruiting for our International Action Team (IAT) comprising of pro bono lawyers and law students to get involved in the Society's human rights work.

[Find out more](#)

### European Pro Bono Forum

Pro bono work is a vital part of the Law Society's commitment to access to justice. The Pro Bono Forum is the only platform of its kind bringing together pro bono lawyers and NGOs from across Europe. The Law Society is proud to host the opening reception on Wednesday 5 November to promote and support the importance of pro bono practice.

[For more info and to book your place at the forum please click here](#)

## Events of Interest:

### South Africa's Constitutional Democracy at Twenty - Problems and Perils

Date: 23/10/2014

Time: 18.00 – 20.00

Location: Law Society, Chancery Lane, London

[More info](#)

### Law Society Annual Human Rights Conference

Date: 10 December 2014

Time: 09:30 - 17:00  
Location: Law Society, Chancery Lane, London  
[More info](#)

### **The rule of law, accountability and Gaza**

Date: 06/10/2014  
Time: 18.30 – 20.00  
Location: Seminar Room, Garden Court Chambers, 57- 60 Lincolns Inn Fields  
[More info](#)

### **Mapping a new regulatory space: The case of managing water scarcity in the UK**

Date: 11/12/2014  
Time: 18.00  
Location: UCL Faculty of Laws, London  
[More info](#)

## **Other News**

### **Volunteers needed**

The European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC) is in urgent need of volunteers to translate case documents from Russian into English as part of its strategic litigation work. EHRAC assists non-governmental organisations and lawyers in Russia, Ukraine and the South Caucasus in taking cases to the European Court of Human Rights.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please send your CV and a covering letter explaining your interest in working with EHRAC, your language skills and translation experience, and detailing your availability, to Marina van Riel, EHRAC Case and Project Support Officer at [m.vanriel@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:m.vanriel@mdx.ac.uk).

## **Opportunities**

Employer: Client Earth, EU Aarhus Centre  
Title: Part time lawyer, Environmental Justice  
Deadline: 16 October 2014  
Location: Brussels  
[More info](#)

Employer: EHRAC  
Title: Finance and Grants Officer  
Salary: £35,432  
Deadline: 18 October 2014  
Location: Hendon, UK  
[More info](#)

Employer: Rene Cassin  
Title: Trustee with Communications/PR experience  
Salary: Voluntary  
Deadline: 15 October 2014  
[More info](#)

Employer: Business & Human Rights Resource Centre  
Title: 2 x Internships (1 x legal research and 1x general research)  
Deadline: Legal –13 October 2014 / Research – 20 October 2014  
Location: Both London  
[More info](#)

## **Podcasts/webinars:**

In conversation with Asma Jahangir on law, gender and religion <http://international.lawsociety.org.uk/node/14267>

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


Podcast: State of surveillance and the scrutiny of security services  
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**Careers Brochure 2014: 'How to become a human rights lawyer'**

Please find our brochure for the event [here](#).

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Kind regards

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