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Dear Colleagues

Our local law societies' conference Engage, Manage, Grow takes place virtually on 14 July 2022 from 2.30pm to 5.40pm. Representatives from over 25 local law societies have already signed up to attend. Are you coming along? The conference features informal and conversational break-out sessions with local law societies, market updates, speed networking and exhibitor virtual 'booths' with information for legal advisors by the Competition Markets Authority, 3Kites (leading IT consultancy) and an occupational psychologist undertaking important research in the legal sector. To RSVP for your complimentary place, please visit the event webpage [here](#).

This edition of our enewsletter features practical resources and key information on a range of topics, including how to join our private client, property and risk and compliance sections as well as a curated list of practical resources available to smaller and medium-sized firms across the country.

Many thanks

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Topical Updates and News

Local Law Societies' Annual Conference 2022 Engage. Manage. Grow.

We are delighted to announce that the annual Local Law Societies' Annual Conference will take place on Thursday 14 July 2022 as an interactive webinar. The conference is complimentary and open to all Local Law Societies' office holders, committee members and staff.

Solicitor and law firm leader to become Law Society CEO

Ian Jeffery, former managing partner and CEO of Lewis Silkin, is to join the Law Society as chief executive in September. Ian will continue work to champion solicitors' interests and engage with members working independently, in firms and in-house.



Bill of Rights signals collision course with rule of law

"The erosion of accountability trumpeted by the justice secretary signals a deepening of the government's disregard for the checks and balances that underpin the rule of law," Law Society of England and Wales president I. Stephanie Boyce said in response to the announcement of measures to be included in the forthcoming Bill of Rights.

Westminster weekly update: home secretary defends Rwanda processing policy

Your weekly update from our public affairs team on all the latest developments and debates in parliament and across Whitehall:

- Home secretary defends Rwanda processing policy
- Northern Ireland Protocol Bill published
- Lord chancellor to increase SRA fining powers



Vice president on Newsnight: "legal challenges are vital in a democracy"

Lubna Shuja, vice president of the Law Society, appeared on Newsnight on Friday 17 June. She discussed what's next for the Rwanda policy and the importance of the role of lawyers.



Law Society joins Hague Conference on Private International Law

In spring 2022, the Law Society of England and Wales became an observer member of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH). This means that we can join in the HCCH discussions on new initiatives it's working on – whether it's developing new forms of cooperation on family or commercial law.

An update from Mickael Laurans, the Law Society's Head of International

Mickael Laurans has provided an update for Local Law Societies on the work he and his team have been focussed on over the past year, what continues to occupy them and what plans he and his team have for the next three years ahead.

Bar strike: what you need to know

The Criminal Bar Association (CBA) has voted overwhelmingly in favour of days of strike action from 27 June 2022, escalating its protest to the government's proposals on criminal legal aid.



Common Platform goes live in more criminal courts

HMCTS' new digital case management system will go live in selected criminal courts in the Nottinghamshire, Wiltshire, South Wales and Gwent, Greater Manchester and North Yorkshire in July and August.

- [What is Common Platform?](#)
- Read HMCTS' latest [blog post on implementing Common Platform](#) in criminal courts

Get involved

Nominations for the Law Society of England and Wales' Council are open until 7 July 2022

Vacant Council Member seats, Council Member role, guidance notes and nomination form are accessible via <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/topics/news-articles/preliminary-notice-of-council->

[elections-2022#list-of-seats](#)

Please update your details in MyLS

Please encourage others and also update your main Work Practice Area, any relevant Personal Characteristics and your address via MyLS. This will ensure we can communicate with members about voting in all the constituencies relevant to them.

Calling all aspiring female leaders in the legal sector

Jonathan Taylor, Chartered Occupational Psychologist, is conducting doctoral research at Birkbeck College, University of London, which is exploring the experiences of women within the legal sector. The study aims to understand specific barriers that exist for aspiring female leaders. Participation involves responding to two short questionnaires (10 minutes each) and a short exercise (15 minutes) spread over a 4-week period. Your participation is completely confidential. Overall findings will be shared with the Law Society in a fully anonymised format. This is the first study of its kind in the UK. To learn more about the research and to take part, please click [here](#).

Practice Area Support: Property and Private Client practitioners

Does your firm focus on property (commercial or residential) and/ or private client work? Our Property Section and Private Client Sections offer dedicated and practical support to help you deliver the best for your business and your clients by:

- Keeping up to date with the latest developments in your practice area and helping you navigating change
- Keeping you up to date with your professional development
- Connecting you with likeminded professionals to expand your network, share best practice and experiences, support and learn from each other.

Our annual programme of support is delivered by experts in their field and will equip you with the latest thinking in property and private client work, keeping you up to date with the most timely and vital issues practitioners need to know about.

Membership of the Sections provides you with inclusive access to our webinars, magazines, newsletters, on-demand content and more – a package worth hundreds of pounds.

Take a look at our membership Brochures below for more information on our programme this year (including key topics, events and webinars), benefits and how to join, as well as **free complimentary access to the articles in our latest issues of Property In Practice and PS Magazines:**

Private Client Section:

- [Private Client Section Member Brochure](#)
- Join Online [here](#)

Property Section

- [Property Section Member Brochure](#)
- Join Online [here](#)

For membership enquiries contact our team on msadmin@lawsociety.org.uk or call us on 0207 320 5804

Supporting You with Risk and Compliance

We know it can be quite challenging to keep up to date with regulatory requirements, remain compliant and mitigate risk – all while running a business.

[The Risk and Compliance Section](#) is a membership based community that provides members with access to a wide range of tools and support to help them navigate, meet and demonstrate compliance with regulatory requirements and best practice for risk management. We provide our members with relevant information across a range of regulatory challenges including:

- anti-money laundering
- business continuity
- client care and complaints handling
- cybersecurity
- data protection
- PI insurance
- compliance with the SRA Standards and Regulations

Membership of the section provides you with:

- Inclusive access to topical webinars delivered by experts in their field
- Our quarterly [Legal Compliance Magazine](#)
- Monthly newsletters to keep you up to date with the latest in risk and compliance
- Access to our library of [on-demand webinars](#) and content
- Discounted registration to our Annual Risk and Compliance Annual Conference and Anti-Money Laundering Conference
- 20% discounts to our [risk and compliance publications](#)

As an example of the type of content we cover we'd like to offer you complimentary access to the latest issues of our [Legal Compliance Magazine](#). We hope you enjoy the content.

Join online [here](#), or find out more about the Section by emailing us on msadmin@lawsociety.org.uk or calling us on 0207 320 5804 and we will be happy to help!

Events

Please find below a list of upcoming events:

Tues 12 July - [Stamp duty land tax update](#)

Thurs 14 July - [Local Law Societies' Annual Conference 2022 Engage. Manage. Grow.](#)

Thurs 14 July - [Legal technology update - making the most of your IT investments](#)
Tues 19 July - [What becoming a Partner means for your finances](#)
Weds 20 July - [South Asian Trailblazers – how important has race legislation been to their success](#)
Weds 7 Sept - [Commercial litigation annual conference 2022](#)
Thurs 15 Sept - [Law Society President's Charity Gala Dinner](#)
Thurs 22 Sept - [Anti-money Laundering and Financial Crime Conference 2022](#)

Resources

Financial Management resources for small firms:

- [Business Development for Law Firms \(Guide\)](#)
- [5 strategies for Business Development without networking](#)
- [Worth Every Penny – how to charge your true worth](#)
- [Improve your profit margins – win, price, do, repeat](#) (event recording)
- [Top 10 tips to overcome the challenge of managing cash flow](#)
- [How does your firm compare? - Financial Benchmarking Survey 2022 Report](#)
- [The Law Management Section](#) – dedicated support for managing your law firm operations

Event Recordings

- [Professional Indemnity Insurance: how can you make your risk more attractive?](#)
- [How to use social media to your professional advantage](#)
- [Inheritance Tax Planning Options Masterclass](#)
- [The 4 key enablers to improving practice productivity](#)
- [Government consultation on changes to the criminal legal aid means test](#)
- [Government consultation on changes to the civil legal aid means test](#)

Guides

- AML - [Do we need to appoint an MLCO if we have an MLRO?](#)
- AML - [Impacts of economic instability on money laundering risk](#)
- Private client - [Financial abuse](#)

Tools

- [Price and service transparency - how you can comply](#)

Information Hubs

- [Business management](#)
- [Regulation](#)
- [Property](#)
- [Private Client](#)
- [Small Firms](#)
- [Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [SQE](#)

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