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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Neil White



I write this column a matter of days prior to the Society's Annual Lunch, undoubtedly the landmark in any Presidential year and the first Annual Lunch we have been able to run since 2020. Notwithstanding the ongoing spectre of COVID-19 which continues to haunt large scale events, I am delighted to report that over 320 people are booked to attend at the Pavilion Ballroom on 9th February and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members and their respective firms who have shown such strong support for this event. I am sure our guest speaker, Gyles Brandreth, will not disappoint!

Since my last report, I have been fortunate to attend the BJLD Christmas Ball, which took place at the Hermitage Hotel on 3rd December, an event which the Society are pleased to have sponsored; the evening was well attended, was a fitting way to start the Christmas season and an enjoyable time was had by all! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alex Crabbe and his Committee for their kind invite.



Florence Newton, Neil White and Conor Maher

I also extended an invite to Society members to partake of Christmas drinks at the Alpine Bar in Bournemouth Square on 10th December, the outside setting having been chosen to allay the concerns of attendees as the shadow of Omicron threatened our Christmas festivities. Against the background of Christmas Tree Wonderland, a merry and bright time was had and I would like to thank all of those who came along for their kind support.



Carol Maunder, Alex Crabbe, John Dowty, Mandy Heath, Mark Kiteley, Theresa Mills, Julian Heath

Moving into the new year, the Society's events continued with a Fine Dining Evening at the Escoffier Restaurant at Bournemouth & Poole Catering College. Although the Society

has traditionally held the Medico Legal dinner there, it was the first time I had been to Escoffier and I would heartily recommend it and look forward to dining there again if my successor, Emma Hamilton Cole, repeats the event there next year! The quality of the catering was first class and the students gave us great service. Over 40 people attended and we all had a great time!

On 27th January, I was pleased to represent the Society at the Southern Area Association of Law Societies (SAALS) with our Senior Vice President, Emma Hamilton Cole, and our Council Member, Peter Watson-Lee, at Esseborne Manor just outside Andover. The last SAALS meeting I attended was virtual last July, so it was a pleasure to finally meet with people I have only encountered previously as thumbnail images on a computer screen! The meeting was most productive and main topic of conversation was the SRA Consultation on the post six year runoff issues arising from the proposed closure of the Solicitors Indemnity Fund. We were encouraged, both as a Society collectively and members of the national Law Society individually, to make representations in the Consultation and I can confirm that Mark Kiteley is charged with making the BDLS submission. The reports by those who represented other local Law Societies at the meeting highlighted not only the severely detrimental effect that the pandemic has had on the health and finances of other Southern Law Societies, some of which appear to be near extinction but also how lucky we are in the BDLS to have such a supportive and engaged membership of which we should be justly proud.

So far as forthcoming engagements are concerned, not only do we have the Annual Lunch to look forward to but we also have our Annual Dinner at the Highcliff Marriot on 8th April, when our guest speaker will be His Honour Justice Christopher Simmonds. I encourage you to book early, as tickets are already selling fast. We are also having a "live", as opposed to virtual, wine tasting at the Marsham Court Hotel on 12th May with wine expert Gemma Withenshaw and I will be representing the Society at the Isle of Wight Law Society Dinner and at the next SAALS meeting in Yarmouth in early July, just before handing over to Emma at the AGM later that month. I am also in conversation with Sian Smith on the subject of a Spring European Conference, likely to be held in the UK; hopefully, a flyer will follow shortly, so watch this space!

Finally, I would like to thank Mandy and Julie in the BDLS office for their hard work and unstinting support; their organisational skills in arranging the Annual Lunch and Dinner in addition to their other duties in arranging our excellent and well attended lecture course and conference programme are much appreciated by the membership and by the Committee and me. Ordinarily, this would be my final column as your President but due to the later AGM this year, you will be hearing from me again in the Summer edition of Bournemouth & District Lawyer. All the best,

Your President.

Neil White BDLS President



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BDLS DIARY 2022

2022	8 April	Annual Dinner at the Highcliff Hotel, Bournemouth
	12 May	Wine Tasting Evening at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth

Further information, including flyers, for forthcoming events can be found on the BDLS website: www.bournemouthlaw.com/events You can also make bookings online and then would need to send payment by BACS or cheque.

All forms and lecture booking forms will be emailed to you. If you prefer, you can print the form and return your booking by post.



Local News

BDLS COMMITTEE DINNER AT THE CAPTAINS CLUB HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH

Neil White hosted the above evening on 26 November and welcomed past and present committee members, Past Presidents and sub-committee chairs, together with their partners. It was an excellent turnout and the Captains Club excelled themselves with their service and food.

If you would like to join the BDLS Committee, we are looking for new recruits to join from July onwards.
Please contact the BDLS Office office@bournemouthlaw.com



Anne Watson-Lee and Mark Proctor



Terry Keats (BDLS Past President 1988-89) with Jenny Keats



Sian Smith, Nigel Smith (BDLS Past President 2017-18) and Ed Holmes (BDLS Past President 2018-19)



Gary Cox (BDLS Past President 1998-99) with Katie Cox

FINE DINING EVENING AT THE ESCOFFIER RESTAURANT AT BOURNEMOUTH & POOLE COLLEGE

BDLS members enjoyed a fabulous 5 course meal prepared by the catering students at the Escoffier Restaurant on 13 January 2022. As always, the service, food and presentation were first-class. It was lovely to enjoy a BDLS social event in person rather than on Zoom!



Neil White (BDLS President) with Mark Proctor



Alison Marrow, Gary and Julie Pick



Conor Maher, Florence Newton and Alex Crabbe



Julie James, Richard Llewellyn and Stephen Bowden



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ANNUAL LUNCH

ON 9 FEBRUARY AT THE PAVILION, BOURNEMOUTH



Andy Sommerville, Gyles Brandreth and Wilfred Gomez

Despite covid times, it was yet another fabulous lunch with an impressive turnout of 323 members and their guests attending The Pavilion, Bournemouth on 9 February.

BDLS President, Neil White, welcomed the top table guests including speaker, Gyles Brandreth, Presidents of local professional organisations and sponsors for the event - Paragon, ITEC, PKF Francis Clark, Finders, Search Acumen, Barclays and Fox Tailoring. A huge thank you to them for supporting this event.

BDLS President, Neil White, firstly, thanked all those members and their respective firms and guests who have shown such strong support for this event, despite the ongoing spectre of Covid-19. He went on to say that he felt BDLS was a rather special Society and a community of which we should be justly proud as a membership. Indeed, membership has grown in recent years and there cannot be many Societies at present that can boast that! As lawyers and as firms, we cannot exist in discrete

bubbles and the Society enables us to achieve things collectively that we cannot as individuals and firms achieve alone, whether that be contributing to and influencing the debate at national level with the Law Society or with our Regulator, the SRA on issues of the day or more locally, to have a positive impact on the wellbeing of our members and on matters of diversity and inclusion.

Turning to the guest speaker, Gyles Brandreth, Neil informed us of Gyles' family connection to the local legal community. More particularly, his grandfather was a Solicitor in Bournemouth before the second world war at a firm at one time known as "Dickinson, Manser, Brandreth and Yeatman", now part of Trethowans, and was also a member of our Society. Indeed, one of former BDLS President's, Lewis Parkin's, father started work at that firm as clerk to Benjamin Brandreth. In his recollections of his early life, Lewis' father stated in his memoirs:

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ANNUAL LUNCH ... CONTINUED

There was an advert in the Daily Echo for a Junior Clerk for Dickinson Yeatman & Manser, Solicitors of 113 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, up near the Horseshoe Common. I was called for an interview. What a shock! The offices were positively Dickensian. A dark, dirty, back office where sat the Managing Clerk, and another clerk, whose place I ultimately took. The only lighting was gas! I was shown through a baize covered door into the front room or office where I was interviewed by Mr. Benjamin Brandreth, one of the partners. In the event, I was offered the job and, in spite of the surroundings, I took it as I was desperate to make some progress, and I was told that the firm would be moving in a year or two's time.

Members will be pleased to know that Trethowans now finally have the benefit of electric lighting!



Rebecca Suthers, Nicola Hall, Asya Panchalieva, Lauren Harley, Connor Maher, Katy Sewell, Theresa Mills and Ian Butterworth



Phil Ford, Lauren Cooney, Michael Jukes and John Parrett



Suzanne Kadziola, Jessica Percival-Riley and Lucy Filer



Julian Heath and Helen Phillips



Fiona Knight, Emma Hamilton Cole and Carol Maunder



Neil Scott and Laura Neerunjun



Emma Marshall, Marie Redman, Melanie Gwilliam, Mike Crowe, Kerry Richardson, Danielle Harvey, Arthur Scaife and Stuart Wills



Gary and Katie Cox with Eric and Christine Baehr

Gyles Brandreth is well-known for a variety of roles - a writer, broadcaster, a former MP and for his appearances on *Celebrity Gogglebox* and *I'm Sorry I haven't a Clue* as well as his career highlight as having been guest speaker at a BDLs Annual Lunch 21 years ago -3 to name but a few.

He engaged the audience with stories around his time as an MP and what he termed the "geriatric" engagements like speaking at the Funeral Director of the Year award and being the voiceover for Tena incontinence pads! He rather amusingly reminisced on the time he was fortunate enough to accompany the Duke of Edinburgh and The Queen in the Royal Box at the Royal Variety Performance. The grand finale was "The Full Monty" and, despite the efforts of the venue, that is exactly what the Queen witnessed! The Duke of Edinburgh rather wittily quipped "Oh, that's OK, she's seen it all before ... she's been to Papa New Guinea you know!"

Gyles' legacy to us all are his formula for happiness. The 7 steps are:

1. Cultivate a passion
2. Be a leaf on a tree: belonging in a community
3. Break the mirror: don't obsess about yourself; be interested in other people
4. Don't resist change: don't fight it
5. Audit your happiness: increase the number of things that make you happy and reduce those that don't
6. Live in the moment
7. Be happy!

(Gyles' book *The 7 Secrets of Happiness* can be found at <https://www.amazon.co.uk/7-Secrets-Happiness-Gyles-Brandreth/dp/1780722044> or his local bookshop can supply a personally signed copy if you contact them at books@barnesbookshop.com)

He spent time during lunch signing his books and meeting the guests which very well received. Gyles recognised the essence of Bournemouth & District Law Society, that is, the camaraderie of members, and the bond they all have.

Our thanks, once again, to The Pavilion for their excellent organisation, food and service.



Sally Sharma, Julie Reeves, Pauline Ellis, John Crichton, Adam Reeves, Sue Sampson, Nuala Crichton, Dave Reeves, Shirley Boyes, Chris Reeves, Anthony Reeves, Simona Reeves and Leah Reeves



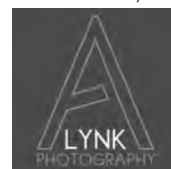
Wayne Spolander, Caroline Palacio, Maria Evans and Kate Brooks

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We are already working on the booking for the Annual Lunch 2023 and details will be announced as soon as possible!

Mandy Heath
BDLS Office Manager

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Here are a couple of basic examples:

- **Acting for parents selling a property**
 - they wish for proceeds to be given to their adult child for a property purchase (you are acting);
 - you transfer funds to the 'purchase' matter;
 - that's banking facilities;
 - you should return the funds to the parent – a ledger transfer would not be properly connected to the underlying legal transaction of the parent.

The transfer (payment) of funds is not properly related to the legal services provided by you to the parents. Client convenience is not a legitimate reason under the Rules.

- **Diversion of residual funds to a connected business**
 - client requests, for convenience, residual funds on a personal matter be transferred to a matter of a company he is sole director of;
 - note that these are not the 'same' client under the rules;
 - as above - banking facilities.

How easily you can fall foul of rule 3.3!

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BDLS ANNUAL DINNER 2022 HIGHCLIFF HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH

Friday 8 April



It is now three years since we last were able to hold our Annual Dinner in 2019! It has been so sad to miss this function from our calendar of events especially as the 2020 Dinner was just a few weeks away from being held when it had to be cancelled.

We are back at the Highcliff Hotel in Bournemouth for Neil White, our President's dinner. This is a venue that we have often used for this event and the suite of rooms works very well for the function. Neil has chosen a good selection of dishes for guests to select. The ticket price will, as previously, be £42, to include a pre-dinner drink, a bottle of red and white on each table and a glass of champagne for the toasts at the end of the meal.

During the meal we will be entertained by a magician who one of our sponsors, Index, have organised for us and then, once the meal has finished, our President and HHJ Christopher Simmonds will entertain with their speeches.

This event is open as always to Solicitors, CILEX members, Notaries, Trainee Solicitors, Barristers and Judges. The flyer is available on the BDLS website <https://www.bournemouthlaw.com/Events.html> and will be sent out to members with the email version of this Magazine.

Do come along and support this event which is always very successful and good fun.

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Thursday 12 May



During the last couple of years virtual wine/gin tastings seemed to be popular, but now we are able to offer the ultimate - a Live Wine Tasting event!

This will be held on the 12 May 2022 at the Marsham Court Hotel when we will explore 6 Wines of the World - Lesser-known Grape Varieties and Regions. The evening will include a cheese board. We have engaged a new wine expert - **GEMMA WITHERSHAW** who will share her knowledge, passion and enthusiasm for wine with us. The price per person for the evening will be £18.50 to include the above plus a welcome drink.

Our JLD has joined with us on this event and we look forward to seeing members and guest on the night.

This event is sponsored by PARAGON



JUNIOR LAWYERS DIVISION



As our new committee moves from strength to strength, we are delighted that we have been able to continue to host in-person events for our members. With the new year come more opportunities to work in tandem with local organisations and groups, and we are excited to share our plans.

News

After an (understandable) 2-year fallow period, we were able to have our Annual Ball on 3 December 2021. We had a delightful night at the Hermitage Hotel who were excellent hosts. Our guests enjoyed live music played by the Pocket Rockers and a 3-course meal.



Florence Newton, Rob Leonard (3PB) and Conor Maher

Our thanks go to our kind sponsors Bournemouth and District Law Society and 3PB Barristers, without whose support the event would not have been possible. Special thanks also to Sophie Rice of Steele Raymond on our committee, arch-organiser of the event.

We can also confirm our chosen charitable partners for 2022, MYTIME Young Carers. MYTIME are a locally based charity whose mission is to support young carers and young adult carers, offering them opportunities, friendship, and empowerment to allow them to reach their potential. Throughout the year, we will support MYTIME both directly through fundraising but also through awareness, using our publicity to further their cause. You can find out more about the charity's work at www.mytimeyoungcarers.org/what-we-do and we are excited to work with a new local charity with such an admirable goal.

Upcoming Events

In March, we will be encouraging members to join us to dip into the water of networking - a skill which may well have suffered somewhat over the past two years. Keep an eye on our social media and website for more information about this event, which we plan to be free.

Finally, we can reveal that we are making plans for another ball already - and we will not be waiting until winter!

If you have any questions about the JLD, or any suggestions, please contact me on alex.crabbe@rawlinsdavy.com

Alex Crabbe
President for BDJLD 2020-21
<https://www.bdjld.co.uk/>



BDLS LECTURE PROGRAMME 2022

Face to Face Lectures

Live Webinars

30 March	14.00 – 17.15	Good Practice and Avoiding Litigation in relation to wills and trusts Lesley King - Carlton Hotel
7 April	14.00 – 17.15	SDLT Foundations Paul Clark - Carlton Hotel
26 April	11.00 – 12.45	LIVE TIME WEBINAR - 10 New Worrying Civil Procedure Cases Helen Swaffield - Zoom
27 April	14.00 – 17.15	Commercial Conveyancing Update Richard Snape - Carlton Hotel
3 May	10.00 – 13.15	CQS for Support Staff Tracy Thompson - Village Hotel
11 May	13.30 – 17.15	Elderly Client Update Caroline Bielanska - Carlton Hotel
7 June	11.00 – 12.00	LIVE TIME WEBINAR Key Issues Affecting Easements: The Characteristics of an Easement Richard Snape - Zoom
14 June	11.00 – 12.00	LIVE TIME WEBINAR - Corporate Update Chris Beanland - Zoom
6 July	11.00 – 13.15	LIVE TIME WEBINAR - Civil Litigation – Present and Future Andrew McLoughlin - Zoom
7 November	9.30 – 16.00	The Complete Family Law Introduction Safda Mahmood - Village Hotel
22 November	14.00 – 17.15	Contract and Commercial Update Chris Beanland - TBC

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Please be aware that with online bookings, payment should be received at the office **before** the lecture takes place. Occasionally the level of bookings only just makes it possible to run a lecture and we therefore do need to be reassured that everyone will attend and pay.

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When a firm books 5 places on one course, we are able to offer a 6th place free of charge.



SUMMARY OF UPCOMING LECTURES

Wednesday
30 March
14.00 - 17.15

Topic:	GOOD PRACTICE AND AVOIDING LITIGATION IN RELATION TO WILLS AND TRUST
Lecturer:	Lesley King
Cost:	£95 Member and Associate Members of BDLS/Trainee Solicitors - £145 Non BDLS Members

Even if not facing a negligence claim, it is stressful and expensive to be involved in litigation over contested wills. This session looks at internal office processes and procedures that can help avoid errors. It will also look at some common problems in relation to planning and drafting wills and administering estates and trusts. It will consider:

Processes and Procedures:

- Arranging the initial interview
- Use of questionnaires
- Attendance notes
- Confirming instructions
- Avoiding misunderstandings
- Medical reports
- Checking the will
- Execution of the will
- Larke v Nugus precautions
- Review of precedents

Planning and drafting:

- Flexible life interest trusts
- Property possibly qualifying for relief
- Potential I(PFD)A claims

Administration of estates:

- Loss on sale relief
- Post-death variations

Managing trusts:

- Self dealing
- Fraud on a power
- Public Trustee v Cooper applications
- Appointment and removal of trustees

Wednesday
12 June
14:00 - 17:15

Topic:	SDLT FOUNDATIONS
Lecturer:	Paul Clark
Cost:	£95 Member and Associate Members of BDLS/Trainee Solicitors - £145 Non BDLS Members

Stamp Duty Land Tax came into force on 1 December 2003 and has been evolving ever since. Many of you will have started your careers in the past 18 years and may value a comprehensive review of how the tax works. Indeed, such a review can help us all to apply the tax more accurately, since it often turns on integrating tax and property law.

Topic to be covered will include:

- A tax on land transactions
- Contract and conveyance
- Linked transactions
- Connection for tax purposes
- Options
- Exchanges and partition
- Exempt transactions
- Reliefs
- Land transactions returns
- Chargeable consideration
- Rates of tax
- Lease basics
- Compliance

WEBINAR
Tuesday
26 April
11.00 - 12.45

Topic:	10 NEW WORRYING CIVIL PROCEDURE CASES
Lecturer:	Helen Swaffield
Cost:	£55 Member and Associate Members of BDLS/Trainee Solicitors - £80 Non BDLS Members

This course is for busy litigators who just need the point, the best practice and to avoid making the same mistake. It will cover:

- CPR changes
- Disclosure
- Part 36/Calderbanks
- Issue-based/proportionate costs orders
- Mediation/settlement agreements and privilege
- Experts gone wrong
- Rejected witness statements
- Service faults
- Setting aside judgments, summary judgment and security for costs

NEW BDLS WEBSITE



Bournemouth & District
Law Society



We are delighted to announce our new style website
www.bournemouthlaw.com

Not only does it look modern and is easy to navigate but it also has the added advantage of being mobile/ipad compatible. We will be adding in online payments shortly so watch this space!

Thanks to Intergage, our website designers, for producing this for us.





BDLS MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES 2022

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Thank you to those members who have renewed their subscriptions for this year. Just to remind you that this was due in January for the period 1.1.22 - 31.12.22

Please arrange for payment to be made, either by (1) using the form sent to members with the email version of this Magazine including your firm's list of paying members or (2) complete the online form <https://www.bournemouthlaw.com/annualsubscription.html> and follow that up with payment.

We would happily provide you with an up-to-date list of current paying members within your firm on request.

IN MEMORIAM - RICHARD VERE CLARK

Richard Vere Clark sadly passed away at home on 27th December rather fittingly (so I am told by his daughter, Emma) with a glass of wine and box of chocolates nearby!

Richard will be remembered by many BDLS members as a great character with a fantastic sense of humour. He followed his father, Cyril, into the law. Cyril was himself a formidable lawyer and larger than life character but somehow Richard managed to fill his shoes.

Many of us will have fond memories of Richard appearing in the local Magistrates Courts. He combined charm with quick wittedness and humour to make him a superb advocate and much respected and well liked by his peers, his opponents, his clients and the Court; a very rare quality indeed.

Richard practised for many years as Cyril Clark & Son before selling his firm to Ellis Jones where he practised as a consultant. Unburdened by the pressure and drudgery of the paperwork of running a private practice, he enjoyed his years at Ellis Jones where he was able to return to what he enjoyed best; appearing in Court. All of us at Ellis Jones will remember his "Basil Brush" like laugh which filled the building whenever he was around and he always managed to lift the office spirit with his sense of humour and fun (and that laugh!).

As I said at the beginning, he was a great character who will be hugely missed by everyone who knew him.

Our thoughts are with Emma and we send our condolences to her and the rest of Richard's family and friends.

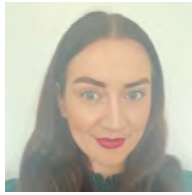
Nigel Smith
Managing Partner, Ellis Jones

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW TRAINEE SOLICITORS

We are delighted to welcome the following new trainees who have joined local firms since August 2021



Tiff Elmer
- Lacey's



Laura Hankins
- Lacey's



Scott Harrison
- Humphries Kirk



Becky Hughes
- Coles Miller



Tara Jones
- Frettons



Amy Lundie
- Lester Aldridge



Lauren Newman
- Jacobs & Reeves



John Olatunji
- Ellis Jones



Sophie Rice
- Steele Raymond



Bella Rolph
- Steele Raymond



Rebecca Shaw -
Jacobs & Reeves



William Stannard -
Coles Miller



Ellie Stanton -
Trethowans



Richard Thomas -
Trethowans



Laurn Thurlow
- Preston Redman



Finola Whelan
- Lester Aldridge



Konnie Willett
- Lacey's

We wish them all the best during their training contracts.

If you are a new trainee who is not included in this list, please get in touch: office@bournemouthlaw.com

Also:

Joanne Archer
Kathryn Battey
Sophia Haine
Robin James
Charlotte Jasicki
Elliot Leadbeater
Stephanie Norian
Kirsty Oak
Sophia Rice
Danya Rodrigues
Clementine Saulnier
Scott Smid
Lauren Thorneycroft
Rosalind Waite
Helen Whitaker

Humphries Kirk
Coles Miller
Coles Miller
Steele Raymond
Lester Aldridge
Lester Aldridge
Woodstock Legal Services
Kiteleys Solicitors
Steele Raymond
Ellis Jones
Ellis Jones
Lester Aldridge
Scott Walby
Lester Aldridge
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MANDY HEATH 20 YEAR AT BDLS

Mandy's 20 year service as Office Manager with BDLS was recognised at the BDLS Committee Dinner at the Captains Club in November. She was presented with a watch to commemorate the occasion. Congratulations Mandy!



Neil White, BDLS President
with Mandy Heath

JULIE REEVES RETIREMENT

After an incredible 33 years with the Society, Julie has now decided to retire from her position as Office Manager at BDLS. She will be leaving in July so there is plenty of time for members to see her before she leaves!

BDLS will be looking for a part-time Administrator to start at the end of June. Please see Situations Vacant at the end of this Magazine for further details.

THE COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Peter Watson-Lee



Closure of SIF

The SRA's intention to close the SIF arrangement that provides free, post six-year insurance for sole practitioners (and those with no succession practices) continues to be a major issue. By the time you read this, the SRA consultation will have ended and we will be waiting to see if there is any likelihood that they will change their mind and allow it to continue. Financial contributions from the profession would be needed if it were to continue.

The Law Society remains firm in its stance that the arrangement should be maintained. If it does not, then sole practitioners who have retired more than six years ago will find themselves uninsured for historic claims, as there are no commercial insurers willing to take on the risk. The Law Society itself no longer has the legal power to run indemnity insurance, so there is no obvious Plan B if the fund does close.

New Interim C.E.O.

A new Interim C.E.O., Gerry Walsh, has been appointed. He is not a Solicitor but has wide experience - including running the procurement for the London Olympics. Given the tasks that need to be tackled, he was thought a useful fit for the interim. The hunt for a new permanent C.E.O. is starting.....

Budget Drama

Somewhat extraordinarily, the predicted great budget deficit that I mentioned in my last article, on final figures, turned into a comfortable surplus. There are red faces all around and a determination that the Society's budgeting processes should improve dramatically!

Chair of Membership and Communications Committee

Wow! As I write this, I have just been elected as Chair of the Membership and Communications Committee (which we amusingly call the MCC). No longer can I write and complain about how the Law Society fails to engage with its members, as I now have the job of making sure that it does! In fairness there are a whole series of projects underway, among other things, to:

- Improve our emails and communications strategy to make it more relevant
- Replace the Society's Excellence Awards which reached only a small proportion of the profession
- Review and improve the operating of the various communities and divisions the Society has (Women's Division, In House Division etc)
- Improve the links with and reach of the Junior Lawyers' Division
- Continue the work on improving engagements with the local Law Societies.

Plans and Visions

We are also in the process of deciding out our vision and plan for the Society's work over the next three years as we lead up to the Law Society's 200 year anniversary in 2025. What should our vision for the Society and Profession be? What is our aim and purpose? With 90 Council members debating the subject, we have 90 different views, but the debate promises to be interesting.

Peter Watson-Lee

Law Society Council Member for Dorset



BDLS MENTAL FIRST AID TEAM

The following at BDLS are available to talk through any worries you may have.
All information will be treated confidentially and without judgement.

BDLS is hoping to run a further Mental Health First Aid Certificate course in Spring 2022.
Please email mandy@bournemouthlaw.com to express an interest in this.

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Firms' News



SEVEN NEW TEAM MEMBERS JOIN FRETTERS

Fretters have recently recruited seven new members of staff - three based in Ringwood and four in Christchurch.



Richard Ramshaw

Richard Ramshaw has joined their Commercial Property Team in Ringwood. He has experience in dealing with a wide range of property transactions, for various different clients.



Hem Gujadhur

Hem Gujadhur has joined the Corporate & Commercial team in Christchurch, working as a paralegal alongside Karen Edwards and Sarah Sillar.



Jason Hayter

Jason Hayter works in the Dispute Resolution Team alongside Anna Curtis and Will Bartley, assisting with an array of civil and commercial litigation matters.



Yvette Whyte

Yvette Whyte has joined the dispute team in Christchurch as a PA to support the expanding team and workload. With over 20 years experience in secretarial/admin work, she will be a valuable addition to the team and has settled in very well.

The second office in Ringwood was opened in early 2021 and the numbers based there have grown significantly already. Two of the new faces will be supporting operations there are:



Kelly Mead

Kelly Mead is an experienced Administrator whose time will be split between covering the reception in Ringwood and working as a PA for the firm.



Lilly Hayward

Lilly Hayward will work closely with the growing conveyancing team in Ringwood, providing administrative support to the teams based there.



Olivia Gilbert

Olivia Gilbert is an Office Junior/Administrator, who was welcomed in late September.

KAREN EDWARDS - PROMOTION

Karen Edwards, Head of Fretters' Corporate and Commercial Team, has been promoted to Partner.

Karen joined the firm in 2008 as a legal secretary. She commenced a training contract in July 2009 and went on to qualify into the Corporate & Commercial Team. She was promoted to Associate in 2016 and to Head of Team last year.

Karen also heads up the firm's trainee programme alongside Ben Cobb and has been recognised as a 'Rising Star' in The Legal 500, the independent guide to law firms for the last few years.



Karen Edwards



NEW MANAGING PARTNER - JENNIFER ROGERSON

The Partners of Steele Raymond LLP have elected Jennifer Rogerson to the role of Managing Partner. Tim Stone continues in his current role as the firm's Chairman. Nick Davies continues in his position on the firm's Board and Chris Twaits is resuming his position. Jennifer's election to managing partner comes after six years with the firm, the previous four of which she has been a key member of the firm's management board. Jennifer takes over the Managing Partner role from Peter Rolph who has held the position for over 10 years. Commercial litigation and construction specialist Peter will continue to head up the Dispute Resolution Team.



Jennifer Rogerson

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM: NEW PARTNER - CHRISTINE KESSLER-ROBINSON



Christine Kessler-Robinson

Steele Raymond LLP's Residential Development Team is delighted to announce the appointment of highly experienced residential development solicitor Christine Kessler-Robinson. Christine joins Steele Raymond as a partner from a top 50 firm having worked for law firms both in London and on the South Coast. Throughout her 22-year career, Christine has developed a strong reputation in the development and education sectors as well as for her work with promoters, high profile landowners and higher education institutions. She has also worked on numerous refinancing projects and key accounts for major lenders in respect of development sites, which has allowed her to develop a broad and well-rounded understanding of the development sector.

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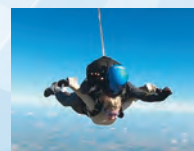
Kimberley Davies and James Braund

NEW OFFICE IN POOLE

Trethowans have recently opened their new office at Merchants House (the old Animal building), Vanguard Road, Poole. This is headed up jointly by Kimberley Davies, partner in the Family team and James Braund, partner in Personal Injury.



Congratulations to Hayley Stack in Trethowans Wills, Trusts & Probate team in Poole who has passed her final CILEx exam - Probate Practice, with Distinction (95%)! Hayley comments "Working full time whilst studying for the CILEx qualification is a difficult feat and life has definitely done its best to throw everything it can at me during my studies. However, I am thrilled to have finished on a high and I am so grateful to everyone who has supported me on my journey, especially my colleagues at Trethowans who have been so encouraging and helpful over the years." Hayley is also the current Chair of the Bournemouth and District CILEx Branch.



Katie Harris, legal secretary from Trethowans' Bournemouth office, has raised £450 for local children's hospice, Julia's House, after completing a skydive from 10,000ft.

Katie took to the skies to complete the hair-raising challenge in a bid to raise money for the hospice, which provides care and support for children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions across Dorset and Wiltshire.



BOURNEMOUTH & DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY (BDLS) - ADMINISTRATOR



Bournemouth & District
Law Society

BDLS are looking for a part-time Administrator for 13 hours a week to commence at the end of June. The position will be based around a core of 3 mornings a week with the ability to be flexible in order to attend training and functions. The role will be working with the Office Manager and include:

- General office duties including accounts work; dealing with the general public and members' queries; managing the database.
- Organising, processing and running training and social events -both face to face and virtually.
- Organising BDLS Committee Meetings.
- Collating the BDLS "Bournemouth Lawyer" Magazine.

The applicant should be a good communicator and have knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Experience of organising functions would be an advantage. Preferably a car owner - mileage will be paid.

Please apply with covering email and CV to **office@bournemouthlaw.com**

If you would like an informal chat about the role, please contact the BDLS Office on 01202 587551 or email **office@bournemouthlaw.com** and we will call you back at a convenient time.

No Agencies please

PROPERTY LAWYER

Jacobs & Reeves are looking for a full-time property lawyer with experience in Residential conveyancing to join our successful team based in our Poole office. Our team has a full range of experience and expertise in both residential property and commercial property matters.



The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 4 years' experience and will have gained knowledge in all aspects of residential property. Knowledge of all types of freehold and leasehold sales and purchases, lease extensions, shared ownership, new-build properties, help to buy equity funding, re-mortgages and declaration of trusts is essential to this role.

- Pro-active with good interpersonal skills and an ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing;
- Inspiring and motivational to others;
- Has a high level of attention to detail;
- Has good organisational skills;
- Has excellent client care skills;
- Is a keen team member; with the ability to accept responsibility and work on their own initiative

Salary is commensurate with experience. We offer:-

- A good remuneration package
- Free on site parking
- Contributory Pension Scheme
- Generous holiday allowance - including accrual of extra days for length of service.

Please forward your CV to Janice Singleton at Jacobs & Reeves, 153 High Street, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1AU
email:- **jsingleton@jacobsreeves.co.uk**





SITUATIONS VACANT

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY SOLICITOR

LACEYS SOLICITORS

We are looking for an experienced Commercial Property Solicitor to join our well-established Legal 500 team. The team manage a wide client base including property developers, owners and investors - providing an exciting opportunity for the right person to advise on all aspects of commercial property matters.

The ideal candidate will have 5 years PQE in commercial property. You will also be personable and have the self-motivation for business development and networking.

FAMILY LAWYERS x 2

An exciting time to join a Legal 500 firm and join our well established Family team.

FAMILY LAWYER (GENERALIST)

Are you a Resolution member? If you're as committed as we are to resolving matters constructively and with minimal conflict, this is a fantastic opportunity to join the team at a senior level.

We're looking for a lawyer who is consistently sound in their approach and has the ability to hit the ground running in a wide variety of private client family work including:

- divorce;
- pre-nuptial and cohabitation agreements;
- private law childcare cases (contact and residence);
- financial remedy proceedings;
- family law injunctions; and
- child abduction (internal and external).

You will have at least 4 years PQE (probably more) and already be working on a range of complex cases, perhaps even at partner level. It will be a distinct advantage if you've developed a great reputation and following locally, have been collaboratively trained and / or are a member of the Law Society's Family Panel.

This is a genuine opportunity for progression within the firm. If this sounds like you, and you are looking to work within an established team where you can provide support and supervision to more junior team members, we look forward to hearing from you.

FAMILY LAWYER (PUBLIC CHILDREN LAW)

Are you accredited under the Law Society's Children Panel?

We're looking for a lawyer with around 4 years PQE to specialise in public children law, as part of a small but growing team. You'll be experienced in this area of work and familiar with all aspects, including Legal Aid. Resolution membership would be a distinct advantage, as would accreditation under the Law Society's Family Panel.

PROPERTY LITIGATION SOLICITOR

This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced Property Litigation Solicitor at a Legal 500 recommended firm for this work

The ideal candidate will have at least 2 years' experience, have undertaken good quality work in this area generally, with a particular emphasis on Landlord & Tenant work, will also be able to assist in the interesting general civil litigation work undertaken the team, have excellent client care skills, and actively engage in business development.

We value enthusiasm and commitment as well as ability and experience.

PRIVATE CLIENT LAWYER

Laceys well-established and trusted Private Client team is recognised in the Legal 500 for our expertise in Personal Tax, Trusts and Probate. We provide clear, sound advice to individual clients and families in relation to a range of complex affairs.

Due to sustained growth in caseload, we are looking for an experienced and qualified Private Client Solicitor or Legal Executive with 5+ years PQE to join the team to handle a caseload of Wills and probate matters to include administration of complex estates, trust creation and administration.

Prior experience supervising junior members of the team is desirable, as is STEP accreditation. Please email your CV in confidence to **Sarah at s.butcher@laceyssolicitors.co.uk**

We offer a competitive salary, contributory pension, generous annual leave, occupational sick pay and an Income Protection Scheme.

Laceys is a Mindful Employer and Lexcel accredited. We have an Employee Assistance Programme and a range of policies focussing on supporting the health and wellbeing of our employees.



COMMERCIAL SOLICITOR / LEGAL EXECUTIVE



An exciting opportunity has arisen at our Wimborne office for a Solicitor or Legal Executive to join our busy Residential Conveyancing department on a full or part time basis. The role has impressive potential to grow the department further with additional opportunities for career development and accreditation.

We are a Lexcel accredited firm who offer flexible working with a competitive package and the added benefit of working alongside a well-regarded team.

The Ideal Candidate will have:

- A minimum of 5 years PQE
- A strong Conveyancing background with the ability to drive cases forward with accuracy and speed
- Good rapport with both clients and colleagues and to be able to work as a valued member of our team
- A willingness to network and engage with local community

The benefits:

- Flexible part time hours - 28 hours each week with the potential to increase, if desired.
- Competitive salary
- Employer Pension contributions
- Attractive entitlement of annual leave
- Office parking provided

Applicants should send their CV with a covering letter to Donna Clarke by email to donna@dibbens.co.uk

FAMILY SOLICITOR / LEGAL EXECUTIVE



We have a fantastic opportunity for a Solicitor/Legal Executive to join our specialist Family Department on a part-time basis with hours to suit. The ideal candidate will need a good range of private Family law knowledge and experience to include all matters relating to divorce, financial remedy and privately funded children work. The role has the opportunity to grow the current case load further; potential for career development and progression within the firm to include the necessary accreditation if desired. Initially working alongside and assisting the Family Partner.

We are a Lexcel accredited firm offering flexibility, a competitive package and the added benefit of working alongside a well-regarded team.

The ideal candidate will have:

- 3+ years PQE
- Recent Family law experience to include all aspects of privately funded cases.
- Good rapport with both clients and colleagues and be able to work as a valued member of our team
- A willingness to network and engage with the local community

The benefits include flexible part time hours – 28 hours each week with the potential to increase, if desired, a competitive salary, attractive entitlement to annual leave and office parking space provided.

Applicants should send their CV with a covering letter to Donna Clarke by email to donna@dibbens.co.uk





SITUATIONS VACANT

Trethowans is recruiting for a variety of positions across its Bournemouth and Poole offices.

Trethowans was listed in The Times Best Law Firms 2022 and will be relocating to the landmark building, Merchants House in Poole, investing heavily in fitting out the premises to provide an exceptional working environment for its people and clients. Its Bournemouth office expanded its office space in 2020 and continues to grow.

New recruits will bolster the existing workforce, grow the business and help enhance the offering in Dorset and beyond.

If you are an ambitious individual who is looking for a new challenge, please get in touch today.

Find out more: trethowans.com/vacancies

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Residential Property - Associate/Senior Associate / Partner - Bournemouth / Poole

We are looking for an experienced residential property lawyer to join our Bournemouth or Poole office.

The ideal candidate will have gained experience in all conveyancing aspects and will have sound technical and procedural knowledge, excellent organisational skills and be able to work with minimal supervision. Candidates will need to have a dynamic approach to keeping up with the pace that a popular residential conveyancing team demands.

The role will involve responsibility for managing your own caseload of files ranging from sales, purchases, leasehold and unregistered titles, mortgages and transfers of ownership. You will be required to keep estate agents and other contacts and referrers regularly updated, meeting with them, and developing a strong rapport with them.

Property Litigation - Solicitor/Associate - Bournemouth/Poole

We are looking for an experienced property litigation lawyer to join our successful Litigation team based in our Bournemouth or Poole office.

Candidates should have a strong reputation in the area, together with sound technical and procedural knowledge.

The successful candidate should have experience in taking an active role in marketing and business development in order to develop and grow this area of work. Candidates will also need to have strong organisation skills and be dynamic in their approach. The ability to work as part of a team and deliver excellent client service is also essential to this role.

Agriculture & Rural Property - Senior Associate / Partner - Poole

We are looking for an experienced agriculture and rural property lawyer to join our successful team based in our Poole office.

The firm's existing Agriculture and Rural Property team is well established in our Salisbury office. Now there is an exciting opportunity for an experienced lawyer looking for their next challenge to help build this area of work and a team in the Poole office.

Candidates should have experience in all aspects of agricultural law including sale and purchase of farms and other rural property, renewable energy work, agricultural tenancies, equestrian properties, sporting leases and otherwise acting for farms and estates on a range of diverse property issues.

The right candidate will help support the existing team, offering a high-quality client focused service to our extensive client base. The successful candidate should have a following and experience in taking an active role in marketing and business development in order to expand and develop this area of work in the Poole office.

Corporate - Solicitor - Bournemouth/Southampton

We are looking for a Solicitor to join our successful Corporate team based in our Bournemouth office. This role offers the opportunity for immediate exposure to high quality work from day one and provides excellent opportunities for career progression.

The ideal candidate will have 0-2 years' experience in corporate work at either a city or leading regional practice. Candidates should be commercially focussed and pragmatic in their approach. The ability to work as part of a team and deliver excellent client service is also essential.

This is a fantastic role for an ambitious lawyer looking for long-term progression opportunities.

Private Client - Associate/Senior Associate/Partner - Bournemouth/Poole

We are looking for an experienced lawyer to join our busy and successful Private Client team in Bournemouth/Poole.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate excellent knowledge and experience in all areas of private client law including wills, administration of estates and trusts.

The ideal candidate will be required to take an active role in marketing and business development and should be able to demonstrate confidence in generating work. This will be an exciting opportunity for a lawyer looking for their next challenge. The ability to work as part of a team and deliver excellent client service is essential to this role.

If you are looking for a new challenge and you think you have the necessary skills and experience, then please visit trethowans.com/vacancies to apply



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