

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Subscription rates:

	Standard Membership	£95.00
	Associate Membership (Legal Executives, Barristers, Fee Earners, Licensed Conveyancers, Practice Managers, Notaries and anyone authorised under the Legal Services Act)	£70.00
Concessions:		
	Member qualified for less than 5 years	£60.00
	Member employed in a judicial or quasi-judicial position	£53.00
	Fully retired member	£45.00
	Member not in employment	£15.00
	Public Sector member (Local Authority, HMCTS, CPS, Dorset Police)	£0.00
	Honorary Life Member	£ 0.00
	Associate Trainee Solicitor Member/Legal Executive	£ 0.00

Discounts are applicable for Standard and Associate member categories as follows:

- Fewer than 10 members of the BDLS, the membership fees as detailed above are payable
- Between 10 and 15 members of the BDLS a discount of 12.5% (for standard and associate members)
- 16 or more members of the BDLS a discount of 17.5% (for standard and associate members) **with a maximum amount payable of £2500.**

Associate Membership

Associate Membership is open to all legal professionals who are “authorised persons” under the Legal Services Act 2007 and Practice/Training/HR Managers. Associate Members can take advantage of the discounted lecture rates and attend BDLS social events but are not able to attend the AGM, participate in voting or sit on BDLS committees or sub-committees. Further, their specialisation details will not appear on the BDLS website Solicitors Search section.

Public Sector Member

Members will need to be employed by a public body (Local Authority, HMCTS, CPS, Dorset Police, etc.). Membership is free of charge and public sector members will be entered on the BDLS membership database and can attend members only events and training. The only caveat is that for any events and courses attended, public sector members would need to pay the non-member rate. Further, their specialisation details will not appear on the BDLS website Solicitors Search section.

BENEFITS AND ACTIVITIES

Solicitor Search

For Solicitor members, your details will be added to the Solicitor Search section on our website. The public can view by surname, firm name, area and/or specialisation

Lectures

BDLS runs an extensive Lecture Programme. Members receive a discount on all BDLS Lectures, Webinars and Conferences. Please visit <https://www.bournemouthlaw.com/lectures.html> for full details and prices.

Social/Networking Events

The Society holds an Annual Lunch, Annual Dinner, a Fine Dining Evening, Wine Tasting, a Quiz and a President’s social event annually. From time to time, additional events are slotted into the calendar.

Bournemouth Lawyer Magazine

A quarterly Magazine is sent out to members by email. This includes details of forthcoming events, reports on events held, a job section, news about member firms and other interesting articles.

Cricket Team

Members can join the BDLS Lex X1 Cricket Team. For further details and to express an interest, please contact the BDLS Office - email: office@bournemouthlaw.com

Golf Section

The Golf Section holds meetings and arranges matches against other Societies and bodies. If you are interested in joining, please contact BDLS - email: office@bournemouthlaw.com

Sub-Committees

BDLS runs a Litigation & Dispute Resolution, a Property Group, Lectures and Private Client Group Sub-Committees. They meet regularly to monitor developments in these areas of law and inform our membership accordingly. Standard membership enables members to be eligible to sit on the various sub-committees run by the Society and, therefore, to have an input in the running of the local society, and to express views on matters referred to us by the central Society in London

European Conference

Our Society arranges a European Trip each year which has recently been to such places as Reykjavik, Rome, Berlin, New York, Majorca, St. Petersburg, Barcelona, Dublin, Amsterdam, Prague, Venice, Istanbul, Paris, Helsinki, Krakow, Kiev and Copenhagen

Junior Lawyers Division

The Junior Lawyers Division of the Law Society is open to all enrolled students, trainee solicitors, newly qualified solicitors and solicitors in active practice up to five years post qualification. There is no age restriction on membership. The division runs its own events, including lectures. A separate subscription is payable for membership of the local division however membership of the national division is free. Your details will be forwarded to the local division if you indicate that you fulfil their membership criteria and a subscription form will be forwarded to you.

Do not send your subscription for the BDLS with your Application Form. A notice will be sent to you after the election.

Bournemouth and District Law Society

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