

LAW SOCIETY RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT TEAM NORTH UPDATE, OCTOBER 2019

Update below on:

- Relationship Management (RM) Team North Activity
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RM Team North Activity

- **Executive Director of Member Experience meets the Yorkshire Union**

We attended the Yorkshire Union quarterly meeting where Louise Hanson, the Law Society's Executive Director of Member Experience, addressed members from Yorkshire.

- **Local Law Society and Firm Meetings, North**

The Relationship Management Team, North, have been out in the North over the last month meeting with our member firms in the region.

We attended Scarborough Law Society's committee meeting, dialled in to Tees Valley Law Society's meeting earlier this month, and are working with Hull and South Cheshire Law Societies to organise office holder visits to the region in the autumn.

Future Law Society Events in the North

- **In-house Division Seminar, Communicating law to non-lawyers – 16 October in Leeds**

The way in which you communicate with colleagues and internal clients is so important. Even more so for in-house lawyers because the majority of their colleagues, line manager and internal clients may not be lawyers.

For full details of this seminar, and how to book: <https://events.lawsociety.org.uk/ClientsApps/Silverbear.Web.EDMS/public/default.aspx?tabId=37&id=2426&orgId=1&guid=b8cf165f-2db9-46fb-af81-c521f4ea2557>

- **In-house Division Seminar, How to implement a D&I strategy in your legal team – 7 November in Leeds**

Recent press coverage around how the in-house community can drive change has put a spotlight on this topic and we are keen to explore how the Law Society can help. As part of our programme of engagement, the Law Society's Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) team and

our In-house Division will be hosting regional seminars. We wish to bring together in-house lawyers committed to D&I work to discuss practical issues that arise in this area.

For full details, and to book: <https://events.lawsociety.org.uk/ClientApps/Silver-bear.Web.EDMS/public/default.aspx?tabId=37&id=2481&orgId=1&guid=33e953c3-1398-4ffb-9789-9861f9ae10af>

Law Society Policy Update

- **Brexit – Updated No Deal Guidance**

We have updated our guidance on the potential effects on our members in the event of a no-deal Brexit in the following areas:

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/advice/articles/no-deal-brexit-guidance-civil-commercial-cooperation/>

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/advice/articles/no-deal-brexit-consumer-law/>

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/advice/articles/no-deal-brexit-criminal-justice-co-operation/>

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/advice/articles/no-deal-brexit-data-protection/>

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/advice/articles/no-deal-brexit-providing-legal-services-in-eu/>

- **Probate Delays – Update**

Our Policy Team met with HM Courts and Tribunals Service again for an update on the delays to the probate system. They acknowledged the issues raised by the Law Society and apologised for the impact these are having on the profession and their clients. The Law Society will continue to engage with them to improve the probate service.

Our full summary here includes updates on timescale and resourcing, ‘stops’ and communications: <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/news/stories/law-society-seeks-clarity-around-probate-delays/>

- **New SRA Standards and Regulations – Law Society Guidance launched**

A radical overhaul of the regulations that govern solicitors is just weeks away. The Law Society has published two practice notes to help the profession adapt:

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/advice/practice-notes/freelance-solicitors/>

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/advice/practice-notes/solicitors-offering-legal-services-to-public-from-unregulated-entities/>

Other Law Society News

- **Junior Lawyers Division – Committee Vacancies**

Could you take up the challenge of representing your peers in a national and international forum? The Junior Lawyers Division executive and national committees invite students and junior lawyers to stand for election.

The deadline for submission of nominations is 16 October at 12pm, details are here:

https://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/news/junior-lawyers-division-committee-elections-2019-call-for-nominations/6000259.article?utm_source=Concep%20Send&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=LD_newsletter_08%2f22%2f2019

- **Women Lawyers Division - Seeking New Committee Members**

We are looking for new members to join the Women Lawyers Division steering committee.

Find out more and how to apply:

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/practice-management/diversity-inclusion/articles/wld-committee-vacancy-sept-2019/>

- **IHD Feature - Northern Powerhouse, Manchester Regional Focus**

This month, our In-house Division magazine includes a feature on Manchester.

See the full article here:

https://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/september-2019/northern-powerhouse-manchester-regional-focus/6000276.article?utm_source=Concep%20Send&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Inhouse_newsletter_09%2f05%2f2019

- **Article with Colette Best – New Director of AML at the SRA**

With thanks to our Risk and Compliance Service, Sarah Mumford (risk management consultant), caught up with Colette Best, new director of anti-money laundering (AML) at the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA).

You can read the interview here:

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/communities/the-city/articles/aml-matters/>

For more details about the Law Society Risk and Compliance Service see:

<https://communities.lawsociety.org.uk/risk-and-compliance/>

- **Technology, Access to Justice and Rule of Law – Report available**

Technology has the potential to unlock justice for all, according to a new report launched by the Law Society. However, it is by no means a 'silver bullet'. Based on an assessment of 50 initiatives and qualitative interviews with more than 45 stakeholders, the report explores whether technology is the key to unlock the potential of law, justice and rights. It concludes



that, with the right support from government, technology can be the key to unlocking access to justice innovation.

You can view the full report here: <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/research-trends/technology-access-to-justice-rule-of-law-report/>

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