

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

So, that's Midsummer been and gone and Wimbledon is here so we are heading into the Summer holiday season. This month it is only a short piece from me to recap on last month's Society's Summer Masquerade Ball. A big thank you to all of those who attended and made it such a wonderful night. We had over 250 attending from the local legal community which was a brilliant turnout. Also huge thanks to our sponsors for the evening, [1COR](#), [LEAP](#), and [Wellbeing at Work](#).

To access the gallery of photos taken on the night click the link here - <https://nickfordphotography.pixieset.com/sussexlawsociety-1/> and when prompted enter your email and this password **tfiBibtaOO** - Nick Ford Photography have very kindly agreed that 10% of all sales will be given to this year's charity, [The Clock Tower Sanctuary](#) to add to the funds raised on the night.

*Oliver Maxwell-Jones*

## NEWS

- **Lewis Denley** is delighted to announce the recent introduction of a new Private Wealth department. Following a strategic review of business services, the firm have amalgamated their Residential and New Build departments with their existing Private Client team. The merge follows an in-depth review of the ever-evolving customer needs to provide a solution that will better streamline the client services provided. The Private Wealth team will be headed up by Heather Gaffney, one of Lewis Denley's existing partners and heads of department and will be in place from early July. A welcome change to the team and one that will enhance the current legal solutions the firm provides.
- On Friday 21st April, on the worldwide celebration of Earth Day 2023, a team of volunteers from **Renaissance Legal** joined forces with Sussex charity Grace Eyre to transform its allotment space in Hove. On a sunny afternoon, the teams came together to dig, weed, tidy and make the allotment space an area where the charity and those it supports can enjoy and benefit from this year and beyond. Read more [here](#).
- **Westgate Chambers** looks forward to hosting our guests for the forthcoming hybrid Tea Time Training seminar on the 14<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm, the seminar will be on Honour Based Abuse. Invites have gone out and if anyone would like to join us, please contact the clerks on 01273 480510.

## SUSSEX JLD RE-LAUNCH EVENT

It was great to hear that the Sussex JLD re-launch event on 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Walrus in Ship Street, Brighton was a resounding success. There was a fantastic turnout with tickets selling out well before the event and the feedback has been excellent. The new committee are looking at holding a follow up event, probably some time in October, so watch out for news of that.

If you wish to attend upcoming events, please email [sussexjld@gmail.com](mailto:sussexjld@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the mailing list. Please also follow the various Sussex JLD social media channels as listed below:

LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/sussex-junior-lawyers-division-004ab4275](https://www.linkedin.com/in/sussex-junior-lawyers-division-004ab4275)

Twitter: @\_sussexjld

Instagram: @\_sussexjld

## CRAWLEY MAGISTRATES' COURT

It has been brought to our attention that solicitors are no longer allowed to take certain electronic items with them when they visit their clients in custody at Crawley Magistrates' Court. These items include electronic notepads, ipads, mobile phones, apple watches, fitbits and similar. Laptops and paper pads are allowed. This new rule has caused some of our members problems and they have already written to the Court Manager to express their concerns. If you are affected and wish to write you should send your letter to: Sussex Magistrates' Administration Centre, Edward street, Brighton, BN2 0GL

## COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

There has not been a Law Society Council meeting since the last newsletter, so no meeting notes to provide but some news from Chancery Lane.

### Permission for Judicial Review

Some good news for Criminal Practitioners. The High Court has granted the Law Society, with the Criminal Law Solicitors Association and London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association, permission to judicially review the failure of the Government to implement the 15% pay increase recommended by Lord Bellamy in November 2021. The Law Society has urged the Lord Chancellor to see common sense and now give effect to Lord Bellamy's recommendation. Otherwise there will have to be a full Court hearing to decide the issue. The dispute is now over a relatively small amount of money in Governmental terms – yet important to Criminal Defence practitioners. Let's hope the new(ish) and apparently more sensible Lord Chancellor, Alex Chalk, sees sense.

### Economic Crime Bill

The Law Society has been lobbying the Government in relation to the Economic Crime Bill which could have had an onerous regulatory impact on some Solicitors. Lord Bellamy (him again!) has adopted submissions by the Law Society that interpretation of new legislation by the Legal Services Board and SRA should be transparent, accountable, proportionate and consistent Bill of Rights

### The Bill of Rights

The Lord Chancellor and Justice Secretary have announced in the House of Commons that the government will not be proceeding with the Bill of Rights Bill. This is another piece of draft legislation on which The Law Society has done a huge amount of work to explain to Ministers and peers why the draft Bill would not be good law and would have damaged the international reputation of our jurisdiction.

*Andrew Bishop, Law Society Council Member for Sussex*

## AUTUMN QUIZ

The next Sussex Law Society Quiz is being held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October on the Palace Pier Brighton with the usual fish and chip supper so please save the date and if you would like to reserve space for a team (maximum 6 people) please let [Jeanette Lacy Scott](#) know.

### LATEST GUIDANCE ON VACCINATIONS FOR ATTORNEYS AND DEPUTIES

What to do when deciding if someone who lacks capacity should receive a vaccine? – find the latest guidance on vaccinations for attorneys and deputies (updated on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023) [here](#).

### FAMILY JUSTICE QUALITY CIRCLE NEWS

You can find the final version of the local practice note: ‘Getting Back to the Public Law Outline on the South Eastern Circuit’ [here](#) and an accompanying note by HHJ Bedford [here](#)

### SELF-EMPLOYED PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE SUSSEX LAW SOCIETY

Our COO, Jeanette Lacy Scott will be retiring later this year and so we have begun our search for a self-employed consultant (outside IR35) to work part-time. You will be responsible for providing administrative services to the Society’s office holders and General Committee; carrying out day-to-day administrative tasks relating to the functioning of the Society and services to its members including the management of membership subscriptions and associated databases; preparing and distributing the monthly newsletter; organising and attending the Society’s AGM, courses, webinars, social and networking events including the Society’s flagship event, the Annual Ball. The role will also include invoicing and other accounts work related to the preparation of information to help accountants complete their quarterly VAT return; management of the Society’s website using WordPress; liaison with sponsors; interaction with other local law societies and Chancery Lane; answering queries from the public and managing the Society’s social media profiles.

You will be organised, self-motivated, flexible, patient and diplomatic with strong interpersonal skills and be comfortable working with Word and Excel. A knowledge of WordPress, Xero and Mailchimp is preferable but not essential as training can be arranged. You will also have the ability to write and edit copy, a knowledge of the local legal landscape or experience of working in a law firm.

The role is remote and flexible and you would be using your own IT equipment [with access to Zoom and/or MS Teams]. If you would like a copy of the detailed description of services and how to apply, please contact Jeanette Lacy Scott [jls@sussex-law.co.uk](mailto:jls@sussex-law.co.uk)

### CYCLE FROM LONDON TO BRIGHTON FOR THE LONDON LEGAL SUPPORT TRUST

Following on from the huge success of last year, the [London Legal Support Trust](#) are delighted to offer the chance to cycle for justice in 2023 as part of the 55 mile London to Brighton Cycle on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Access to legal advice services should be equally available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and the money raised by our keen cyclists will go a long way to support the free legal advice agencies on the frontline of the cost-of-living crisis. The ride is challenging but achievable, so while you don’t have to be a professional cyclist it would be a good idea to get your wheels out on the road beforehand. The route will be fully signposted, with plenty of water stops and some wonderful scenery. There is no better way to have a ‘wheelie’ good time whilst also supporting the most vulnerable people in society.

The cycle ride begins at Clapham Common South side. After leaving London the route predominantly follows quiet country lanes, before heading towards Ditchling Beacon and a mile-long climb of the South Downs, with the beautiful Brighton Seafront marking the finish line.

There are 25 spots up for grabs and each place has a registration fee of £50. We ask each cyclist to commit to a minimum fundraising target of £200. You can enter the ballot [here](#).

### SUSSEX LAW SOCIETY WEBINARS

19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 – ‘The New Fixed Costs Regime’. 9.30 – 12.30. Professor Dominic Regan is the presenter of this really important live webinar. Details are to follow but you can reserve a place by emailing [Jeanette Lacy Scott](mailto:Jeanette.Lacy.Scott@sussexlaw.org).

### OTHER COURSES/WEBINARS/ARTICLES/RESOURCES

11<sup>th</sup> July, 9am – 2pm - JJ+H are sponsoring a virtual value-based pricing workshop which Sussex Law Society members might be interested in: <https://www.bigyellowpenguin.co.uk/events>. The workshop has been opened up to all sizes of law firm, not just consultant lawyers and sole practitioners. This code gives you a 25% discount: SXLS23

Are you sure that every bit of your website is yours? Be the master (or mistress) of your own domain! An interesting article from Orion Legal Marketing about how to avoid this situation (and what can be done to help if you do find yourself being held hostage) can be found [here](#).

### SUSSEX LAW SOCIETY GOLF SOCIETY

The Sussex Law Society Golf Society is open to anyone with connections with the legal profession, whether you are in practice or retired, whatever your standard of play. There is no joining fee. If you wish to join our Society all you have to do is contact me by email or telephone. Email: [Paul Sagoo rps.sagoo@googlemail.com](mailto:Paul.Sagoo@googlegmail.com)

Paul Sagoo - Secretary, SLSGS

### SITUATIONS VACANT

Listing job vacancies in the Newsletter & putting more detailed vacancies on the [website](#) is **FREE** for Sussex Law Society member firms and individual members and £100 + VAT for other contributors. Contact [Jeanette Lacy Scott](mailto:Jeanette.Lacy.Scott@sussexlaw.org) to place an advert. More details about each vacancy and how to apply can be found by following the highlighted links.

- **Court of Protection Health & Welfare / Mental Capacity Lawyer** - Martin Searle Solicitors are looking for an experienced person to join their Community Care Law team. For a full job description and to apply, please [click here](#).
- **Employment Lawyer, Legal Executive or Case Worker** - Martin Searle Solicitors are looking to recruit an experienced person to join their Employment Law team. For a full job description and to apply, please [click here](#).
- **Employment Solicitor/Legal Adviser** – Mayo Wynne Baxter have an exciting opportunity for an experienced legal adviser (1-3 PQE) to join their busy Employment legal team. The role is based at the Brighton office and at home. For more details and how to apply see [here](#).
- **In-house Locum Legal Adviser, Residential Property** – Mayo Wynne Baxter are looking for someone with around 8+ years PQE. More details and how to apply can be found [here](#).

- **Opportunities at Dean Wilson** - We currently have a range of opportunities for Solicitors/Legal Executives across the full range of 1-7 years PQE to join our leading legal law firm located in Brighton and Hove. See [here](#) for more details.
- **Paralegal, Enfranchisement** – Mayo Wynne Baxter are looking for an accomplished Enfranchisement Paralegal with ambition and drive to join their team. For more details and to apply see [here](#).
- **Private Client Legal Adviser** – An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced legal adviser (1-3 years PQE) to join the busy Private Client department at Mayo Wynne Baxter (based at the Eastbourne office and at home). For more details and how to apply see [here](#).
- To support its ongoing growth, Renaissance Legal has a number of open vacancies. Including; a [1-3 year PQE+ Solicitor or FCILEx](#) and a [Senior Court of Protection Lawyer](#). The firm's dedicated Trust company, Renaissance Trust which launched in 2022, is also looking for an experienced [Trust Manager](#)

## LOCUMS

If you would like to be added to the list of locums published monthly in this Newsletter, please email your details to [Jeanette Lacy Scott](#) . Listing your details here is free of charge for members:

- Margaret Dowdles - commercial/residential property. Happy to discuss how firms can practically work together so she can innovate on pricing and still deliver real value at this challenging time and going forwards -Contact [mgtdles@gmail.com](mailto:mgtdles@gmail.com) 07947-771593. Charges realistic rates.
- Elin Dukes - private client/court of protection - contact: [elindukeslaw@gmail.com](mailto:elindukeslaw@gmail.com) / 07585800258.
- Patrick Richards- Un-Notarised legal translations, office and Court interpreter services offered by fluent French and Italian speaking local Solicitor. Contact [patrichards27@hotmail.com](mailto:patrichards27@hotmail.com) 07715928563.

## LOST & MISSING WILLS

All wills previously held by Howlett Clarke are now safely held with the Right Legal Group, Wyvern Business Park, 16 Stanier Way, Derby, DE21 6BF. Telephone number 01332 424511.

Please contact [Jeanette Lacy Scott](#) if you are looking for a will or if you want to be part of our lost/missing wills scheme (free of charge for members)

## LAW SOCIETY DIVISIONS/NETWORKS

The Law Society has some really useful divisions/networks full of information and resources which are worth exploring. The links are here: [Ethnic Minority Lawyers](#); [In-house Lawyers](#); [Junior Lawyers](#); [Lawyers with Disabilities](#); [LGBT+ Lawyers](#); [Small Firms](#); [Solicitor Judges](#); [Women Lawyers](#)

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If you would like to receive information about courses and events in any of the following areas of law, please sign up to one of the following lists:

[Litigators List](#)

[Private Client Practitioners List](#)

[Property Practitioners List](#)

[Family Practitioners List](#)

[Criminal Law Practitioners List](#)

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