

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the latest edition of the SLS newsletter! I hope everyone had a lovely Spring break and enjoyed the many festivals celebrated at this time of year.

I'm thrilled to announce the overwhelming response we've received for our 'early bird' ticket offer for the Society's Bollywood Ball on Friday, 7th June at the Grand Hotel Brighton. Tickets are flying off the shelves and we're on track for a sell-out event! Don't miss out -secure your tickets now to avoid missing this spectacular evening. For those looking to embrace the Bollywood theme with optional dress, we've curated a selection of inspiring images to spark your creativity—check them out [here](#). This event is open to both members and non-members alike. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit the website [here](#) or contact [Jeanette Lacy Scott](#). Act fast before it's too late!

On a more sombre note, the recent and deeply saddening loss of a partner at Pinsent Masons, resulting from a mental health crisis that tragically ended in her being struck by a train, highlights the urgent need to prioritise the mental well-being of legal professionals. This heartbreaking event serves as a stark reminder of the immense pressures and challenges faced by lawyers, especially those juggling demanding work commitments with family obligations. The detrimental effects of stress and excessive workload are pervasive across the legal industry, extending beyond private practice firms. This issue is both widespread and deeply ingrained within our profession and its high time we take decisive action to address it – let us aim for a legal profession where individuals flourish and prosper. If you are facing mental health challenges, contact [LawCare](#) at 0800 279 6888 for free, confidential support from 9 am to 5 pm on weekdays. [LawCare](#) also offers training and resources to promote healthier legal workplaces.

Finally, as previously promised, the second virtual 'President's Surgery' will take place on Monday, 22nd April 2024, from 6-8pm. Slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. This is your chance to discuss with me any professional issues or concerns you may have that the Society could assist with. To reserve a slot, please [email Jeanette](#) with your details, and we will arrange a Microsoft Teams or Zoom call accordingly.

Wishing you good health and resilience.

*Manjinder Nagra*

## NEWS

- Cognitive Law are delighted to welcome **Caroline Knowles-Ley** to the firm. Caroline is a Consultant Chartered Legal Executive specialising in property related disputes. Based in Bognor Regis Caroline supports clients to achieve a resolution in the most suitable and cost-effective way. We are delighted to have her on board.
- Exciting news from **Warwick Barker LLP** - we're delighted to announce that **Kathryn Thorpe** has joined **Gill Collins** and **Oliver Kenning** to be part of the Warwick Barker LLP partnership team. **David Guy** has joined us as a Consultant Solicitor working in the Conveyancing Team on commercial and residential matters. We said goodbye to **Judith Simmonds** who retired from the business at the end of March - we wish her well in her retirement.
- **Coole Bevis LLP** celebrated the arrival of **Lucy Brouwer** to the Residential Property team in March. Lucy will be based in the Brighton office.

- **Lewis Denley Solicitors** is excited to announce their partnership with **Lantern Legal Solicitors**, an Australian-based law firm specialising in cyber, corporate/commercial and employment law, as part of their 2024 growth strategy. Lantern Legal will rebrand to Lewis Denley Solicitors. This collaboration will provide clients with boutique cross-border legal services and further expand Lewis Denley's offerings in the UK and Australia. Both firms anticipate exciting growth opportunities as they respond to their clients' expanding global needs.
- **Sarah-Jane Riddell** - Senior Associate, collaborative lawyer and mediator at **Family Law Partners** - has been appointed as co-chair, with Catherine Sousa, of Resolution's Collaborative Practice Working Party. She has also authored a training module on mediation in family law cases for the Law Society's new Family Law Microcredential - a new, excellent piece of learning, formed through the experience and skill of various family law practitioners. Find out more [here](#).
- Child Trust Fund Access campaign - An important debate took place in Parliament on Tuesday 19th March in support of the Child Trust Fund Access campaign which **Renaissance Legal** founded in 2016. The Westminster Hall debate considered the thousands of disabled youngsters unable to access savings held in their Child Trust Funds and Junior ISAs. Renaissance Legal has been working with parent Andrew Turner, Contact charity and financial providers including One Family and Foresters Financial, to lobby the government for change. Find out more and watch the action from parliament [here](#).
- **Westgate Chambers** are delighted to welcome **Lauren Winser** and **Martha Walsh** to Chambers as our newest Tenants. Lauren will continue to accept instruction at this stage in Family, Civil and Criminal Law, whilst Martha, who will accept instruction from 9 September, will specialise in Family Law and accept instruction in Public Law Children and Child Arrangements. Chambers would also like to welcome **Joshua Hazelwood**, who joins Chambers as our newest Door Tenant. Joshua accepts instruction in Family Law and specialises in Financial Remedy and Public Law Children.

#### CONVEYANCING FOUNDATION CHARITY LOTTO

This is an interesting charity initiative which has been brought to our attention. The Charity Lotto helps conveyancers, estate agents and others in the property industry to raise thousands for their chosen charities. It's a simple way of fundraising quickly and easily. The brochure which can be found [here](#) sets out in more detail how it works but here are the basics:

1. Choose a Charity - You choose the charity you wish to support and advertise the Charity Lotto to your clients.
2. Donation - Your client chooses to opt-in to the Charity Lotto when they instruct. At the end of the transaction, you add the £10 donation to your invoice and the client enters into the prize draw.
3. Prize Draw - Each month, you send in a completed Client Donation List with all client entrants and their donations from the previous month. Gift Aid is claimed wherever possible, so each eligible donation is increased from £9 to £11.25 for charity.
4. The Winner is Chosen - Each month, a winner is randomly selected to receive £500. The organisers contact the client, pay their prize money and make the donation to your chosen charity on your behalf.
5. How Your Company Benefits - The Charity Lotto is a simple and effective way for you to achieve your corporate social responsibility goals. Being a part of the scheme supports

positive brand image as well as media coverage strategies. It will also help you to attract the right employees and give your chosen charities a great opportunity to say thank you to your company.

Over £1m has been raised so far for Charity and a large portion of these funds have been generated via the Charity Lotto initiative, and the client opt-in rate is extremely high. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

### SUSSEX LAW SOCIETY PRESIDENT NOMINATED FOR AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that our President, Manjinder Nagra, has been shortlisted in the Public Service category in the Asian Women of Achievement Awards 2024. The Awards' shortlist includes a six-time champion gold medallist boxer, a leading suicide prevention researcher, the founder of a pioneering plastic-free menstrual product brand, a multi-award winning abstract artist, and a trauma therapist and author who supports victims of torture. Doctors, chefs, authors, journalists, entrepreneurs, and CEOs – no matter their role or industry, these finalists are making pivotal contributions to British society.

Recognising the extraordinary achievements of Asian women in Britain today, The Asian Women of Achievement Awards, founded by Pinky Lilani CBE DL in 1999, celebrate multicultural Britain and the contribution of diverse cultures and talents to UK society. They put on a platform, the phenomenal Asian women across the UK and across industries, who are making a valuable and important contribution to British life. The awards play a key role in redefining the contribution of Asian women; and informing a new, positive, pro-diversity debate.

The Awards 2024 will take place on Thursday 6th June at the Hilton London Bankside so Good Luck Manj!!

### IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE FAMILY PROCEDURE RULES

Please see below important updates relating to MIAMs and non-court dispute resolution:

On 29 April 2024, further changes to the Family Procedure Rules come into effect. Family Practitioners are directed to the *Practice Direction Update No 1 of 2024* and the *Family Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023*.

Two amendments are being made to PD3A in relation to MIAMs. The first corrects a minor numbering error. The second relates to a new form which parties will be required to complete, setting out their views on engaging with non-court dispute resolution (see new rule under amended FPR 3.3(1A)). This form must be filed with the court, served on all parties, and verified by a statement of truth.

On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024, provisions under "Amendment No.2" came into force relating to the power to make a Practice Direction relating to court staff undertaking court functions. On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024, the remainder of the provisions of "Amendment No.2" take effect. These include:

- That the definition of "non-court dispute resolution" in FPR 2.3(1)(b) will be expanded to mean 'methods of resolving a dispute other than through the court process, including but not limited to mediation, arbitration, evaluation by a neutral third party (such as a private Financial Dispute Resolution process) and collaborative law'. The definition will therefore go beyond just mediation.

- That MIAM providers will be required to inform attendees about which form(s) of non-court dispute resolution may be most suitable and why, as well as provide guidance on how to proceed with those methods – FPR 3.9(2) amended.
- That it will no longer be required to have the agreement of the parties when adjourning the proceedings in order to encourage parties to undertake non-court dispute resolution. Instead, where the timetabling of proceedings allows sufficient time for these steps to be taken, the court may adjourn the proceedings – FPR 3.4(1A) amended.
- Amendments across the FPR and PDs to reflect the change of terminology and definitions from “domestic violence” to “domestic abuse”, in line with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- FPR 3.8(1)(c)(ii)(ad) will be changed from “unreasonable hardship” to “significant financial hardship”. This will tighten the provision.

All practitioners should be alerted to the amended rule 28.3(7) as the court may now consider, when determining whether to make an order for costs, any failure by a party, without good reason, to attend a MIAM or non-court dispute resolution. These changes are intended to promote the early resolution of private family law arrangements outside of court.

For reference, please refer to the following links:

- The Family Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023  
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2023/1324/contents/made>
- Practice Direction 3A – Family Mediation Information and Assessment Meetings (MIAMs)  
[https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice\\_directions/pd\\_part\\_03a](https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice_directions/pd_part_03a)
- The Family Procedure Rules Updates  
<https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family>

## COMPLIANCE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Whether in private practice, in-house, young or old, trainee or otherwise are you becoming sick of legal and regulatory pressures, feeling hopeless with bullying and humiliating harassment, exhausted by personal and financial issues?... and not necessarily in the same order! It requires bravery to talk about it but who do you turn to?

It is some time since your local Law Society advocated the relevance, availability and benefits of approaching [LawCare](#). This Charity has been supporting the mental wellbeing and general welfare of the legal community for over 25 years. Watch the introductory video [here](#), see if it could help you or a colleague in any way to have an initial confidential chat.

*Patrick Richards*

## LINKEDIN BASICS FOR PERSONAL BRANDING & BUSINESS

This webinar (FREE FOR MEMBERS & £15 + VAT FOR NON-MEMBERS) is being held from 12noon to 1pm on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Presented by Lou Earp from Dutton Gregory, It is designed to go over the basics of using LinkedIn for personal branding and business development and will look at:

- Your LinkedIn profile.
- Online CV (be that employment or work).
- Your public URL.
- Engagement, followers and connections.
- Groups and personal interests.

- Content ideas.
- When and how to post.
- Your SSI

The session will be interactive with plenty of opportunity to ask questions. Email [Jeanette Lacy Scott](mailto:Jeanette.Lacy.Scott@sussexlaw.org) if you would like to attend. You can download the application form [here](#).

## PICKUPS FOR PEACE

Longstanding Sussex Law Society member Harry Sherrard is raising funds for this initiative 'Pickups for Peace' (Pickups for Peace, charity number SC52484, is a registered UK charity. <https://www.pickupsforpeace.co.uk/our-mission/> )

As we are all too well aware, a humanitarian crisis exists in Ukraine, with tens of thousands killed and millions displaced. Harry will donate a 2016 Jeep which, together with Darek Kubik, a Polish friend, he will drive to Lviv in Ukraine, filled with urgently needed supplies such as medical items, winter clothing and hygiene items, as well as equipment such as car parts and tools. The vehicle and supplies will be donated to the Ukrainian people and they will fly home from Poland.

Any support from other members and readers of this Newsletter would be most welcome! The link to his Just Giving Page is here <https://www.justgiving.com/page/harry-sherrard-1710186325529>

## COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

20<sup>th</sup> March saw the 2024 Q1 Council meeting held in the Chamber at Law Society HQ, Chancery Lane. The Chamber is a tiered amphitheatre with seating for the 96 Council members, all facing a top table of the President, Vice President, Deputy VP and Chief Executive. There is a large screen for those attending remotely. There is a newly installed audio-visual system that had been extensively tested and was being used at a Council meeting for the first time. What could go wrong? Well, no one attending remotely could hear most of the meeting (face-slap emoji). The Chief Executive has since provided an explanation that is mildly interesting. The sound system senses excessive noise from microphones in the chamber, such as when people are taking their seats at the beginning or after a break. It then suppresses the audio of this kerfuffle for those online and is then supposed to increase sound again when everyone is settled. Is this AI, I ponder? Anyway, the function to re increase sound didn't work automatically and couldn't be corrected in live time. Luckily, I was there in person. One mustn't be a Luddite and systems take time to bed in but sometimes the more complicated they are the more they seem to fail to do the basics. We are assured it is now fixed. The meeting did go ahead and "highlights" include:

### EDIC

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee is a fairly longstanding committee that keeps a strong watch on EDI issues within the Society and its representation of the profession. It reports to Council. A proposal was made that it become an advisory body to the Law Society Main Board and that EDI is embedded throughout Law Society business by amendment to regulations. Council takes EDI seriously and was not impressed by this perceived downgrading of EDIC. Council rejected the proposal and suggested that EDIC be retained and EDI be embedded as proposed. This has been taken away by the Board. A timely reminder that whilst the Board manages day to day functions of the Society it is Council that is sovereign and directs policy.

### EDI survey

Staying with Equality and Diversity a survey of Council members showed it to be more diverse than the profession as a whole in terms of ethnicity, disability, religion, sexual orientation and background (parents' jobs). However, there are more males than females on Council 57%/43% whereas the profession as a whole has a ratio of 47% male and 53% female PC holders.

### Post office Scandal

The Law Society (TLS) is looking at whether there are ramifications for members arising out of the scandal. The role of solicitors employed by the Post Office and barristers instructed by them is coming under increasing scrutiny, especially around disclosure. Many may not be aware that 24% of Law Society PC holders are in house lawyers. There is a concern that some can work alone or in very small teams and feel isolated. They have a sometimes tricky role to play as employees of an organisation with some "corporate" loyalty and yet also ever mindful of their professional obligations. TLS has taken, in my view, a positive approach to this and has established a working group to see if this is a problem whether employed solicitors can be better supported. I shall update on any developments.

### 60 Carey Street

Council members felt that the Board had previously been inclined towards selling this Law Society property and it is no secret that the current President felt it should be sold. In another example of Council flexing its muscle, Council voted by a very strong and clear majority to keep and renovate this heritage asset. The Board is now tasked with commissioning tenders on plans and then the work.

The next meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> May when we have hustings for the role of Deputy Vice President, a role that leads on to VP and President itself. I shall be among the voters.

*Andrew Bishop*

*Law Society Council Member for Sussex*

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## **WHY REVIEWSOLICITORS IS THE LEADING REVIEW PLATFORM FOR LAW FIRMS**

When it comes to online reviews, the legal sector has unique needs and complexities that generic review platforms can't address. Client confidentiality, the potential for defamation, dealing with non-client reviews, and a lack of granular, practice area-specific feedback are just a few of the minefields that law firms must navigate. For instance, what if a disgruntled party from the opposing side of a case leaves a scathing, defamatory review after an unfavourable outcome? What about malicious reviews from competitors trying to tarnish your firm's reputation? Generic platforms also fail to provide targeted feedback on individual fee earners' skills, approachability, and expertise within their specific practice areas. They merely offer a generalised snapshot of the firm as a whole. At [ReviewSolicitors](#), we understand the intricate legal industry challenges and have robust processes to protect clients and law firms. Our specialised platform has processes in place for non-client reviews where we investigate, and if it is proven that the person is not a client, the review is removed. We also have a defamatory review process to swiftly investigate any reviews that a law firm deems to be purposely false, misleading, or defamatory. Generic platforms often struggle with identifying and handling defamatory reviews, leaving firms powerless. At [ReviewSolicitors](#), we take action to remove any reviews found to be defamatory. [Read more ...](#)

**WILL AID 2024**

[Will Aid](#) is an annual charity Will-writing scheme that sees hundreds of solicitors donate time in the month of November to write basic Wills. Instead of charging their usual fee for writing basic wills, solicitors invite clients to make an upfront donation to Will Aid with the donations benefiting the Will Aid partner charities. It has been running since 1988 and has encouraged more than 350,000 people to write their Will with a regulated and insured solicitor and, in so doing has raised more than £24 million in donations, and many millions more in pledged legacies.

There are many benefits for your business from being part of the scheme alongside helping people at home and beyond. If you are ready to win some new clients and change lives for the better why not sign up to Will Aid by following these simple steps: Call the Will Aid team on 0300 0300 013 or visit [www.willaid.org.uk/register](http://www.willaid.org.uk/register)

**SUSSEX LAW SOCIETY WEBINARS AND COURSES**

Click on the links below for more details about these webinars and the application forms:

25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 – [‘LinkedIn Basics for Personal Branding & Business’](#). 12noon to 1pm. Live webinar by Lou Earp

From 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – [Lunchtime Compliance Update Series](#). 12 noon – 1pm. Series of 8 live webinars by Joanna Morris every 2 weeks until 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

9<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 – [‘Quarterly Compliance Update for Law Firms’](#) 12 noon – 1pm. Live webinar by Joanna Morris.

17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – [‘Key Issues affecting Easements’](#) 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Live webinar by Richard Snape

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 ‘What’s in a SAR? Making a suspicious activity report to the NCA’. 12 noon – 1pm. Live webinar by Joanna Morris.

7th May 2024 – ‘Sanctions – an overview of the regime and the SRA firm-wide risk assessment guidance’. 12 noon – 1pm. Live webinar by Joanna Morris.

2nd July 2024 – ‘Quarterly Compliance Update for Law Firm’. 12 noon – 1pm. Live webinar by Joanna Morris.

14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – ‘The Civil Litigation Developments of 2024’. 9.30am – 12.30pm. Live webinar by Dominic Regan.

**OTHER COURSES/WEBINARS/ARTICLES/RESOURCES**

**23rd April:** Loch Associates Group is partnering up with Dr Olivia Hum from Myla Health to deliver a workshop on Navigating Women’s Health in the Workplace at the Watercooler Event, London. Their session will be focussing on Menopause, Fertility and Menstrual Health in the workplace considering what do employers need to consider from a legal perspective and what are the practical strategies they can take. Not planning to attend but would like access to the workshop? Email [info@lochassociates.co.uk](mailto:info@lochassociates.co.uk) and they’ll send you a copy of the presentation.

Join Sherrards Employment Law Solicitors for the next cohort of their CPD accredited, UK Employment Law Course. Commencing on **27th June 2024 and running for 4 weeks**, the LIVE bite-sized webinars alongside invaluable resources will provide delegates with a deeper understanding of the key aspects of UK employment law in a practical and interactive way. Click here to find out more and book your place: [www.sherrardsacademy.com](http://www.sherrardsacademy.com) or send an email to [academy@sherrardslaw.com](mailto:academy@sherrardslaw.com)

## Articles

<https://becket-chambers.co.uk/articles/step-parents-and-parental-responsibility/>  
<https://becket-chambers.co.uk/articles/paul-tapsell-considers-some-reasons-parties-give-for-refusing-to-mediate/>  
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<https://becket-chambers.co.uk/articles/does-the-court-have-the-power-to-grant-newcomer-injunctions/>  
<https://becket-chambers.co.uk/articles/fair-share-report-2024/>

<https://orionlegalmarketing.co.uk/the-essential-checklist-for-starting-up-your-own-small-law-firm-in-the-uk/>

## 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:rps.sagoo@googlemail.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](#) 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](#).
- **Legal Adviser, Private Client, Court of Protection** - Mayo Wynne Baxter have an exceptional opportunity for a Private Client Solicitor/Legal Adviser with particular court of protection experience to assist in the management of a busy caseload comprising of complex matters including: acquired brain injuries; mental health issues; learning difficulties and the elderly. See [here](#) for more details.
- **Legal Secretary** - Martin Searle Solicitors are looking to recruit an experienced person for this role. To read the full job description and to apply, [click here](#).
- **Private Client Assistant** - Christmas Ogden Solicitors in Lewes are currently looking for an experienced Private Client Assistant to join us on a full/part time basis. You must be

experienced in the preparation/drafting of Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Estate Administration including completion of IHT forms. For more information about the role see [here](#).

- **Private Client Executive** - Hart Reade LLP are seeking to recruit a Private Client Executive to join our busy team. Applicants will ideally need to have at least 2 years PQE as a Solicitor or Chartered Legal Executive. Candidates will need to be technically sound, with a practical and up to date knowledge of private client law. For more details and how to apply see [here](#).
- **Private Client Paralegal** - This is an exceptional opportunity for an experienced Private Client Paralegal. Mayo Wynne Baxter are looking for someone with ambition and drive to join the team in Peacehaven. You are likely to have previous experience as a Legal Secretary or Paralegal and enthusiasm to take on a real career opportunity. See [here](#) for more details.
- **Private Client Solicitor** – AR Brown & Co in Goring by Sea are looking for a Private Client Solicitor to join their expanding team. Reporting to the Head of Private Client, the role will require you to hit the ground running and will involve managing a full range of private client matters. For full details and how to apply see [here](#).
- **Private Client Solicitor/Practitioner** - Christmas Ogden Solicitors are currently looking for an experienced Private Client Solicitor/Probate Practitioner to join us on a Consultancy / Part Time basis. We are looking to grow our current existing caseload so this position may become full-time in the future. We run a small and very friendly office in Lewes and are looking for someone to join us who is experienced in the preparation of Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Estate Administration. If interested, please send your CV and covering email to [Sonia@christmasogden.co.uk](mailto:Sonia@christmasogden.co.uk)
- **Private Client Solicitor or Legal Executive** - An opportunity has arisen for a Solicitor or Legal Executive to join our long-established law firm located in Worthing, who is at least 3 years qualified and holds full STEP membership. [See here](#) for more details and how to apply.
- **Residential Conveyancer** - Hennings Solicitors are looking for a proactive and able candidate to join the team as a Residential Conveyancer. This is a predominantly office based full time fixed term role for an initial 6-month fixed term and will include running a full residential conveyancing caseload to include leasehold sales and purchases, freehold sales and purchases, remortgages and transfers of equity. The successful candidate must be organised, numerate and have excellent written English and a confident telephone manner. They must be aware of compliance and regulatory requirements for CQS. Salary negotiable depending on experience. Please apply to Anthony Henning on 01273 505800 or with your CV to [ah@hennings-solicitors.com](mailto:ah@hennings-solicitors.com)
- **Team Assistant/ Receptionist** - Martin Searle Solicitors are currently recruiting for a Team Assistant/Receptionist. For more information and to apply, [see here](#).
- **Trainee Solicitors** - GWCA are looking to recruit 2 trainee solicitors to start on 2nd September 2024. Our two-year training programme is overseen by our training principal and is usually divided into 3 seats, across our three departments, Company commercial and property, Private Client, and Litigation employment and family providing experience in both contentious and non-contentious work. To apply for a training contract, please email a covering letter explaining what qualifications you have, what your current situation is along

with your CV to [hr@gwca.co.uk](mailto:hr@gwca.co.uk) or send by post to: HR, GWCA, 13-14 Liverpool Terrace, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1TQ. More information can be found [here](#).

## 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](mailto: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.
- Patrick Richards- Un-Notarised legal translations, office and Court interpreter services offered by fluent French and Italian speaking local Solicitor. Contact [patrickrichards27@hotmail.com](mailto:patrickrichards27@hotmail.com) 07715928563.
- Patrick Rusk – Patrick Rusk – Legal Translation Services – Trainee Solicitor and Member of Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL no. 55485) offering legal translation services from German, French and Spanish into English. For all enquiries, please email [patrick.rusk@hotmail.com](mailto:patrick.rusk@hotmail.com) or text +44 7534 747667.

## 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](mailto: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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[Private Client Practitioners List](#)  
[Property Practitioners List](#)  
[Family Practitioners List](#)  
[Criminal Law Practitioners List](#)

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