

CORNWALL LAW SOCIETY

MIDWEEK UPDATE – 1st March 2023



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Happy St. Piran's Day

5th March 2023



Law Society takes government to court on criminal legal aid

The Law Society has issued judicial review proceedings against the Ministry of Justice.

“We believe the government’s decision not to increase criminal defence solicitors’ legal aid rates by the recommended minimum 15% is both unlawful and irrational. It will have dire consequences for access to justice and the future of our criminal justice system.” said Law Society president Lubna Shuja.

“We are fighting for the future of our justice system using every tool we have, including taking the fight to the courts.”

Our reasons for a legal challenge

Judicial review is a way to test the lawfulness of decisions made by public bodies.

The government has failed to take the crisis in the criminal justice system seriously, and:

- ignored the recommendations of its own independent review
- been inconsistent – finding money for defence and prosecution barristers but not solicitors, despite their situation being described as more “parlous”
- rejected independent mediation

The government’s response to our pre-action letter failed to satisfactorily address the serious concerns we’ve raised about the collapse of the criminal legal aid sector as a result of years of chronic underfunding.

Now, we are now taking this fight to the High Court.

For more information, click on the link [Law Society takes government to court on criminal legal aid | The Law Society](#)



Cornwall Junior Lawyers Division

Invite you to attend

Afternoon tea



Atlantic Hotel, Newquay

Saturday 25th March 2.30pm

If you would like to attend, please email Clare Hall chall@cvc-solicitors.co.uk by 5th March. We look forward to seeing you there!

And, Cornwall JLDers have been invited to join with fellow JLDers at the Plymouth JLD Ball.
For more info, contact Chall@cvc-solicitors.co.uk

THE PJLD PRESENTS

A NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD

DRESS TO IMPRESS
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: £50 PER PERSON
PJLD MEMBERSHIP PRICE: £450 PER TABLE
TABLES OF 10
3-COURSE MEAL
WINE ON TABLES
ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMES
DJ - PLEASE SUBMIT ANY SONG REQUESTS

@ THE DUKE OF CORNWALL HOTEL
12/05/2023
7PM TO LATE

PLEASE EMAIL PJLDBALL@GMAIL.COM
TO PURCHASE TICKETS - PLEASE CONFIRM
WHETHER THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL OR TABLE TICKET

What would you like Cornwall Law Society to do for you?

There are lots of things quietly being planned in the background – courses, networking and social events, but what would you like to see Cornwall Law Society do.

Would you be interested in attending a FIRST FRIDAY or THIRSTY THURSDAY gathering in a local hostelry once a month? If so, where is 'local' for you? Would Truro or St Austell or Liskeard suit?

- What ideas do you have?
- Courses you would like to see?
- Networking events?

Drop me a line jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk



Fit for Law Part 2: Working with others launch webinar

We are launching our new online course for the legal community. Join us on **Wednesday 8 March at 12.30pm** and hear from Dr Emma Jones (the University of Sheffield) and her colleagues from the Open University who created the course.

To reserve a place, click on the link

[Fit for Law Part 2: Working With Others Tickets, Wed 8 Mar 2023 at 12:30 | Eventbrite](#)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Managing Partners' Lunch – Thursday 25th May 2023

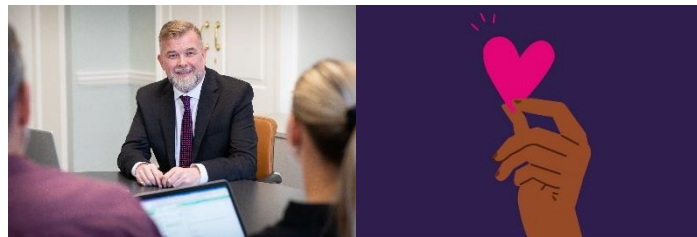
The second quarterly lunch of 2023 will be on Thursday 25th May in the Duchy Suite at the Alverton Hotel from 12 noon.

Unfortunately, Ryan Senior of Paragon was unable to be at the February lunch so we are hoping he will be well enough to join us at the May lunch.

I am delighted to confirm that Brad Osman, co-founder of Man Down Cornwall has agreed to speak.

Invitations will be going out in due course but in the meantime, I am taking reservations. (jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk)

Charity urges solicitors to take part in research to better support needs of the profession.



- New research questionnaire launched by The Solicitors' Charity
- Plea for solicitors to have their say in what the profession needs
- Interviews with charity CEO, Nick Gallagher available on request

'Solicitors, help us to help you' – that's the plea from The Solicitors' Charity as it launches a research questionnaire, the latest stage in its strategy research project, to find out how it can deliver even more, positive impact to the legal profession.

Solicitors across England and Wales are urged to take part to help the charity tailor their services to meet the changing needs of the profession.

The confidential online questionnaire asks solicitors to share their insights and opinions to shape the way the charity works and the support it offers to legal professionals in times of need.

The Solicitors' Charity CEO Nick Gallagher explained: "This is a really important piece of research for us as we want to continue making a real positive difference to the lives of solicitors in the future.

"We want to hear about their challenges and how they're responding to them. Whether it's finding the right balance between work and personal life, managing the demands of their practice, or simply making ends meet, we want to know what people think.

"Solicitors play a vital role in society, representing the interests of their clients and helping to provide access to justice. We understand that being a solicitor also comes with its own demands and so we want to make sure that we're doing everything we can to support solicitors when times get tough for them.

"By participating in our research, solicitors will help the charity to identify areas where they need to provide more support and resources."

Since 1858, The Solicitors' Charity has provided help to solicitors in need or crisis. The charity helps to ease solicitors' practical, emotional and financial difficulties brought about by challenges such as job loss, low income, debt, bereavement, and mental and physical health issues.

In addition to direct help, it also works with partners including LawCare, the mental wellbeing charity, The Solicitor's Assistance Scheme, for employment and regulatory advice, and Renovo, for career counselling, to provide confidential support for solicitors.

Complete the questionnaire: <https://www.thesolicitorscharitysurvey.org/survey/selfserve/53b/230210?list=4>

Courses

25 April 2023, Early Evening - Accounting for Solicitors – everything you need to know. Speakers from PKJF Francis Clark, Truro. Bookings now being taken on Eventbrite. Or contact jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk for further information or to book a place.

20th June 2023 – Commercial Property Update 2023 by Hannah McKinlay, St Austell Conference Centre

Sponsored by X-Press Legal Services. Initial flyer circulated last week.

12th September 2023 – Private Client Update 2023 by Lesley King. Truro Venue TBC

Sponsored by Kin Probate.

19th October 2023 – Residential Property Update 2023 by Davide Keighley, St Austell Conference Centre

Sponsored by X-Press Legal Services.

JOB VACANCIES

Cornwall Council, Truro – Senior Lawyer – Planning & Highways (flexible working available)

Coodes, Truro – Private Client Solicitor, Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

Coodes, Truro/St Austell/Falmouth – Family Solicitor Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

Coodes, Holsworthy – Commercial Property Solicitor, Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

Coodes, Mid-West Cornwall – Commercial Property Solicitor, Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

Coodes, Cornwall – Dispute Resolution Solicitor, Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

C Nicholls Solicitors, Bodmin – Private Family Lawyer and Duty Solicitor for Partnership

Neil Gilbert Solicitors, Helston – Probate Practitioner

Penderlaw, Truro – Various positions available, please visit their website for more details

Walters & Barbary – Family Solicitor/Legal Executive

Parnalls, Launceston – Experienced Residential Property lawyer

CVC Solicitors, Penzance – Commercial Lawyers

Parnalls, Launceston - Experience Commercial & Residential Property lawyer

Randle Thomas, Helston – Residential Conveyancer

Randle Thomas, Helston – General Commercial lawyer

Hine Downing, Falmouth – Experienced Commercial Property Solicitor / CILEx

Merricks, Wadebridge – Commercial Property Solicitor

Merricks, Wadebridge – Full-time Residential Conveyancer

Paddle & Cocks, Truro, across county and nationally, offering flexible working – Recruiting across several sectors, Employment, Corporate, Commercial, Commercial Property, Commercial Disputes (more details on their website)

Locums are always welcome to register with CLS. It will come as no surprise to you that there is a shortage of locums. If you know of anyone working in this way, please have them get in touch with me. Thank you.