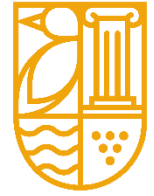


# CORNWALL LAW SOCIETY

MIDWEEK UPDATE – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023



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Cornwall Law Society President, A.E. Verona Cocks is pleased to invite you to

the Annual Awards' Dinner on

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

in Truro Cathedral

Black Tie

Welcome Drinks from 6pm

Tickets for Members - £60 per head or £600 per table of 10 (excl Vat)

Tickets for Non-Members - £65 per head (excl Vat)

*Tickets on sale now until 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Please don't wait until the last minute!*

Please contact [jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk](mailto:jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk) to reserve your ticket(s).

Details of the Awards, their sponsors and how to nominate are below, and on the Events page of the website.

We are very pleased to announce that our main sponsors for the year are also supporting this A



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# Cornwall Law Society Awards

*We have had a really good response to the awards, the nominations for which have now closed. Congratulations to all the nominees, a list of which is set out below. Applications have been sent out and must be returned by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.*

*Trainee Lawyer of the Year sponsored by*



*Eliot Quevado, Stephens & Scown LLP  
Lexie Williams, Stephens & Scown LLP  
Sophie Kunz, Parnalls Solicitors Limited  
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Yasin Ahmed, Coodes  
Caitlin Facey, Coodes  
Iynaiya Afzal, Coodes  
Jenny Carter, Coodes*

*Junior Lawyer of the Year sponsored by*



*Sophie Petrucci, Stephens & Scown LLP  
Tamsin Best, Stephens & Scown LLP  
David Evans, Parnalls Solicitors Limited  
Clare Hall, CVC Solicitors LLP  
Jack Peart, Coodes  
Edward Aldis, Nalders LLP  
Ines Cheeseman, Nalders LLP*

*Commercial Lawyer of the Year*

*(covers commercial disputes, corporate, commercial, employment and any other practice area in the commercial arena without a specific award) sponsored by*



*Laurie Trounce, Stephens & Scown LLP  
Kayleigh Whitman, Coodes  
Jack Peart, Coodes  
Declan Bradley, Doyle Clayton  
Rachel Bateman, Paddle & Cocks LLP  
Melanie Rowe, Murrell Associates  
Joshua Gardner, Busby's Solicitors*



Commercial Property Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



*Jennifer Burden, Paddle & Cocks LLP  
Anthony Booth, Stephens & Scown LLP  
Ben Mitchell, Parnalls Solicitors Limited  
Paula Dunkley, Charles French & Co  
Ines Cheeseman, Nalders LLP  
Helen Davies, WBW Solicitors*

Private Client Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



*Tamsin Bailey, Paddle & Cocks LLP  
Samantha Ennor, Earl & Crocker Solicitors  
Rob McKellar, CVC Solicitors LLP  
Sarah Adkins, CVC Solicitors LLP  
Lee Naylor, Randle Thomas  
Joeli Norman, Charles French & Co*

Family Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



*Stephen Robillard, Parnalls Solicitors Limited  
Sarah Evans, Coodes  
Julie Barr, Macmillans Solicitors  
Rachel Howlett, Busby's Solicitors  
Lucy Theobald, The Family Law Co  
Kelly Grigg, Richard Nelson t/a Grigg's Family Law  
Sarah Atkinson, Stephens & Scown LLP  
Anthony Vingoe, Vingoe Family Law*



*Residential Property Lawyer of the Year sponsored by*



*Bridging Lender*

*Kate Holland, Nalders LLP  
Claire Wicks, Parnalls Solicitors Limited  
Anthony Earl, Earl & Crocker Solicitors  
Kate Bayley, Coodes  
Jo Ponsford, Busby's Solicitors  
Victoria Perry, Stephens & Scown LLP  
Angeline Martin, Macmillans Solicitors*

*Large Firm the Year (5 or more Partners/Directors) sponsored by*



*Stephens Scown LLP  
Parnalls Solicitors Limited  
Coodes  
CVC Solicitors LLP  
Nalders LLP*

*Small Firm of the Year (less than 5 Partners/Directors) sponsored by*



*Paddle & Cocks LLP  
Earl & Crocker Solicitors  
Busby's Solicitors  
Vingoe Family Law*

*Good Luck!*





Are proud to celebrate 100 years of Women in Law and to do so we invite you to attend a talk with

*A. F. Verona Cocks*, Joint Managing Partner, Paddle & Cocks LLP Solicitors

*Charlotte Davies* – Barrister and Deputy District Judge

Wednesday 24th May 6.00pm

Venue TBC



If you would like to attend, please email Clare Hall [chall@cvc-solicitors.co.uk](mailto:chall@cvc-solicitors.co.uk)  
We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are interested in joining Cornwall Junior Law Division, contact Clare at [Chall@cvc-solicitors.co.uk](mailto:Chall@cvc-solicitors.co.uk).

## Courses

### **20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Commercial Property Update 2023 by Hannah McKinlay, St Austell Conference Centre**

Sponsored by X-Press Legal Services. Bookings now being taken on **Eventbrite**. Or contact [jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk](mailto:jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk) for further information or to book a place. (Booking form has been circulated. Let me know if you need a copy.)

### **13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Private Client Update 2023 by Lesley King, Alverton Hotel. To be followed by a networking event with The Law Society's Sarah Moore, Private Client Section.** (Booking form to follow in due course.)

Sponsored by Kin Probate.

Note change of date to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The seminar will run from 10am to 3pm, with registration at 9.30am. Sarah Moore will then briefly address the delegates. After a rest break, the networking event with drinks and canapes will commence at 3.30pm in the Courtyard Room at the hotel.

### **20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – St John's Chambers' Property Roadshow** will be returning to Truro. Save the date. Details to follow in due course.

### **19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Residential Property Update 2023 by Davide Keighley, St Austell Conference Centre**

Sponsored by X-Press Legal Services. (Booking form to follow in due course.)

## Compliance Meetings

*We are delighted to be reintroducing our quarterly Compliance meetings, with the first event being held at the offices of Paddle & Cocks on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 5:30pm.*

*For this first meeting, we would like to invite any interested parties to a round table discussion on matters raised in the recent Risk and Compliance Annual Conference held by The Law Society.*

*The event is open to anyone working in compliance, including compliance officers, managing partners and IT specialists.*

*Topics for discussion will include:*

- *Cyber Insurance*
- *AML*
- *Companies House reforms*
- *LeO Scheme Rules changes*
- *General compliance issues.*

*To register to attend this FREE event, please contact Jan Long on [jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk](mailto:jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk)*

**Desert Marathon Fundraiser. Click [here](#) to support.**

OK - Cornwall is not a desert in geographical terms. But it is recognised as an advice desert when it comes to free or affordable social welfare legal support. And yes, I admit I will be walking and not running, but it is just over 26 miles from Penzance to Falmouth and I have had two hip replacements.

On Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 May, I will walk from Penzance to Falmouth to raise money for the **Dracaena Centre**, an innovative community hub in Falmouth where I am a Trustee. I shall take the scenic route via Marazion, Prussia Cove, Praa Sands, Loe Bar, Gunwalloe, Gweek, Constantine and on to Falmouth.

The funds raised will go towards sustaining and growing the Dracaena Centre legal advice project, particularly towards completing the funding for Cornwall's first graduate solicitor apprentice in social welfare law. The apprenticeship will be based at the Dracaena Centre and will be remotely overseen from London in a ground-breaking arrangement.

The legal advice project has now been running for over five years and, in that time, has assisted over 900 clients free of charge covering family, debt, benefits, housing and other related social welfare issues. It has done this through a small team in Falmouth and its remote back-up team at University House Legal Advice Centre, London.

We want to take this service to the next level with new home-grown talent. We need to raise at least £10,000 to move to the next stage of the legal advice project.

**Please give [here](#) as generously as you can to support us.**

If you would like to walk all or part of the way with me and raise some sponsorship from your own connections, please contact me to add you to the team.

Thank you for your interest.

Guy Beringer

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## **Guy Beringer CBE**

Guy Beringer is the non-executive chairman of the UKEF Board. He was appointed in January 2010.

Guy is Chairman of The Legal Education Foundation and City Music Services. He is a Director of BCKR, an Adjunct Professor at the Imperial College Business School and Co-Chair of the Bingham Centre.

Guy qualified as a solicitor with Allen & Overy, where he was Senior Partner from 2000 – 2008. In October 2006, he was appointed Queen's Counsel for his contribution to pro bono and legal services. He was awarded a CBE in January 2016.

## Potential Events – what do you think?

Look out for a couple of emails asking for you vote on the following:

- ✚ 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 the Wig & Pen, Truro appeal? Or maybe your local in St Austell or Liskeard suit? Let me know.



- ✚ Seminar with [Steve Bridson](#). "Running a business is a pretty lonely place, well let me tell you something, you're not alone." Steve's seminars are designed to help you to identify prospects, find those prospects and open conversation with them. Targeting prospects to increase the conversion rate and increase your fees and make more money.



- ✚ Seminar with Hannah Beko of [Authentically Speaking](#) and author of 'The Authentic Lawyer'. Topics could be: The Importance of Networking & Business Development, or Managing Stress and strategies to improve wellbeing associated with volume and pressures of work or Effective and Authentic Leadership.



Please drop me an email to let me know if you would be interested in either of the above seminar possibilities. ([jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk](mailto:jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk))

Would you be interest in an online seminar or would you prefer in person? Would you prefer a morning, an afternoon or a twilight seminar/webinar?



# The Law Society News

## Share your thoughts on our plans: practising certificate fee consultation

Help shape the priorities of your professional body. Take part in a 10-minute survey by 24 May to be entered into a draw for a £100 voucher.

Help shape our priorities for the year ahead by letting us know what you would like us to focus on.

[Take part in the survey and share your views](#)

The Law Society is here to support you to provide the best possible service at every stage of your career – from graduation to retirement.

Our vision is to promote, protect and support solicitors, the rule of law and justice in England and Wales.

We amplify the powerful collective voice of you and more than 200,000 solicitors with your diverse experiences and backgrounds, advocating on the issues you've told us matter most.

### Your opinion matters

“The income from practising certificate (PC) fees, whether paid by you as an individual or by your organisation on your behalf, determines what the Law Society can plan and undertake for you, the profession and wider society.

We want to hear the opinions of all solicitors, whatever your background or specialism. Your views matter to us.

I encourage all members to take a look at our plans and submit your responses to our consultation, to make sure your voice is heard.”



**Lubna Shuja**  
Law Society president

[Share your thoughts on our plans: practising certificate fee consultation | The Law Society](#)

Also, from Cornwall Law Society member, Helen Davies (WBW Solicitors) -

The adverts for new committee members are out - <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/about-us/our-governance/policy-advisory-committees/join-our-committees> I would appreciate if you could share with anyone you think might be interested, or anyone you think might be a good fit.

We are particularly interested in anyone with:

- Experience of training or supervising solicitors such as training principals, or other supervisory roles
- Experience of managing, or responsibility for, continuing competence within their firm
- Experience of working in a firm that is involved in solicitor apprenticeship recruitment and training.

## Mental Health Awareness Week – opportunity to be interviewed.

This year, the theme of Mental Health Awareness Week (15-21 May) is ‘anxiety’. We know that members of the legal profession can experience a lot of work-related stress, that can exacerbate mental health problems. This year, I am working to highlight this to our members through website content.

I am looking to speak with solicitors across the profession who are comfortable talking about their experiences with mental health and work.

I would like to chat about:

- Any wellbeing challenges that are specific to solicitors working in small firms
- How your role has affected your mental health: what specific challenges does your role pose that are mentally taxing? What impact have you felt?
- How you’ve dealt with this: what strategies have you put in place to combat these challenges?
- Tackling mental health stigmas in the profession, and the best way to disclose mental health problems.

These conversations would form the basis of an article which would be published next month. Quotes can be anonymised, if necessary. The conversations will be treated with the utmost sensitivity.

If you would be interested in being interviewed, [contact me and we can arrange a time to talk this week or next.](#)

Thanks

Dan



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## New Lord Chancellor must ‘get a grip’ on justice crisis.

Extracts from The Law Society Gazette article by John Hyde 21.04.23 are reproduced below. Click on the link for the full article. [New lord chancellor must 'get a grip' on justice crisis | News | Law Gazette](#)

“Barrister and legal aid advocate Alex Chalk KC has been appointed lord chancellor following the resignation of Dominic Raab...

Chalk’s appointment will give heart to those campaigning for improvements to the justice system as he comes with a track record of legal aid work and being relatively outspoken on access to justice issues. Responding to his appointment, the Law Society said Chalk inherits a worse justice crisis than any of his predecessors faced in the past 10 years...

Society president Lubna Shuja said: ‘The justice system is facing worsening backlogs, legal aid on the point of collapse, crumbling courts and a shortage of judges and court staff. The new justice secretary must get a grip on the crisis as a matter of urgency. It is Alex Chalk’s job to bring the justice system back to full strength and I look forward to working closely with him to fight for improved access to justice for all.’”

## JOB VACANCIES

**Paddle & Cocks, Truro** – Commercial Property Senior Associate (employed position with flexible working)

**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

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Email your details to: [jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk](mailto:jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk)