

CORNWALL LAW SOCIETY

MIDWEEK UPDATE – 3rd May 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 16th 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 14th May 2023. Please don't wait until the last minute!

Please contact 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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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 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.

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 16th 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

Courses

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

Sponsored by X-Press Legal Services. Booking form being circulated with this Midweek Update or you can book through **Eventbrite**.

Contact jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk for further information or to book a place

13th 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.

Sponsored by Kin Probate. Booking form being circulated with this Midweek Update.

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 Lounge.

20th September 2023, 1pm – 5pm – St John's Chambers' Property Roadshow will be returning to Truro at the Innovation Centre, Treliske, Truro TR1 3FF.

Save the date. More details and a booking form to follow in due course.

19th 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.)

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

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.

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

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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.

Amy Bell, chair of the Law Society's Money Laundering Task Force, considers a real case where a firm received the largest ever fine by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) for lacking sufficient anti-money laundering (AML) controls, including a firm-wide risk assessment. For the full article click on <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/topics/regulation/risky-business-firm-received-record-fine-for-aml-failings>

Lack of AML policies, controls and procedures

A firm was fined £20,000 by the SRA for failing to have AML policies, training and systems in place, the largest penalty handed out since the regulator increased its fining powers from £2,000 to £25,000 in 2022.

The deficiencies were discovered by the SRA during an onsite audit to review the firm's overall AML compliance.

The investigation identified areas of concern in relation to compliance with the:

- Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 (MLRs), and
- SRA Standards and Regulations 2019

The small firm was found to have failed to put in place a compliant firm-wide AML risk assessment until mid-2022.

This was more than five years after the requirement was introduced in June 2017, and despite the SRA having issued warning notices about the need to ensure this was done.

It was only after the SRA's onsite investigation that the firm put a compliant risk assessment in place.

Protect yourself and your firm

This case demonstrates the serious consequences of not complying with your anti-money laundering obligations.

It highlights the importance of taking a risk-based approach that adjusts the level and type of compliance work done to the risks present.

Regulation 18(1) of the MLRs requires practices to carry out and maintain a documented practice-wide risk assessment that addresses risk factors relating to:

- your clients
- the countries or geographic areas in which you operate
- your products or services
- your transactions
- your delivery services

The [LSAG AML guidance](#) is a comprehensive resource that supports legal professionals to comply with the MLRs 2017. Chapter 5 sets out best practice on risk assessments and taking a risk-based approach.

As a member of the Law Society, you are part of a community of over 200,000 solicitors with access to a range of benefits to support you and help you thrive and prosper.

This includes practical resources and world-class learning to help you mitigate your risks: [explore our guide to carrying out AML risk assessments](#)

Also think about booking your place at Cornwall Law Society's Compliance Meeting on 16th May 2023, 5:30pm at the Truro offices of Paddle & Cocks LLP. Contact jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk

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

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.

If you want to advertise on the Recruitment page of the new website you can send me more details of the vacancy, the firm, and your logo to make a bigger impact.

Email your details to: jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk