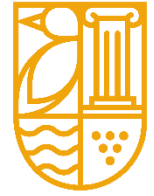


CORNWALL LAW SOCIETY

MIDWEEK UPDATE – 24th 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

Details of the Awards, their sponsors and finalists 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 Awards Dinner.



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Cornwall Law Society Awards

Thank you to everyone who submitted an application for these awards. The judges have now shortlisted for each category and the finalists are listed below in alphabetical order. Good luck to all the finalists! The Winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner on Friday 16th June 2023.

Trainee Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



*Sophie Kunz, Parnalls Solicitors Limited
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Junior Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



*Edward Aldis, Nalders LLP
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*Commercial Lawyer of the Year
(covers commercial disputes, corporate, commercial, employment and any other
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*Jack Peart, Coodes
Laurie Trounce, Stephens Scown LLP
Kayleigh Whitman, Coodes*

Commercial Property Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



*Anthony Booth, Stephens Scown LLP
Jennifer Burden, Paddle & Cocks LLP
Helen Davies, WBW Solicitors*

Private Client Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



*Tamsin Bailey, Paddle & Cocks LLP
Samantha Ennor, Earl & Crocker Solicitors
Lee Naylor, Randle Thomas*

Family Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



*Julie Barr, Macmillans Solicitors
Kelly Grigg, Richard Nelson t/a Grigg's Family Law
Anthony Vingoe, Vingoe Family Law*

Residential Property Lawyer of the Year sponsored by



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*Anthony Earl, Earl & Crocker Solicitors
Kate Holland, Nalders LLP
Claire Wicks, Parnalls Solicitors Limited*

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



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



*Busby's Solicitors
Earl & Crocker Solicitors
Paddle & Cocks LLP*

Good Luck to everyone! Exciting times!



Cornwall Law Society have kindly agreed to fund five tickets for the CLS dinner for five junior lawyers. There are still two places available.

Places will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis.

If you would like a ticket please email Clare Hall at

chall@cvc-solicitors.co.uk. Thank you.

Courses

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



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Booking form has been circulated. In you need a copy, let me know, or you can book through *Eventbrite*.

Contact jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk for further information, or to book your place. *Deadline for bookings is 5th June 2023.*

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.

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The booking form has been circulated. If you need a copy, let me know..

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.

A flyer from St John's Chambers is being sent out with this Midweek Update.

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.)

The Solicitors' Charity Big Report highlights 50% rise in support last year.

- We helped 50% more new clients in 2022
- All primary clients received one-off awards to help with the cost-of-living crisis
- Funding for 284 solicitors to access emotional wellbeing or mental health support

Statistics and trends revealed in The Solicitors' Charity Big Report have highlighted a significant increase in the number of legal professionals who have been newly supported over the past year.

Our charity helped 50% more new clients in 2022, who accessed emotional wellbeing and **mental health care, financial advice and support**, benefits advice and career transition counselling, provided through our own caseworkers and partner services.

Almost £1million was spent on funding support to solicitors, and their dependants, in England and Wales during the past 12 months. The annual Big Report shows that our charity awarded £962,229 – with an additional £25,316 in secured loans – to help people in the solicitors' profession who were in need or crisis. In 2021, we awarded £1,024,218, which included some ongoing Covid-19 support.

Payments were a mix of one-off financial awards covering a range of necessities, such as household equipment, medical aids and adaptations to housing; grants and payments to partner organisations to provide services; and living allowances. This range allows us to provide the support that really matters to solicitors in need.



To help address the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, in Spring 2022 we made additional one-off payments to help all our primary clients with their domestic fuel bills. In the autumn, we increased our daily living allowance rates in line with changes to the Joseph Rowntree Minimum Income Standard, averaging a 20% increase.

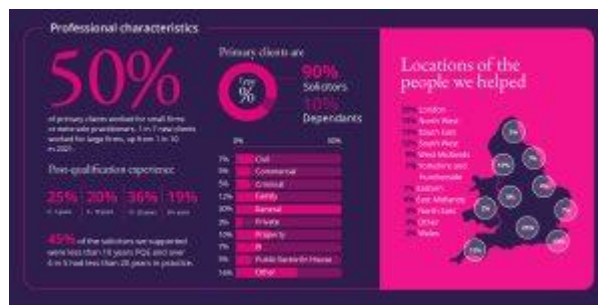
The number of new clients experiencing multiple health conditions increased by 50% last year – and there were 60% more new cases where clients had mental health issues, compared to the year before. The Big Report shows that 27% of all primary clients were experiencing mental health issues, 34% had multiple health conditions or disabilities whilst only 27% had no health conditions.

[Download your copy of the Big Report](#)

Working with our partners, we funded access for 284 solicitors to LawCare for **mental wellbeing support**. Mental health assessments, with the possibility of subsequent therapy, were carried out for 8 clients by our new partners at One Bright mental health service; 7 clients accessed career transition counselling from Renovo; 21 clients benefited from AdviceWorks money management advice and a further 19 clients received welfare benefits or debt advice from Citizens Advice Manchester (CAM).

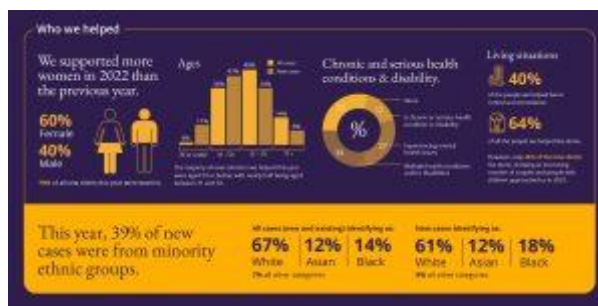
The Big Report illustrated that the majority of our new clients last year were aged 50 or below, with nearly half (47%) being aged between 31 and 50. New clients aged between 50 and 71 accounted for 34% of those we helped; 11% were aged under 30; and 8% were aged over 71. We also supported more women clients in 2022, compared to the previous year – 60% of our clients (new and existing) were women and 40% men. The vast majority (90%) of primary clients were current or former solicitors, and 10% were solicitors’ dependents.

The annual report shows that 50% of our primary clients had worked for small firms or were sole practitioners. In 2022, 1 in 7 new clients had worked for large firms, up from 1 in 10 in 2021. Nearly half (45%) of the solicitors we supported had been practising for less than 10 years – 25% had post qualification experience of 0 to 5 years; 20% had 6 to 10 years’ experience; while 36% of our clients had been in the legal profession for 11 to 20 years, and 19% had more than 20 years’ experience.



A quarter (25%) of our new and existing clients were London-based, with 13% from the South East; 12% from the South West; 15% from the North West; 3% from the North East; 9% from the West Midlands; 4% from the East Midlands; 7% from the Eastern region; 7% from Yorkshire and Humberside; 2% from Wales and 3% from other areas.

A total of 40% of those we helped lived in rented accommodation. Significantly, although 64% of all our clients lived alone, only 46% of the new clients last year lived alone, indicating a rising number of couples and people with children getting in touch for support in 2022.



Research revealed that 39% of new cases over the past 12 months were from ethnic minority groups, though this was a fall from 54% in 2021. The overall percentage of people we supported from these demographic groups was 33%. These figures continue to be ahead of the representation of solicitors from ethnic minority groups in the profession. The figures showed that 61% of new clients were white (a total of 67% new and existing); 18% were black (14% new and existing); 12% were Asian (12% new and existing) and 9% were from other demographic categories (7% new and existing).

Save the Date

After tomorrow's lunch at The Alverton Hotel, Truro, the next Managing Partners' & Equivalents' Lunch will be:

Wednesday 23rd August 2023

at The Pig @ Harlyn Bay.

The Law Society News

Amerdeep Somal to succeed Robert Bourns as Law Society Board Chair



Amerdeep Somal will take up the role of Law Society Board chair on 1 January 2024.

Amerdeep Somal has been appointed as our incoming Board chair. She will take over from our current chair, Robert Bourns, at the end of his term.

Amerdeep brings a wealth of experience to the role. As well as having experience as a solicitor, she is the complaints commissioner to the financial regulators, a judge of the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal and sits on the Board of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. She is also the chief commissioner for the Data and Marketing Commission.

Our Board is our key oversight body, made up of Council members, senior executives and independent members. They are responsible for:

- overseeing the effective implementation of our strategy and business plan, as set by Council
- dealing with financial matters and risk management on behalf of Council
- recommending approval of our budget to Council
- making sure the Law Society is well governed

Amerdeep said: "I am honoured to be appointed as Board chair and look forward to working with the Board, office holders and executive colleagues. The Law Society is a strong voice of the legal profession, and I am excited to continue to build on the excellent work the organisation does."

Our president, Lubna Shuja, comments: "I am delighted to welcome Amerdeep to the Law Society and look forward to working with her in the run-up to her taking over the role of chair. As a solicitor with extensive board experience across a range of settings, Amerdeep brings with her a depth of knowledge which will benefit our members, the solicitor profession and the public. I also want to thank Robert well ahead of his leaving the Board, for his enormous contribution, dedication and commitment over the years, which has seen the organisation grow from strength to strength under his tenure."

There's still time to support Guy!

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.

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