



Hello and welcome to the Relationship Management London, South East & East (LSEE) team September 2017 monthly report.

We hope you find the report useful and encourage you to share it with your committee members and colleagues.

We are always looking for news stories from your regions to feature in our monthly report, so if you would like us to include any updates in the future, please send them to:



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The latest on Brexit

Below is a round-up of what's been happening, including the Law Society's key victory on civil justice cooperation.

[Civil justice cooperation vital to post-Brexit relationship](#)

[Our latest activities on Brexit](#)

[New EU financial sanctions reporting requirements - What you need to know](#)

The latest on GDPR

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will apply from the **25 May 2018**, and you need to be ready. Read our top 10 tips [here](#).

[Read Owen O'Rourke's blog on why it's important to take control of your data](#)

Paul Cummins, Head of Legal at Milton Keynes Council and a member of our In-house Division committee, has produced a practical guide to tackling the new GDPR legislation, read it [here](#).

Law Society Vice President, Christina Blacklaws will be chairing a GDPR seminar for in-house lawyers on **26 October**. Further details and booking information will be announced in September at events.lawsociety.org.uk.

We have developed a number of on-demand webinars which may be of interest [Find out more](#)

The following articles may also be of interest:

[Cybercrime trends - Is your firm prepared?](#)

[Your money or your data: 4 reasons to comply with GDPR](#)

[Keep your papers under wraps for GDPR compliance](#)

SQE - what you need to know

From 2020, there is likely to be a new way to qualify as a solicitor. Our Junior Lawyers Division (JLD) have put together a [comprehensive guide](#) to help you understand the new regulations.

In addition, read the President, Joe Egan's call for clarity on the SQE [here](#).



Regulation Breakfast 12 September 2017 from 08:30 - 10:15 (registration and breakfast from 08:00) at the Law Society

The solicitor's profession is in the middle of a major period of regulatory change. Join us to hear about key regulatory changes affecting solicitors and what the Law Society does to represent members' views, from the Law Society's Regulatory Affairs Team .

Book your place at our [events page](#)

For a full list of Law Society events, further details and to book, please visit our [events page](#)

National Conference of Local Law Societies 2017

This year's conference is hosted by The City of Westminster & Holborn Law Society and will take place on **9 and 10 November 2017**.

For further information and to book your place, please visit the [Eventbrite page](#)



Excellence Awards 2017 - LSEE Region

Recently the names of the brightest and best from the solicitor profession were unveiled in the 11th annual Excellence Awards.

The annual awards recognise the commitment, enthusiasm and passion that solicitors dedicate to serving their clients, and in the process, underpinning our world-renowned legal system.

"To be shortlisted for the Excellence Awards is an achievement to be proud of," said Joe Egan, Law Society's President.

Well done to all the shortlisted firms and individuals:

Excellence in Business Development

Duncan Lewis Solicitors
Invicta Law Ltd
Paul Hastings LLP
Reeds Solicitors

Excellence in Client Service

Bennett Griffin LLP
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Major Trauma Service, Moore Blatch

Excellence in International Legal Services

Boyes Turner LLP
William Grace

Excellence in Law Management

Elite Law Solicitors
Excello Law
Wollen Michelmore LLP

Excellence in Learning & Development

Martin Tolhurst
Sternberg Reed

Excellence in Marketing & Communications

Roythornes Solicitors
Setfords Solicitors
Thompsons Solicitors and Freshwater PR

Excellence in Private Client Practice

Randall & Phillips LLP

Excellence in Pro Bono

Duncan Lewis Solicitors
Gowling WLG LLP

Excellence in Technology

Saracens Solicitors

Human Rights Lawyer of the Year

Tayab Ali, Irvine Thanvi Natas Solicitors
Kaweh Beheshtizadeh, Barnes Harrild & Dyer Solicitors
Lucy Claridge, Minority Rights Group International
Matthew Evans, AIRE Centre
Rosalyn Akar Grams, Freedom from Torture
Toufique Hossain, Duncan Lewis Solicitors

Junior Lawyer of the Year

Ahmed Aydeed, Duncan Lewis Solicitors
Jonathan Hodge, Giles Wilson LLP
Lewis Kett, Duncan Lewis Solicitors
Luke Morgan, Palmers Solicitors

Solicitor Advocate of the Year

Raj Chada, Hodge Jones & Allen LLP
Vicky Preece, IBB Solicitors

Solicitor of the Year - In-house

Swati Paul, London Luton Airport Operations Limited

Solicitor of the Year - Private Practice

Gillian Bishop, Family Law in Partnership Limited
Fiona Heald, Moore Blatch LLP
Damian Horan, Moore Blatch LLP
Jacqueline McGuigan, TMP Solicitors LLP

Woman Lawyer of the Year

Lesley Gregory, Memery Crystal LLP
Pavani Reddy, Zaiwalla & Co LLP

Gazette Legal Personality of the Year

Shirley Brookes, PwC
Briony Clarke, Taylor Haldane Barlex LLP
David Greene, Edwin Coe LLP

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony hosted by BBC Radio 4 Today programme presenter, Mishal Husain, **on 19 October 2017** at the Hilton Park Lane Hotel, London.

[Book tickets to the Law Society Excellence Awards 2017 ceremony](#)



Consultation on the AML supervisory review

The Society has responded to HM Treasury's consultation on the anti-money laundering (AML) supervisory review. The review includes proposed regulations to establish a new Office for Professional Body AML Supervision (OPBAS), hosted by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Read the full response [here](#).

Enforcement of suspended orders

The Society's Housing Law Committee has responded to a consultation by the Civil Procedure Rule Committee on proposals to clarify the process for enforcing suspended orders following the Court of Appeal's judgment in *Cardiff City Council v Lee (Flowers)* [2016].

Read the full response [here](#).



SRA Open Consultations - Corporate Strategy 2017-20

The SRA is consulting on its Corporate Strategy for 2017-20. Its aim for 2017–20 is to continue to work in collaboration with the public, those it regulates, the justice system and other regulators.

Closing date for responses 21 September

[Find out more](#)

Regulatory performance assessment

The consultation seeks views on the proposed performance assessment framework the LSB intends to use for its regulatory oversight.

Closing date for responses 25 September

[Find out more](#)

For further information regarding any of the consultations please contact Lauren Rabaiotti, Legal and Regulatory Policy - lauren.rabaiotti@lawsociety.org.uk