#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome to the September edition of the SLS newsletter.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the University of Sussex and was once again impressed by another local university's commitment to the community. The University proudly offers 11 Sussex Law Clinics that provide pro bono assistance and support to the public, NGOs, and charitable organisations. A special thanks to our members who volunteer their time to support these clinics. There are always opportunities for lawyers—including trainee solicitors and pupil barristers—to get involved. If you are interested, the areas where help is needed are detailed later in this newsletter.

Later today, I look forward to joining the Brighton & Hove City Council legal team, along with many other firms from the local legal community, for a sponsored 10km walk to raise funds for the Legal Support Trust. For more information and to donate, see details shared later in this newsletter.

October marks the beginning of Black History Month. I would like to take this opportunity to further celebrate the diversity of our legal community, which I think is particularly important given the civil unrest in the Summer. Sharing stories helps break down barriers and I am pleased to invite any Sussex lawyers (including solicitors, barristers, legal executives and others) of Black heritage to share their journeys into law. If you would like to contribute a story (up to 200 words) and a photo, <u>please email me</u>. We cannot promise to share every story, but we will do our best. Additionally, if there are other celebrations you would like the Sussex Law Society to feature, please feel free to get in touch with me directly.

Lastly, we are holding our Autumn Quiz Night on 24<sup>th</sup> October on Brighton Palace Pier. Full details can be found below and <u>on the website</u>. This event is always incredibly popular so make sure you book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Once again, thanks to 1 Crown Office Row for generously supporting this event. If you haven't been before why not get a team together and join in the fun!

Wishing you health and resilience.

#### Manjinder Nagra

#### **NEWS**

- **Coole Bevis LLP** have welcomed **Zoe Reynolds** to their Private Client team in Worthing. Zoe has a wide range of experience in administrating estates, advising clients on the preparation of their Wills together with preparing Lasting Powers of Attorneys.
- The Jonathan Lea Network are delighted to share the exciting news that we have recently opened a new office in Hastings. The new office, located at Freedom Works, The Palace Workspace in Hastings, became operational in August and represents a significant step in our firm's ongoing growth. Adrian Samuel and Dominic Reilly will be based at the Hastings office, offering their extensive expertise to clients in the area. You can read more here.
- **Daniel Mattess** will shortly be starting a new role as Assistant Counsel, in the Office of the Speaker's Counsel, at the House of Commons at the end of this month, advising on a range of commercial projects across Parliament.
- **Tisshaws** are delighted to announce that they have retained their Law Society Lexcel accreditation for the 12th consecutive year. The award recognises our high levels of client

service, compliance and practice management and is a wonderful reward for the team's hard work and commitment to excellence.

- Westgate Chambers are delighted to have been shortlisted for Family Law Chambers of the Year (Regional) and Clerking Team of the Year at the LexisNexis Family Law Awards 2024. The winners and runner ups in all of the award's categories will be announced at the Awards Dinner, which takes place on <u>20 November</u> at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London. Good luck to everyone who has been shortlisted.
- Bennett Griffin LLP is delighted to announce its acquisition of Charles Hill Hubbard LLP, a respected legal practice with a rich history of more than a century. This strategic move marks an exciting milestone for both firms and promises to enhance the legal services available to clients in the region. The incorporation of Charles Hill Hubbard LLP into Bennett Griffin LLP brings together two firms with shared values and a commitment to providing high-quality legal services. All at Charles Hill Hubbard LLP will join the Bennett Griffin team, ensuring continuity and a seamless transition for clients. Managing Partner at Bennett Griffin, Kate Hallin, said she was excited about the acquisition: *"We are thrilled to welcome everyone from Charles Hill Hubbard to the Bennett Griffin team. This represents a significant step forward in our mission to provide quality legal services in Chichester and beyond."* Read more about the acquisition here.
- Family Law Partners has announced its expansion into Berkshire with a new office location in Ascot, headed up by leading family lawyer Amanda Phillips-Wylds who joins the firm as a Legal Director on 1st September 2024. <u>Read more about this news here.</u>
- Jo O'Sullivan is delighted to be a finalist for the second year running (will she ever win she asks?) for the prestigious Family Law Awards (Lexis Nexis) Commentator of the Year for her 99%'ers series of webinars with Bindmans. You can catch the next episode at 1pm on <u>12<sup>th</sup> September</u> with economist Michael O'Sullivan (no relation) called 'It's the Economy, Stupid!' and here is a link to book a place or get a recording
- GoodLaw Solicitors LLP are pleased to announce that, due to continued growth and the
  expansion of our legal aid provision for family matters, we have opened an additional office
  in Gatwick. We welcomed Family and Commercial Property clients to our premises at The
  Pinnacle this month and hope to expand to service clients from our other practice areas in
  the future.
- As of 2023, women still make up only 37% of full equity partners in private practice law firms. Pam Loch, Solicitor and Managing Director at Loch Associates Group was invited to author (and co-author) two chapters in the recent publication 'Business Development for Female Lawyers'. The chapters considered how to successfully create business development strategies that enable female lawyers to progress in a largely male-dominated professional as well as looking at how the sector can harness the true potential of neurodivergent lawyers. Find out more <u>here</u>.
- Martin Searle Solicitors are organising a sponsored walk called 'Dawn Of Hope' on <u>13</u> <u>September</u> to raise money and awareness for Grassroots Suicide Prevention. The walk will start at Brighton Pier at 6am and will proceed along the beach towards Rockwater in Hove for a breakfast at 7am. To take part in the walk, or donate to the JustGiving page, click <u>here</u>.

# SUSSEX LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Glanvilles LLP are proud to continue investing in the new generation of solicitors. Joe Wicks
and Jessica Pallone are our most recent graduates and have both received permanent
contracts to remain with the Firm, specialising within our Civil Litigation & Dispute
Resolution team. Joe specialises on an array of legal matters such as building disputes,
possession claims, contractual disputes including employment, contentious probate, debt
recovery and insolvency. Jessica specialises in Employment and Immigration legal services.
For personal immigration, Jessica can support you with family visa applications including,
spouses, fiancée and parent visa applications. As well as Naturalisation and British
citizenship. For business immigration, Jessica specialises in sponsorship licences and
sponsorship certificates, as well as appeals against rejection.

# NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 HONORARY KING'S COUNSEL AWARDS

The Ministry of Justice is inviting nominations for the 2024 Honorary King's Counsel awards. This is an honorary award unique to the legal profession and legal academics. It is a dedicated opportunity, made by royal prerogative, to recognise those who have had a significant, positive impact either on the shape of the law of England and Wales, or on the legal profession. This is for practice outside the courtroom. The Honorary KC information page and nomination form can be accessed <u>here</u>. Please note that nominations close on <u>30th September 2024</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact <u>HonoraryKC@justice.gov.uk</u>

### JUNIOR SOLICITOR NETWORK SUMMIT

The Law Society are holding a Junior Solicitor Network Summit 2024 on <u>13 September</u>. This full day event at City law firm CMS, promises to be a chance for junior and aspiring solicitors to hear from expert speakers, pick up practical tips on current issues you face, and widen your peer network. The event will provide:

- practical takeaways for your day-to-day role
- tips on expanding your legal network
- thought provoking discussions with industry experts

The full list of speakers can be found <u>here</u>. More details about the day and a link to book can be found <u>here</u>. Registration for this event will close at 11.59pm on <u>11 September</u>.

### DOMINIC REGAN'S AUTUMN CIVIL LITIGATION UPDATE WEBINAR

The general election scuppered a number of law reforms, not least the legitimisation of group litigation funding and more fixed costs. Important changes in the Intermediate Track did get passed. Meanwhile, the judgments keep coming. Dubious injury claimants have respectively foregone  $\pm 600,000$  and  $\pm 1,200,000$  on account of fundamental dishonesty. The failure to comply with a Disclosure Order saw a defendant trounced without a trial. Likely reforms and recent decisions will be considered by Dominic Regan at this webinar from 9.30am - 12.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> October. He will also navigate everyone through the latest Table 14, detailing what one can and can't recover in the Intermediate Track which is now beginning to bite. Yet more problems have emerged in respect of both lay and expert evidence. What are the traps? Those seeking relief from sanctions still regularly come unstuck. A full checklist of steps to take will be supplied. You can download the application form here.

## SUSSEX JUNIOR LAWYERS' DIVISION (SJLD)

If you are a junior lawyer (up to and including 5 years' PQE) and interested in joining the SJLD's 2024/25 committee, the present committee invites you to attend The Lord Nelson pub in Brighton (36 Trafalgar St, Brighton, BN1 4ED) on <u>12 September</u> 2024 at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to speak with members of the current committee and find out how you can be involved. As the SJLD only relaunched at the end of 2022, this is an exciting opportunity to help continue to grow the SJLD in its infancy and expand your network.

To become a member of the SJLD, please sign up to our mailing list <u>sussexjld.co.uk/membership.html</u>. This will ensure that you are the first to hear about any upcoming events and allow you to vote in our upcoming committee elections in the Autumn.

### SUSSEX LAW CLINICS AT UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

Students at Sussex Law Clinics provide pro bono assistance and support to the public directly under the supervision of qualified lawyers, and/or provide assistance and support to NGOs and charitable organisations in relation to legal matters. Supervision is provided either by in-house qualified lawyers, or in partnership with volunteer lawyers. Students are trained in professional ethics and case management under the supervision of their academic leads and supervising solicitors. Sussex Law Clinics enjoy and are grateful for the support of volunteer lawyers and supervising solicitors in the local area, but there are always opportunities for SLS members (including trainee solicitors and pupil barristers) to help in the provision of support across the 11 legal clinics. Expressions of interest are especially welcome in relation to:

- employment law
- environmental law
- housing law
- immigration and asylum
- performing arts contracts and regulatory compliance
- sports law (for coaches)

Sussex Law Clinics operate with two broad aims; to enhance student experience and understanding of access to justice, and to increase access to advice and legal services in the community. Clinical activities are insured under the University's professional negligence insurance, and clinics do not perform reserved activities or litigation support. The students have extremely valuable experiences during their time with Sussex Law Clinics, in no small part due to the brilliant network of people across the clinics who are passionate about access to justice. As well as the rewards associated with improving access to justice and helping to shape the experience of future lawyers, our volunteer lawyers enjoy our networking opportunities and regular events we hold in celebration of clinical work. More of information about the work of all Sussex Law Clinics can be found at <a href="https://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/clinical-legal-education/">https://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/clinical-legal-education/</a>. Expressions of interest or questions can be directed to Lucy Welsh, Director of Sussex Clinical Legal Education, at <a href="https://www.sussex.ac.uk">l.c.welsh@sussex.ac.uk</a>.

# **TREACHER, LUCAS & McCPHEARSON**

Does anyone know who the successor to this firm was? Their offices were at 13 Prince Albert Street Brighton BN1 1JJ. Any information to <u>Jeanette Lacy Scott</u> please.

### BOOK NOW FOR OUR AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

<u>Book here</u> for our extremely popular Quiz Night, which has kindly been sponsored by 1 Crown Office Row, will be once again held in the Palm Court Restaurant on Brighton Pier on <u>24<sup>th</sup> October</u> so why not come and join us (we promise no legal questions!). Both members and non-members are welcome to enter a team of up to 6 people at a cost of £25 per person (including VAT) which includes a fish and chip supper (with a vegan fishless and chip supper alternative). There will be a cash bar available all night. This is a very popular event and so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. There will be a raffle on the night in aid of the President's charity for the year – <u>The</u> <u>Black & Minority Ethnic Young People's Project</u>



### BHCC LEGAL TEAM WALK 10K FOR LOCAL ADVICE AGENCIES

The Brighton & Hove City Council legal team (along with many other colleagues in the Brighton and Hove legal community) are taking on a sponsored 10km walk on <u>11th September</u> to raise funds for advice agencies in Brighton & Hove. At the end of 2023, 4 million families (34% of all those on low incomes) were sitting on debts used explicitly to help pay for food, housing costs and other household bills. As the cost of living has risen dramatically, the money raised by our Walk will go a long way in supporting our local agencies to ensure they can keep the lights on, and doors open for people. If you would like to support us the link to our fundraising page is <u>here.</u>

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CIVIL JUSTICE COUNCIL'S NATIONAL FORUM

<u>29<sup>th</sup> November</u> in person at Friends House, Euston, NW1 2BJ and online. More details about the event and how to sign up to follow. You can sign up to the CJC's mailing list <u>here.</u>

### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT**

As you read this I shall be in (hopefully sunny) Brittany probably overindulging in the food and wine of this lovely part of France. As it happens there have been no Council meetings since my last report. The Law Society AGM is on 9<sup>th</sup> October and all Solicitors on the roll can attend in person or remotely. See this link <u>Annual general meeting 2024</u> | The Law Society

Andrew Bishop Law Society Council Member for Sussex Andrew.bishop@bishopandlight.co.uk

### ARE YOU CYBER ESSENTIALS CERTIFIED YET? (advertisement)

Lexcel is the legal practice quality mark for client care, compliance and practice management. All legal practices and departments are eligible to apply for Lexcel, regardless of size or the type of work carried out, however the application process can be time consuming, and with cybercrime rocketing, demonstrating a commitment to cyber security to protect your clients and their data is an important part of the process. Section 3.2 of Lexcel Version 6.1 states that 'all practices should have an information management and security policy and should be accredited against Cyber Essentials.' This

demonstrates the significance that the Law Society and their legal practice quality mark attaches to this specific cyber certification. By addressing fundamental aspects such as firewall defences and device security, it lays the groundwork for robust cyber security infrastructure within legal practices.

Since the inception of Cyber Essentials, <u>Extech Cloud</u> have been helping law firms achieve a successful outcome with their Cyber assessments. With a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by law firms and the critical nature of their data, <u>Extech Cloud</u> are set to guide and support you through the certification process.

"We have been engaged with <u>Extech Cloud</u> since 2019 to provide support, knowledge and help us with our compliance issues. We task <u>Extech</u> with making sure that our systems, polices and processes are compliant with the Cyber Essentials Assessment to obtain our annual certification. Working alongside their engineers we regularly review our environment to make sure that in the everchanging security landscape we follow best practices to keep our environment secure. I would highly recommend <u>Extech Cloud</u> to other organisations as their attention to detail and professionalism cannot be faulted." John Streets, Hunters Law.

If you're unsure about what's involved or where to begin, <u>Extech Cloud</u> can help. Our expertise and dedication to cybersecurity make us well-equipped to get you Cyber Essentials Certified!

### AUTUMN/WINTER LUNCHTIME COMPLIANCE WEBINARS & ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING TRAINING

Due to the success of the previous two series of 1 hour lunchtime webinars presented by Joanna Morris, we are pleased to announce that there is a new series of 8 sessions (12noon - 1pm) on key topics starting on Tuesday, 3rd September. You can choose to attend one or all of them. The cost of an individual session is £30 + VAT or you can buy the package of 8 for £200 + VAT (as this Newsletter is going out after the date of the first session in the series, if you purchase the package you will be sent a recording and slides for the first session)

Webinar details/application forms are now available on the highlighted topics below, details of the remaining topics will be released on <u>our website</u> shortly. In the meantime, if you would like to book the series of sessions at £200 + VAT for one or more people please let <u>Jeanette Lacy Scott</u> know.

3rd September - 'Continuing Competence - can you confidently sign your practising certificate renewal' – recording & slides available for purchase – <u>contact Jeanette Lacy Scott</u>
17th September - <u>'The AML Regulation 21 Audit - what's it all about and why do I need one?'</u>
1st October - <u>'Quarterly Compliance Update for Law Firms - a look at the updates over the last guarter'</u>
15th October - <u>'The Role of the COFA in a Law Firm - an overview and refresh of this important role'</u>
29th October - 'Source of Wealth and Source of funds - where has the money come from?'
5th November - 'The Role of the COLP - an overview and refresh of this very important role'
19th November - 'The SRA AML Annual Report 2023/24 - facts, findings and figures'

3rd December - 'A round up of 2024!'

Joanna Morris is also running an Anti-Money Laundering Training webinar on <u>14<sup>th</sup> October</u>. This 3 hour session will cover all that's new in the world of AML for 2024 and refresh everyone on the key points of the MLR2017. The session will be suitable for all members of staff in your firm and give them the annual refresher required under the LSAG guidance. Full details and application form can be found <u>here</u>. You can register as an individual or, for one flat rate fee, register & update all your

staff in one go! Fees include recordings & notes of the sessions for those who cannot attend the live webinars are:

Individuals:	£100 + VAT (£120)
Firm (0-20 people attending):	£300 + VAT (£360)
Firm (20-40 people attending):	£400 + VAT (£480)
Firm (40 + people attending):	£500 + VAT (£600

#### UPDATE TO THE HMCTS PROBATE PORTAL

The Probate Registry has introduced online tracking for Grant applications submitted 'on paper'. This means that progress of all applications can now be tracked online, regardless of how the Grant is applied for.

The Probate Registry are continuing to tackle their application backlog. Although applicants are still told to allow 16 weeks to receive a Grant, many practitioners have reported a noticeable reduction in processing times in recent weeks.

### **UPDATE TO IHT400 FORM**

HMRC has recently announced that the Inheritance Tax Return form, IHT400, will be amended to enable applicants to provide an email address if they wish to receive the estate's 'unique code' via email instead of post. The unique code is required in order to prepare and file an application for a Grant against a deceased person's estate. HMRC have advised that the email address will be used exclusively for sending the unique code. All correspondence and documents relating to the estate will continue to be exchanged by post only. Nevertheless, this update is very welcome as it will enable Grant applications to be filed more promptly once HMRC have generated the unique code.

### **SIGN UP FOR WILL AID 2024**

Solicitors in the South East are encouraged to help nearly two-thirds of adults without an up-to-date Will by joining the 2024 Will Aid campaign. Solicitors now have the chance to help the staggering 64% of adults in the South East who either don't have a Will or have one that's out-of-date, by taking part in this year's Will Aid campaign. The poll by the Will-writing charity, which surveyed more than 2,000 people across the country, found 55% in the region haven't made a Will, and 9% admitted theirs did not reflect their current wishes.

Now's the time for solicitor firms to sign up to participate in this year's Will Aid campaign – which brings a host of opportunities including helping thousands of people who don't have a Will, attracting new clients, boosting their reach and helping seven of the UK's best-loved charities too. It has been running since 1988 and has encouraged more than 350,000 people to write their Will with a regulated and insured solicitor and, in so doing has raised more than £24 million in donations, and many millions more in pledged legacies.

The annual Will Aid campaign sees solicitors across the UK volunteering their time to write Wills throughout November. Will Aid is a partnership between the legal profession and seven of the UK's best-loved charities. The initiative, which has been running for more than 30 years, sees participating solicitors waive their fee for writing basic Wills every November. Instead, they invite clients to make a voluntary donation to Will Aid – a suggested £100 for a single basic Will and £180 for a pair of basic 'mirror' Wills.

Will Aid is a win-win initiative for solicitors. For more information on how to join, visit the Will Aid website at <u>www.willaid.org.uk/register</u> or call 0300 0300 013.

# **CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP**

This workshop has been designed in response to our experiences working in the legal domain as qualified lipspeakers. For some D/deaf, disabled and vulnerable people, their experiences of accessing information during their time in a legal setting can be stressful and confusing. Lipspeakers can bridge some communication barriers, but it is important for all professionals to understand why certain barriers arise. Although guidelines for accessible communication are considered within the Equal Treatment Bench Book, this workshop aims to allow common barriers to be discussed, good practice to be shared, and to give a better understanding of how to work with language service practitioners, with a focus on lipspeakers' roles, both in and out of court. This workshop can be delivered face to face and will cover approximately 3 hours with a break. The fee is £75.00 per head. For more information on how this workshop can be part of your continuous professional development, to discuss timings, numbers of participants and venues, contact Dian Donovan at dian@docom.ltd or 07464597373.

What is a Lipspeaker? - A lipspeaker is a hearing person that has been professionally trained to silently and accurately repeat the spoken words on their lips to reproduce the rhythm, tone and flow used by the speaker with gesture, facial expressions and some additional finger spelling and signs if required. Lipspeakers are used for deaf people who lipread or have lost their hearing and require additional support to access conversations. A lipspeaker can be asked to use their own voice while lipspeaking, thus enabling the lipreader to benefit from using any residual hearing they may have

### SUSSEX LAW SOCIETY WEBINARS AND COURSES

Click on the links below for more details about these webinars and the application forms:

17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - <u>'The AML Regulation 21 Audit – what's it all about & why do I need one?'</u> 12noon – 1pm. Live webinar by Joanna Morris.

25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - <u>'Residential Conveyancing Update'</u> 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Live webinar by Richard Snape. Group discounts available – contact <u>Jeanette Lacy Scott</u>

1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 - <u>'Quarterly Compliance Update for Law Firms'</u> 12noon – 1pm. Live webinar by Joanna Morris.

7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – <u>'Civil Litigation Autumn 2024 Update'</u>. 9.30am – 12.30pm. Live webinar by Dominic Regan. Group discounts available – contact <u>Jeanette Lacy Scott</u>

14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – <u>'Anti Money Laundering Training'</u>. 10am – 1pm. Live webinar by Joanna Morris. Group discounts available – contact <u>Jeanette Lacy Scott</u>

15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 '<u>The Role of the COFA in a Law Firm'</u> 12noon – 1pm. Live webinar by Joanna Morris.

17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – <u>'Commercial Property Update'</u> 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Live webinar by Richard Snape.

# **OTHER COURSES/WEBINARS/ARTICLES/RESOURCES**

### <u>Webinars</u>

**'Commercial lease break clauses - defusing the booby traps'** <u>26 September at 12 noon</u> - <u>https://becket-chambers.co.uk/news/webinar-commercial-lease-break-clauses-defusing-the-booby-traps-26-september-2024-midday/</u>

**'From Awkward to Positive'** - Retirement is a significant milestone in anyone's career, but within law firms, it can often become a sensitive and challenging topic. Futurum Group are presenting a free webinar from 1-2pm on <u>3<sup>rd</sup> October</u> which aims to provide practical strategies to help start, and normalise the conversation, improving your firm's approach to retirement and making it a positive experience for the firm and the individual. <u>The link to book a place is here</u>

**'Paying for Care & Securing Funding Masterclass'** - Cate Searle, Head of Community Care Law at Martin Searle Solicitors is hosting a live seminar in London in partnership with MBL Seminars. This practical and tactical session is designed for professional deputy and private client law teams who have a working knowledge of the health and social care funding systems and want to know how to run successful public law challenges that make a difference for their clients. This full-day interactive workshop will run from 9.30am – 5.15pm on <u>22 October 2024</u>. For more information and to book your place, click <u>here</u>.

Throughout October 2024, Martin Searle Solicitors are running their campaign, **Disability Matters** to stamp out disability discrimination in the workplace They are offering a free 30-minute telephone advice line for employers and employees concerned about disability rights and employer duties. As part of the campaign, they are running a virtual seminar for managers at charities and non-profit organisations on 'Managing III Health And Disability ' at 10.30am on <u>17 October</u>, in partnership with Community Works. They also are running a free virtual seminar for employee advisers and trade union reps on 'Disability Discrimination In The Workplace' at 10.30am on <u>24 October</u>. For more details click <u>here</u>.

# <u>Articles</u>

https://becket-chambers.co.uk/articles/applications-to-delay-making-a-conditional-divorce-order-afinal-order-under-section-10-of-the-matrimonial-causes-act-1973/ https://becket-chambers.co.uk/articles/tolata-proceedings-a-brief-overview/ https://becket-chambers.co.uk/articles/private-fdrs-what-are-they-and-are-they-really-worth-it/ 'Stop Throwing Good Money After Bad' - https://orionlegalmarketing.co.uk/legal-marketing-review/

# SITUATIONS VACANT

Listing job vacancies in the Newsletter & putting more detailed vacancies on the <u>website</u> is FREE for Sussex Law Society member firms and individual members and £100 + VAT for other contributors. Contact <u>Jeanette Lacy Scott</u> to place an advert. More details about each vacancy and how to apply can be found by following the highlighted links.

- Contracts & Procurement Lawyer Brighton & Hove City Council are looking for an able, motivated qualified solicitor or Legal Executive who is interested in commercial work to join their legal team. Full details and how to apply can be found <u>here.</u> Closing date for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- **Conveyancing Solicitor/Legal Adviser**, Crawley <u>https://careers.ampa.co.uk/en/postings/b162da54-249a-4445-8361-a0d4dffa55e0</u>
- Employment Lawyer Martin Searle Solicitors are looking to recruit an Employment Lawyer (0 – 5 years PQE) to join their Employment Law team. For a full job description and to apply, please click <u>here</u>.

- Employment Solicitor/Legal Adviser, Chichester/Brighton https://careers.ampa.co.uk/en/postings/471e5371-ad81-4824-81a5-981e77c9008a
- Enfranchisement Paralegal, Lewes <u>https://careers.ampa.co.uk/en/postings/f884ea43-951a-4705-a25a-405ee2572575</u>
- Litigators Helix Law are interested in hearing from commercial, property or construction litigators at any stage of your career. If you have a passion for resolving problems, excellent academics and/or are driven to do more, better, we'd love to hear from you. Find out more at www.helix-law.co.uk/careers
- Litigation Solicitor/Legal Adviser, Sussex <u>https://careers.ampa.co.uk/en/postings/8b38b937-2c89-4ef0-9133-926f6f9e920d</u>
- **Private Client Assistant** Chrismas and Company Solicitors in Lewes are currently looking for an experienced Private Client Assistant to join us on a full/part time basis. You must be experienced in the preparation/drafting of Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Estate Administration including completion of IHT forms. For more information about the role see <u>here</u>.
- **Private Client Solicitor / Chartered Legal Executive** Cornfield Law LLP are seeking to recruit a part or full time Solicitor/ Chartered Legal Executive to join our busy Private Client team in this family friendly firm in the centre of Eastbourne. We are flexible on the number of years PQE.

Any interested candidates should contact Angela Hobden on <u>ahobden@cornfieldlaw.co.uk</u>.

• **Private Client Solicitor/Practitioner** - Chrismas and Company Solicitors are currently looking for an experienced Private Client Solicitor/Probate Practitioner to join us on a Consultancy / Part Time basis. We are looking to grow our current existing caseload so this position may become full-time in the future. We run a small and very friendly office in Lewes and are looking for someone to join us who is experienced in the preparation of Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Estate Administration. If interested, please send your CV and covering email to sonia@chrismasandcompany.com

# SITUATIONS WANTED

I am Oluyemi Abodunde. I am currently looking for a paralegal job. As a law graduate, I have worked in both commercial and property law firms for over two years. My experience in legal research, drafting legal documents, and managing case files, coupled with my strong commitment to providing exceptional client service and high-quality service at all times. I have the ability to prioritize work and ensure deadlines are met. I have no doubt that I would contribute greatly to your team. I am good at administration. I have organizational skills, am adaptable, goal-oriented, and capable of working under pressure.

I am seeking a firm within 20 miles of RH16 Haywards Heath. Contact via <u>oabodunde5@gmail.com</u> +447386792415

# LOCUMS

If you would like to be added to the list of locums published monthly in this Newsletter, please email your details to <u>Jeanette Lacy Scott</u>. Listing your details here is free of charge for members:

- Margaret Dowdles commercial/residential property. Happy to discuss how firms can
  practically work together so she can innovate on pricing and still deliver real value at this
  challenging time and going forwards -Contact <u>mgtdles@gmail.com</u> 07947-771593. Charges
  realistic rates.
- Patrick Richards- Un-Notarised legal translations, office and Court interpreter services offered by fluent French and Italian speaking local Solicitor. Contact <u>patrichards27@hotmail.com</u> 07715928563.
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### LOST & MISSING WILLS

James Baird WEATHERHEAD (RIP 11/06/24) d.o.b. Last address: 36 Old Castle Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8QB. Any information please contact his step-granddaughter Paula Winzar <u>paula.winzar@live.com</u>

All wills previously held by Howlett Clarke are now safely held with the Right Legal Group, Wyvern Business Park, 16 Stanier Way, Derby, DE21 6BF. Telephone number 01332 424511.

Please contact <u>Jeanette Lacy Scott</u> if you are looking for a will or if you want to be part of our lost/missing wills scheme (free of charge for members)

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