



November 2021 Roundup

Law Society Representation & Members Services

Final Three Small Practice Information Sessions of 2021

- Introduction to General Scheme of Companies (Small Company Administrative Rescue Process and Misc Provisions) Bill 2021 (1 December) [Register online](#)
- Case management, Superior Court Rules changes and Vizlegal (Dec 8) [Register online](#)
- A conversation with Emelina Ellis, Clinical Excellence Lead with LegalMind (Dec 15) [Register Online](#)

You can listen back to previous information sessions - www.lawsociety.ie/supportwebinars

If you have ideas for speakers, content for 2022, please do get in touch – j.purcell@lawsociety.ie

Still need CPD hours?

- Check out upcoming events in December plus the LegalEd Talks platform also has a range of free on demand CPD - [CPD \(lawsociety.ie\)](http://CPD.lawsociety.ie)
- Earn Regulatory Matters CPD Hours for 2021 - this Wednesday, 1 December [Practice and Regulation Symposium 2021](#) – Online via Zoom - 3 Management & Professional Development Skills, 3 Regulatory Matters (Including 1.5 accounting and AML compliance) Total 6 hours (by eLearning)

Remember to update your credentials ahead of PC season

Save time and hassle during the PC renewal season - [check your login credentials now](#).

Business Recovery Survey

From the early stages of the pandemic, the Council of the Law Society resolved to support member firms through the immediate crisis and into the next phase: business recovery. As part of this strategy, the Business Recovery research was conducted by Crowe during March to May of 2021 involving an online survey and interviews. The resulting report, published recently, explores solicitors' experiences of the business impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. It aims to understand the type of supports required from the Society and Government into the future. [Download the report](#).

Afghan Crisis

The Law Society is a founding member of the Irish Justice Community Response to the Afghan Crisis, a coalition of the Bar of Ireland, Association of Judges in Ireland, International Association of Women Judges, and Irish Rule of Law International.

This collaborative effort has been established to express solidarity with, and support for, Afghan judges, who have faced enormous challenges in recent months. The Irish State has now secured safe passage and protection for 11 Afghan female judges and their families arising from the dangers they would otherwise face by remaining in Afghanistan. Their arrival in Ireland is imminent.

Justice Community Fund appeal

A special fund – the Justice Community Fund – has been set up to assist with providing support to the judges and their families. Donations to the fund will help these families to start afresh in Ireland, and contribute to the cost of food, accommodation, as well as health and social care.

The Law Society is appealing to all members of the profession to do what they can to support the Justice Community Fund. Contributions, no matter how small, can be made at: www.irishruleoflaw.ie/afghanistan_appeal

Visit the Law Society website for more information on this initiative:
<https://www.lawsociety.ie/Solicitors/Representation/afghan-assistance>

Law Society Advertising Campaign – we need your help

Every year, the Law Society runs an advertising campaign to promote the solicitors' profession and encourage members of the public to talk to their solicitor for trusted advice. This year, we would like you to get involved in our current 'Commitment' advertising campaign.

Share your business client commitment story

Do you have a story to share about a time when you have shown your commitment to a small business client? For example, providing services to help a local business to adapt or start during the pandemic. Is this client interested in appearing on camera in a very short video to share the story?

These client commitment stories will be used in the next phase of the 'Commitment' advertising campaign on Law Society social media channels. The stories featured in the campaign video/s will be chosen based on the story and willingness of the client to take part.

Promotional opportunity

This is a great opportunity to promote your practice, your commitment to your clients and the wider profession. These short video case studies have the potential to tell the story of a solicitor's role in supporting small businesses to thrive in their local communities.

If you would like to share a story for consideration, please email [Miriam Taber](mailto:Miriam.Taber@lawsociety.ie), Senior PR Executive, by close of business on **Monday 29 November**.

Digital Law Directory

The Law Directory is now available as an App for both Android and Apple devices, and as a mobile-friendly site. With new, faster search functions, details of partners, solicitors and consultants on individual firm pages as well as real time details for bar associations, court offices and more - all at

the touch of a button – what's not to love! Download the app today, or visit www.lawsociety.ie/lawdirectory

Wellbeing

- Report on wellbeing from the New York Bar may be of interest to your members – see report attached to this email.

Member Supports

- **Small Practice Business Hub** - The Small Practice Business Hub provides information, templates, precedents and tools to help you build a more successful and sustainable business.
- **PII** - For the latest updates visit our dedicated [webpage](#).
- **Financial Benefits** – this includes details on the Law Society's retirement trust scheme, group life assurance and a finance scheme to fund PC fees.
- **Client Care Leaflets** - a series of multi-lingual information leaflets on a range of legal topics – **free** to download and distribute to your clients
- **Practising Solicitor logo** – **free** to download to your website/stationary and emails – we also have window stickers available with the practising solicitor logo – contact me if you would like to order these.
- **Professional Wellbeing Charter** – join the 50+ signatories to the Professional Wellbeing Charter and show your firm's commitment to promoting and enabling professional wellbeing at all levels in your workplace.
- **GEDI Charter** - join the 100+ signatories to the Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Charter and show your firm's commitment to promoting an inclusive workplace.

If I can be of assistance to you and your members, please email or call me.

Kind regards

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