



November 2022 Roundup - Law Society Representation & Members Services

Financial Scheme for PII Insurance 2022/23

The Law Society has again partnered with the Bank of Ireland as an exclusive provider of a finance facility for professional indemnity insurance, practising certificates, preliminary tax or pension contributions. For full details on the Finance Scheme for 2022/23 you can find information in the attached PDF document and also on the Law Society website [here](#).

PII Update

With only a short time remaining, members are reminded that access to the Common Proposal Form for Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) renewal is available on the Law Society website [here](#). The Law Society operates a PII helpline Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm to assist those in dealing with any queries they may have. The helpline can be reached by phone (01) 879 8907 or by emailing prihelpline@lawsociety.ie

Cover must be in place by 1 December with notification to the Law Society no later than 6 December 2022.

Practice Supports Sessions – Complimentary Registration

Final Practice Supports session of 2023

- Thinking of Retiring: What are your options? With Hilary Haydon - Wednesday 30 November 1pm: [Register Online](#)
- Previous sessions have now been categorised into a single playlist for ease of access for those looking for the videos. The playlist can be found [here](#). If you have any suggestions or ideas for speakers or content in the new year please do get in touch with Justin - j.purcell@lawsociety.ie

New look Library Catalogue

The Law Society Library has launched its redesigned and updated library catalogue. Members will find it easier to navigate the catalogue using the short cut buttons on the left-hand side of the screen, while our archives, judgments, online guides, services, subject resource packs and wellbeing collections are all accessible directly from the home screen.

The LawWatch archive has moved to a more prominent position on the right-hand side allowing members' quick access to older issues of the library's current awareness newsletter.

A new Student Portal allows all students studying at the Law School access to relevant materials depending on their course, including reading lists and short video guides giving quick demonstrations on how to find case law, journal articles and legislation on the LexisNexis and WestlawIE and WestlawUK platforms.

Members are invited to email libraryenquire@lawsociety.ie for their login details to the catalogue.

Members can access the library catalogue via the main Law Society website www.lawsociety.ie and clicking on Knowledge Base, which is located under the For Solicitors menu

High Court List Room

The List Room of the High Court opening hours will change from 5 December 2022.

The room will be open at the following times:

Monday: 10am - 1pm

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm

Wednesday: 10am - 4.30pm (closed for lunch from 1pm to 2pm)

Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm (closed for lunch from 1pm to 2pm)

Friday: 10am - 4.30pm (closed for lunch from 1pm to 2pm)

Legal Vacancies

The Law Society offers numerous supports and advice for jobs and careers in the legal sector. On our [Legal Vacancies](#) page, you will find the latest job offerings along with the ability to advertise any current opportunities you or your firm may have. Further details can be found [here](#), while the weekly Legal Vacancies eZine can be located [here](#) with ability to sign up for the weekly newsletter.

Law Society Skillnet - Training for legal executives and other support staff

A successful practice is a team effort, and effective legal support staff allow solicitors of all levels to serve clients more efficiently. As such, Law Society Skillnet have designed a number of courses to build key skills for legal executives and other support staff. These courses have been specially selected to power legal support staff in their day-to-day work and build skills that will add value to your firm. A full list of courses and schedules can be found [here](#).

An update from the Psychological Services Team

Dignity at Work Toolkit - Law Society Psychological Services has this month launched a brand new Dignity at Work Toolkit in response to the Law Society [Dignity Matters Report](#) findings. This Toolkit offers legal organisations practical information on the prevention, intervention and resolution of dignity at work issues. It details best practice approaches to creating safe, healthy and respectful workplaces. The Toolkit also provides step-by-step guidance for creating dignity at work policies for all sized teams and legal organisations. You will find a copy of the toolkit attached to your email while further details and resources from Psychological Services can be found [here](#).

Please contact Law Society Psychological Services at ps@lawsociety.ie with any thoughts or queries you may have.

Tax Clearance – Criminal Legal Aid Panels

Solicitors wishing to remain on Criminal Legal Aid Panels in 2023 must submit a Tax Clearance Certificate to the Courts Service. The Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) (Tax Clearance Certificate) Regulations, 1999 (S.I. No. 135 of 1999) provide that a solicitor who wishes to have their name retained on Criminal Legal Aid Panels beyond 30 November 2022 must submit a Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) with an expiry date after 1 December 2022. For further details and how to submit see [here](#).

Submissions on Civil Legal Aid

The Group to review the Civil Legal Aid Scheme is seeking submissions from interested stakeholders. In June 2022, Minister for Justice Helen McEntee, T.D., established a Group to review the Civil Legal Aid scheme for the first time in its history. The Group is seeking submissions from stakeholders to inform its thinking on the current scheme and its recommendations for the future. Full details and how to submit, with a deadline of 6 January 2023, can be found [here](#).

LLM Advanced Legal Practice starts on 21 January 2023

The Diploma Centre is delighted to open applications for its LLM Advanced Legal Practice, offered in partnership with the Leeds Law School at Leeds Beckett University commencing on 21 January 2023. More details [here](#).

Championing the Profession

The Law Society's Press Office works to champion and defend the reputation of the solicitors' profession and the Law Society by proactively telling stories about the contributions the solicitors' profession and the Law Society make to Irish society in the media. Working closely with committees and senior leadership to identify compelling stories to advance access to justice for all. To see some of the most recent media highlights you may have missed click [here](#).

Exclusive Member Supports and Benefits

- [Business Hub](#) - The Law Society Business Hub provides information, templates, precedents and tools to help you build a more successful and sustainable business.
- [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. (Login required)
- [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. on from the last informational session in Practice Supports, Women in Leadership Mentoring Programme, the Law Society Youtube channel has now categorised all previous Practice Support Information sessions. (Login required)

If I can be of assistance to you or your members, please do not hesitate to email me.

Kind regards

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