



January 2023 Roundup - Law Society Representation & Members Services

Final Reminder for Practising Certificate (PC) Renewal 2023

The 2023 Practising Certificate (PC) Renewal period is entering its final week with the deadline set for 1 February, including applications for both solicitors in full-time service of the State, and those seeking Qualifying Certificates. You **MUST** submit your online form and pay by **1 February 2023**.

All applications for the practising certificate renewal period must be made online. To renew, log in to the Law Society website click [here](#).

If you wish to apply or renew your membership, you can do so in conjunction with PC renewal at the link above however if you have not purchased it as part of the practising certificate application process you can do so [here](#). If you need assistance email pc@lawsociety.ie

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 the latest interest rate information on the Law Society website [here](#).

Group Life Assurance Scheme

In 2023, the Law Society will continue to offer a Group Life Assurance Scheme. The Scheme has been placed with Aviva and details can be found [here](#).

Early bird tickets for the Law Society Conference 2023

The Law Society Conference 2023 will take place in Mount Juliet Estate, Co. Kilkenny and commences on the morning of Friday 12 May 2023. The focus of the Conference will be on the future and sustainability of legal practices, legal careers and the future of the legal profession.

Early bird tickets are available until Friday 27 January 2023. You can book your place online [here](#) with further details on the conference available on the Law Society website [here](#).

Assignment of High Court judges

The Courts Service has published details of the judges in charge for different matters during Hilary Term with further details available [here](#).

The Business of Law: 10 tips for the New Year

As we start into a new year, remember that you are not just practising law – you are also running a business. Justin Purcell offers some simple tips to keep clients and staff happy, and boost your practice's profitability and value. Justin's ten tips can be found [here](#).

Practice Supports Sessions 2023 – Complimentary Registration

Upcoming Information Sessions for 2023

Each session takes place at 1pm for 30 minutes

- **8 February 2022** - Marketing your Practice Online with Pat Horan, Irish Law Awards Winner 2022: [Click here to register](#)
- **22 February 2023** - Business Grants and Supports Overview with Eoin Cullen from SEAI: [Click here to register](#)

More dates to follow

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

Questions for case management software vendors

A case management system is an essential piece of software for many practices. Used effectively, it can deliver improved efficiency, greater collaboration, a better understanding of your client base, and other benefits.

A list of sample questions published by the Law Society Technology Committee can help practitioners to choose the right case management system provider found online [here](#).

Diploma Centre launches spring 2023 courses

Applications for the Diploma Centre's spring 2023 programme are now open. Courses on offer include core fields of interest for solicitors as well as innovative programmes that reflect specialist areas of practice, including regulation law, healthcare law and data protection. Full details [here](#).

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

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 (reduced rates for members) 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.

An update from the Psychological Services Team

Complimentary Dignity at Work Toolkit - Law Society Psychological Services last year 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.

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.
- [Complimentary 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.

If I can be of assistance to you or your members, please do not hesitate to email me and wishing you a very joyous holiday period and Happy New Year.

Kind regards

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