

## March 2023 Roundup - Law Society Representation & Member Services

### Survey to Legal Profession – shaping the future

The Law Society is currently embarking on the development of a new five-year strategy and we want to hear from the profession. Through consultations, submissions and a survey, solicitors are invited to share their views on the challenges facing the profession and to play a key role in shaping the priorities of the Law Society. From **19 April** next, all solicitors and trainees will be emailed a link to a survey managed independently by the company Behaviour & Attitudes. Look out for an email from **B&A Research** with the subject: **Invitation to complete B&A Research & Law Society of Ireland Survey**. The survey will be open for two weeks until 2 May and contributions will remain confidential and anonymous. Take the opportunity to tell us what you think and what you need from the Law Society.

### Law Society Library - Subject Guides (New – Probate, Wills & Succession)

The Library launched Law Society Subject Guides for [Probate, Wills & Succession](#) in March. These Subject Guides are a new member service highlighting subject specific resources and information in different areas of law. They are an excellent one-stop-shop to help you keep informed, improve your knowledge or access recommended resources in a particular area of practice. Previous guides focused on [Conveyancing](#) and [Employment Law](#).

Members and trainees can access relevant precedents, practice notes, books, eBooks, journal articles, case law and legislation via the [Subject Guides](#). Every month the library will circulate a new Subject Guide through the LawWatch newsletter. The library would love to get your [feedback](#) on the Subject Guides and welcome any comments or suggestions that you have.

### Mental health support to reach your optimal potential

Did you know the Law Society offers a confidential mental health support for the legal community called LegalMind? Run by an independent provider Spectrum.Life, this subsidised mental health and professional wellbeing service is available for access by solicitors, their families and post PPC II trainees and the first appointment is free. Other services include financial advice and career support. If you need to talk to someone call LegalMind on freephone 1800 814 177 or visit the website to learn [more about LegalMind](#).

### Courts Service booking system

Following a pilot project and a subsequent rollout to two additional offices - the Supreme Court Office and the Cork Court Office (Washington Street) – the Courts Service are now planning for a wider rollout nationwide, throughout 2023. As you may be aware, this project involves the introduction of an appointment booking service that allows the public to make an appointment to visit a Courts Service office, at a time and date that suits them. Updates will continue as additional phases of this project are delivered.

In the meantime, due to the volume of business dealt with in the Dublin Civil Combined Offices, the [appointment booking system](#) is going live in these offices **from 3 April 2023**. To find out more, visit the appointment booking webpage on the [Courts website](#) to see a list of all offices where the appointment service is live and what type of appointments can be made for each location.

### The President's Conference 2023 – limited availability

With limited places available, it is recommended to [book the conference online](#) without delay. The conference theme is: Your future – building a successful legal profession, legal career, and legal practice over the next decade. As previously advised, a questionnaire has been prepared to assist in making the conference particularly relevant to you and your colleagues. See further information on the [conference and the questionnaire](#).

## International Women's Day and first 100 women on Roll

View photos from the event on 8 March held in Blackhall Place to mark International Women's Day, in collaboration with the Irish Women Lawyers Association. [Access the gallery](#)

In 2023, 100 years after the first women were added to the Roll of Solicitors, the Law Society is marking the achievements of women in law over a century with a range of events, articles and commemorations. These include a project to gather biographical details and photographs of the [first 100 women admitted to the Roll](#) of Solicitors. Can you help? Please send details to [memberservices@lawsociety.ie](mailto:memberservices@lawsociety.ie).

## Calcutta Run - Dublin on 27 May and Cork on 28 May

Over 25 years, the Calcutta Run has raised €5 million to benefit homeless people in Ireland and India. This year's event, taking place on 27 May in Dublin and 28 May in Cork, aims to raise €400,000 for The Hope Foundation and Peter McVerry Trust. In addition to the 10k and 5k races, the event will include the popular finish line festival, annual BBQ, DJ, kid's mini-athletics and much more. [Registration](#) is now open for the 2023 Calcutta Run.

## News from Conveyancing Committee

The Conveyancing Committee has been reviewing the Certificate of Title system in relation to [Stage Payments](#).

## Practice Business Information Sessions

These web-based sessions continue to be produced by the Law Society Support Services team. Upcoming Information Sessions include;

- 5 April 2023 - Research Findings of Irish Law Firms 2022/23 by Evelyn Partners: [Register online](#)
- 19 April 2023 - Benefits of being a consultant: [Register online](#)

Previous sessions such as what to do if you receive a complaint (22 March) have now been categorised into a [playlist of videos](#) for ease of access. If you have any suggestions or ideas for speakers or content please get in touch with Justin – [j.purcell@lawsociety.ie](mailto:j.purcell@lawsociety.ie)

## Your Digital PC

Your digital Practising Certificate (PC), once approved, is available to download from your dashboard on the Law Society website. [How to download](#)

## Legal Vacancies

The Law Society offers numerous supports and advice for jobs and careers in the legal sector. On our [Legal Vacancies](#) website, 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. Subscribe to the weekly [Legal Vacancies eZine](#) for the latest opportunities or register for specific [Job Alerts](#).

## Exclusive Member Supports and Benefits

- [Business Hub](#) - Law Society Business Hub provides information, templates, precedents and tools to help you build a more successful and sustainable business.
- [Complimentary Client Care Leaflets](#) - 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 (login required) - we also have window stickers available with the practising solicitor logo – contact me if you would like to order these.