



Update for Bar Associations

Autumn edition Sept 2024



Dear Colleagues,

I hope the summer holidays don't seem too much like a distant memory at this point!

September has been incredibly busy – lots on and a lot more to come; this update includes the highlights so please circulate across your network.

The Solicitor Services team has had the pleasure of meeting many of you at events over recent weeks; it has been a great opportunity to remind you of the range of services we have on offer and, more importantly to *hear from you*.

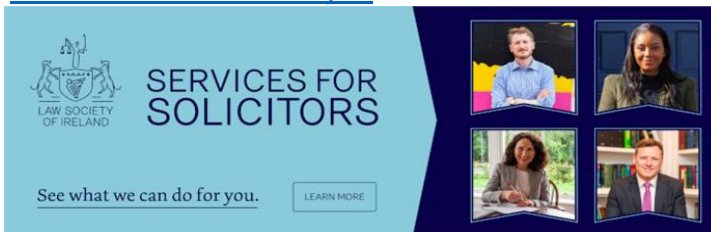
The more we hear from solicitors across the country, the more we can improve the services and support we offer and, the better we can advocate on behalf of the profession.

I encourage you to continue to connect with us if you have queries, feedback or ideas for how we can improve or perhaps provide something new.

Best wishes from myself and the Solicitor Services team.

Michelle

Michelle Nolan
Head of Solicitor Services
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What's on?

Skillnet Autumn Cluster Series

This series kicked off in style in Kerry on 11 September; designed in partnership with local Bar Associations, these events offer an opportunity to connect with colleagues in your region. Register now for Monaghan, Cork, Mayo, Kilkenny and Dublin [book your place now](#).

Property Law Update - 17 October

This conference aims to equip conveyancing practitioners with the knowledge to embrace recent and future changes and developments, designed in collaboration with the Conveyancing Committee. A reception sponsored by Solicitor Services offers opportunity to connect with colleagues. [Book now!](#)

Regulation Matters: Cybercrime

Regulation Matters is a series of lunchtime webinars looking at key regulatory issues affecting you and your work in practice. This webinar aims to outline recent trends in cyberattacks and advise you on ways to help reduce your risk [Learn more or book your place](#).

European Law Institute Annual Conference

The ELI Annual Conference, Artificial Intelligence and GDPR, **9 October** at the Law Society, aims to give legal professionals and those working in the technology industry in Ireland insights into the challenges facing the industry regarding AI and GDPR issues. [Book now](#)

Council Elections – make your vote count!

Voting is open from 4-17 October for Council Elections – The nominations of [22 candidates for the Law Society Council election](#) have been accepted, including two candidates for the Leinster provincial seat. Solicitors who hold current Law Society membership are entitled to vote in the election so you can have a say in who represents you.

Annual Conference - The Institute of Legal Accountants of Ireland 18 October

This years' conference is titled 'The Challenges of Consolidation, Regulation and Cybercrime facing Irish Law Firms in 2024' and takes place in Blackhall Place – CPD hours available, check out this years' [programme](#) and book your place now.

New to view!

Information session 'Future of legal practice for legal firms'

On 27 August, presenters Tara Doyle, Matheson & Ronan Hynes, Sellors LLP and discussed Changing Client expectations, Impact of technology, the impact of hybrid work practices, Diversity, inclusion & Equality in law firms and 'Crystal ball – the 2050 law firm' [view this session now](#)

'In Conversation with Series' episode 1: Minister Paschal Donohoe TD



Nearly 150 solicitors joined us on 5 September to hear insight on the coming budget, the role of solicitors in society, and much more. If you were unable to attend online, you can [watch a recording](#) of the interview now. Keep an eye out for episode 2!

Law Society Budget 2025 Submission

The Law Society's Budget 2025 Submission focuses on securing appropriate levels of investment to deliver the legal and justice system that is critical to a progressive, modern Ireland. [Learn more](#) and [Read the submission](#)



The Gazette

[August / September Issue](#) of the Gazette is out now for you to view online.

Wellbeing



Well Within the Law Festival

This vibrant event, hosted by [Law Society Psychological Services](#), brought together the legal community for an evening of discussion, storytelling and celebration. See highlights and book your place at the [Wellbeing Summit on 15 October](#).

Pensions Awareness week

This week is pensions awareness week – [view the Gazette article](#) and [View more information on the Retirement Trust Scheme](#)

What's new?

Personalise your [lawsociety.ie](#)

We've made it easy to tailor the updates and resources that you see on the Law Society website - Personalised homepage, solicitor page and newsfeed! As a solicitor, you can opt-in to personalised updates through your dashboard - [Learn more and get started!](#)

Coming Soon!



Cybersecurity

In response to demand from practitioners, the Law Society will soon publish its Cybersecurity Do's and Don'ts Poster – coming your way soon!

Pre-Lease Enquiries Template

The Conveyancing Committee will soon launch a Pre- Lease Enquiries template which will be an excellent easily accessible support - expect to see this before Christmas.

Legal Vacancies notification system

The Law Society is developing a legal vacancies job alerts system from [www.legalvacancies.ie](#) You will soon be able to receive a daily email alert if there are any positions added that match your job preferences which you can update anytime. The notification system will replace the legal vacancies Ezine and will launch soon!

Gráinne O'Neill Memorial Legal Essay Competition – request for panel judges

The Gráinne O'Neill Memorial Legal Essay Competition was initiated by Judge Keenan Johnson, in collaboration with the Midland Solicitors' Bar Association in 2019. We are looking for your help on the judging panel, if you are interested, please get in touch via EssayCompetition@LawSociety.ie in the meantime.

Last Chance: Returners Programme

Do you know anyone considering a return to legal practice? A reminder that our highly popular returners programme will kick off in the coming weeks so get in touch with our team if you would like to know more solicitorservices@lawsociety.ie Places are limited.

** Let us know what you think of this update – what else would you like to see included? Does the format work for you? Contact our team anytime at solicitorservices@lawsociety.ie*