



April 2023 Summary

Law Society Representation & Member Services

Only a few days left to shape the vision of your Law Society - have your say by 2 May

If you have submitted the strategy survey already, thank you – your opinions are very important. If not we need to hear from you – please submit the survey by **2 May**. Your input assists with developing our 2024-2028 strategy and your responses will be anonymised and confidential.

Solicitors and trainee solicitors should have received reminders as a link by email to complete the online survey – ‘Law Society Survey - B&A Research’. Please take this time to tell us about your challenges, where you want to be and how the Law Society can help. The survey will be open until **2 May**. [Learn more about the Law Society's strategy consultation](#)

Women in Leadership Mentoring Programme – Your Ladder to Success

The Law Society is committed to promoting gender equality, diversity and inclusion within the solicitors’ profession. As part of our commitment, we are proud to offer the gift of a highly successful and rewarding [Women in Leadership Mentoring Programme](#). The Law Society is focused on investing in the success of its members with the aim of supporting women who wish to grow personally and professionally and advance their careers to a senior level.

The 2023/24 programme is now open for applications with closing date of **22 June**.

- [Apply to become a mentor](#)
- [Apply to become a mentee](#)

If you have any queries about the programme please contact the Women in Leadership Programme Manager, Shane Farrell, at LW@lawsociety.ie.

Law Society Skillnet Clusters in May

Meet your colleagues and earn six in-person CPD hours, as bookings are now open.

The first CPD Cluster event will take place in Portlaoise on 4 May for the [Midlands General Practice Update 2023](#) in partnership with the Laois Solicitors’ Association, Kildare Bar Association, Midland Bar Association and Carlow Bar Association.

[Essential Solicitor Update Leitrim 2023](#) takes place in Carrick on Shannon on 25 May in partnership with the Leitrim Bar Association, Longford Bar Association, Roscommon Bar Association and Sligo Bar Association.

For further information about CPD, please contact: lawsocietyskillnet@lawsociety.ie or 01 881 5727.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme – 2023 cycle

The Education Committee of the Law Society has published an [update](#) on the CPD regime for 2023.

Law Society Subject Guides

The Law Society Library Subject Guides offer practitioners and trainees an excellent starting point to improve their knowledge of a legal subject or access recommended resources in their particular areas of practice. Guides currently available are [conveyancing](#), [employment](#) and [probate](#). The next guide on **family and child law** will be launched next **Thursday 3 May 2023**. [Read more](#)

Four Courts consultation rooms - Commissioner for Oaths service

The Law Society is pleased to advise that its consultation rooms in the Four Courts will be providing a Commissioner for Oaths service. The service has been live since 18 April 2023 and available between the hours of 9am to 5pm. Any queries relating to the new service can be made by calling the Four Courts on (01) 668 1806 or emailing fourcourts@lawsociety.ie.

The Courts Service – Family Law Update

The Courts Service announced the launch of new easy to understand information on www.courts.ie their new [Family Law webpages](#) aim to provide helpful information for users that is easy to navigate and written in plain English. The information is relevant to a range of different users' groups, including applicants, respondents, or others who just want to learn more. The content includes explanations around what each family law application type is, information on what to consider before making an application, detailed step-by-step guides on how to apply, and information and links to support services. A new interactive tool is also available to users to check whether they meet the criteria to apply for a specific application type. [Watch the launch video](#) that will provide you with more information. You can get in touch by mailing familylawreform@courts.ie

President's Conference - sold out

The President's Conference, taking place at Mount Juliet estate on 12 May, is now sold out. Thank you to everyone joining us for this important conference, focused on building a successful legal practice, legal career and legal profession over the next decade. Delegates will soon receive an email with further details of the conference programme and other arrangements. [Download the President's Conference programme](#)

Calcutta Run - celebrating 25 years

The Calcutta Run is back to celebrate the 25th run on 27 May 2023. The Irish legal community will be out in force with 1,000+ participants, 200 volunteers and staff as well as charity partners, sponsors, and the very important Finish Line Festival bar and BBQ staff. Participants will run or walk the Blackhall Place to Phoenix Park 5K or 10K routes with friends and family, raising money for the Hope Foundation and the Peter McVerry Trust. [Registration](#) is now open for the 2023 Calcutta Run.

Practice Business Information Sessions

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

- 17 May Legal Privilege with Conor Dalton & Michael Moran [Register Online](#)
- 7 June Hear from Small Urban and Rural Practitioners on the benefits of running a small practice. [Register Online](#)

Previous sessions such as [Benefits of being a consultant](#) (19 April) 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

Handling complaints and support tools available

Access a handy guide to the supports available when handling complaints - [Handling Complaints and support tools](#). The fact sheet, produced by the Law Society Practice Support team, provides useful information for practitioners dealing with a complaint, and highlights key supports available. Practitioners can access useful resources to manage and grow their firms in the [Business Hub](#).

New Solicitors Accounts Regulations

The Law Society welcomes the introduction of new Solicitors Accounts Regulations, which come into operation on 1 July 2023. The Society will continue to provide guidance on how to navigate the regulations in advance of them coming into force on 1 July 2023. By way of introduction, however, please see the [the key changes](#). We encourage those with particular queries and concerns to contact financialregulation@lawsociety.ie.

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 e-zine](#) for the latest opportunities or register for specific [Job Alerts](#).

Feeling overwhelmed? Help when you need it with LegalMind

Law Society members and post-PPC trainee solicitors can access a dedicated, confidential mental health support for the legal community, subsidised by the Law Society. Provided by Spectrum.Life, in partnership with Spectrum Mental Health, LegalMind offers support at any time on freephone 1800 814 177 or visit the website to learn to [find out more about LegalMind](#)

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.

