



Training Programme Brochure

2023 - 2024



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Introduction

The EM Lawshare consortium began in 2006 and since its inception it's most valued and popular added benefit has been the free training programme delivered by its various partner firms.

We have steadily increased the number and range of courses and the feedback received demonstrates that the quality of the courses continues to meet and exceed delegates expectations.

The last three years brought new challenges in the form of a national pandemic, and we adapted to that challenge offering a webinar programme in place of the usual face-to-face training programme. The benefits of delivering training through webinars means more of our members can access the training, irrespective of where they are located, and we have developed a library of recordings on our website accessible at any time and at the convenience of individual members.

The 2023 / 2024 Training Programme will also largely be delivered via webinars.

We have listened to delegate feedback and this year we have organised some popular topics as a series of courses to build on learning.

We believe that our course programme stands out not just for the breadth and quality that we offer but because we ensure that courses include delegate interaction, and that we tailor the programme and delivery to meet the requirements of the SRA and provide every delegate who attends an EM Lawshare course with an annual personalised Development Record.

This year's programme has been put together with and will be delivered by our panel of ten partner firms, Anthony Collins, Bevan Brittan, Browne Jacobson, Capsticks, DWF, Freeths, Geldards, Sharpe Pritchard Trowers & Hamlin and Weightmans. In deciding what subjects to include we have had special regard to the suggestions made by delegates at last year's courses.

1. Cost

Courses are free to attend for EM Lawshare members.

2. How to book

If you would like to book a place on any of the courses please either:

Visit the website emlawshare.co.uk or

Contact us using the information below:

Julie Scheller

Tel: 0345 272 5701

Email: julie.scheller@freeths.co.uk

To obtain information for all forthcoming courses, please visit
<http://www.emlawshare.co.uk/types/events/>

Please feel free to pass this information to colleagues (both legal and client departments) who may wish to attend the courses.

3. SRA approach to continuing competence

From November 2016 the SRA removed the requirement for solicitors to undertake 16 hours per year of CPD and has replaced this with a requirement for individuals to make an annual declaration confirming they have reflected on their practice and addressed any identified learning and development needs.

In October each year we will create a personalised Development Record for everyone who attends an EM Lawshare Training Course. Any reflections that you note on your feedback forms will be added to help you demonstrate compliance with the SRA regulations.

4. Cancellations policy

Booking confirmation

You will receive a confirmation message within 48 hours of completing your booking for any of these courses. Further instructions will be sent before you are due to attend the course.

Cancellations and non-attendance

If you cannot attend a course you are booked onto, you should cancel by emailing julie.scheller@freeths.co.uk or phone 0345 272 5701. Your email should state clearly the title and date of the course and should be sent at least 48 hours before the course is due to start.

Unforeseen circumstances

We reserve the right to cancel courses, change venues and substitute course presenters at our discretion.

Further help and support

If you require further assistance please contact Julie Scheller on 0345 272 5701 or email julie.scheller@freeths.co.uk

5. All Courses at a Glance

Adult Social Services	
Integrated Care Boards and the integration of health and social care	31 May 2023
Recovery of care home fees	12 December 2023
Civil Litigation	
Preparing for a dispute: risk management and maintaining privilege in documents	8 November 2023
Local Government civil cases update	11 January 2024
Annual Judicial Review Update	6 February 2024
Criminal Litigation	
Introduction to RIPA	21 November 2023
Criminal Prosecution and Procedure	22 March 2024
Planning Highways and Environmental	
Goodbye Environmental Impact Assessment, Hello Environmental Outcomes Report	18 May 2023
Introduction to Section 106 agreements	21 June 2023
CPO Series: Part 1 – Making and promoting CPOs	19 September 2023
CPO Series: Part 2 – CPO Compensation	3 October 2023
Planning law update	22 November 2023
Levelling up	4 December 2023
Conveyancing and Property	
Development Series: Part 1 – Title Matters	2 May 2023
Managing commercial tenants / Landlord & Tenant update	30 May 2023
Building Safety Act 2022	5 June 2023
Introduction to property transactions for junior lawyers	27 June 2023
Development Series: Part 2 – Development Disposal Contracts	22 June 2023
Overage and Profit Share	15 June 2023
Development series: Part 3 – Procurement and development agreements	6 July 2023
Development Series: Part 4 – Addressing barriers to development	12 September 2023
Delivering regeneration projects	29 June 2023
Lease or Licence and why it matters	7 November 2023
Property law update, key market trends in last 12 months	24 January 2024
Understanding the Electronic Communications Code 2017	13 February 2024
Redeveloping multi-let buildings, while avoiding nuisance claims by affected tenants	12 March 2024

Construction

Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 1 – Contractor Management Overview	19 July 2023
Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 2 – Delays and EOTs	14 September 2023
Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 3 – Variations and Instructions	13 October 2023
Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 4 – Interim payments	27 November 2024
Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 5 – PC and final accounts	7 December 2023
Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 6 – Termination, Warranties, Security	17 January 2024
Construction Disputes	21 February 2024

Contract, Commercial and Procurement

Procurement law series: Part 1 – Update on the new Act	16 May 2023
Subsidy Control Series: Part 1 – The new UK compliance regime	25 April 2023
Subsidy Control Series: Part 2 – Helping your internal clients conduct a principles assessment under the 2022 Act	24 May 2023
Procurement law series: Part 2 – Case law update	14 June 2023
Subsidy Control Series: Part 3 Successfully defending subsidy control challenges	19 October 2023
Procurement law update Part 3 – Avoiding procurement pitfalls	13 July 2023
Public Procurement: Framework Agreements	7 September 2023
Liabilities and Indemnities	28 September 2023
Contract termination provisions and case law update	18 October 2023
The Procurement Lifecycle of a Software Contract	15 November 2023
Local Authority Companies series: Part 1 – Intro/overview, procurement, teckal structures and insourcing	5 December 2023
Local Authority Companies series: Part 2 – Joint ventures with 3rd parties	15 January 2024
Public-Private Joint Ventures and recessionary risks including security and insolvency	18 January 2024
Local Authority Companies series: Part 3 – The Council as shareholder and an Introduction to Insolvency	12 February 2024
Introduction to Grant Agreements	7 March 2024
Local Authority Companies series: Part 4 – Governance in Local Authority companies and JVs	21 March 2024

Administrative and Corporate Governance

Members standards investigations	11 April 2023
Local Government Law and Governance	11 July 2023
Monitoring Officer update	11 October 2023
Introduction to Data Protection for local authorities – what you need to know and why?	8 September 2023
DSARS and FOIs for Local Authorities	16 January 2024

De-risking decision making in difficult times
 DPO / SIRO training

15 February 2024
 13 March 2024

Employment

Top tips for a fair redundancy	18 April 2023
Employment tribunal tactics	10 May 2023
Disability discrimination	8 June 2023
Pensions – LGPS update	4 July 2023
What you need to know to be an effective member of a complaints/grievance/disciplinary panel	6 September 2023
Holiday Pay	18 September 2023
Managing Ill Health Retirement in the Local Government Pension Scheme	5 October 2023
Data Protection in the Work Place	6 December 2023
D&I and Allyship	31 January 2024
TUPE and Procurement	1 February 2024

Housing

Social Housing development: Contract Structures	11 December 2023
Disrepair – managing the escalation of disrepair claims	14 March 2024

Education

School exclusions and preparing for independent panel reviews	3 May 2023
SEND Tribunal Training series: Part 1 – introduction to the SEND tribunal process	23 May 2023 POSTPONED
SEND Tribunal Training series: Part 2 – Extended SEND tribunal appeals	13 June 2023

Miscellaneous

5G and Smart Cities	12 June 2023
Environmental Act 2021 Update and how to implement and secure biodiversity net gain	5 July 2023
The eye of the inquiry	26 September 2023
Electric vehicle charging points: issues to be aware of	28 February 2024
Licensing update (with Gedling BC)	5 March 2024

Skills Courses

Executive Coaching and team dynamics	26 April 2023
Witness statements in the Employment Tribunal	4 October 2023
Microsoft Word training for lawyers	14 December 2023

6. All Series at a Glance:

Planning Highways and Environmental

CPO Series:

Part 1 – Making and promoting CPOs	19 September 2023
Part 2 – CPO Compensation	3 October 2023

Conveyancing and Property

Development Series:

Part 1 – Title Matters	2 May 2023
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Part 4 – Addressing barriers to development	12 September 2023

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Contract, Commercial and Procurement

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Part 4 – Governance in Local Authority companies and JVs	21 March 2024

Education

SEND Tribunal Training series:

Part 1 – introduction to the SEND tribunal process	23 May 2023 POSTPONED
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Part 2 – Extended SEND tribunal appeals

13 June 2023

Standards investigations

A practical guide to carrying out an investigation

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

11 April 2023

12 noon – 1.30pm

Presented by Weightmans

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

- Overview of the legislation and process
- Planning an investigation
- Managing the investigation
- Potential pitfalls and problems
- Marshalling the evidence and producing the report
- Preparing for any hearing

Suitable audience:

Local Authority governance lawyers and democratic services officers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

It will include some polls

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Simon Goacher is an experienced local government lawyer and prior to joining Weightmans in February 2013 was a Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer at two large unitary authorities for the previous six years. Most recently he was Head of Legal and Democratic Services at Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council.

Simon has carried out many member standard investigations for local authorities throughout the country including many high profile and sensitive investigations.

Simon is recognised by both chambers and legal 500 for his local government expertise.

Top tips for a fair redundancy

Level of course: All levels

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

18 April 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The key to a successful redundancy programme is to plan carefully and to communicate clearly and effectively. During the webinar we will provide a practical overview on how to conduct a fair redundancy procedure and how to avoid the common pitfalls which can lead to claims.

Suitable audience:

HR, senior management, line managers, business owners

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Identifying a redundancy situation
- The redundancy process
- A focus on consultation
- Alternative employment and trial periods
- Appeals
- Redundancy pay
- What if an employer gets it wrong?

Interactive elements

Case studies, opportunity to ask questions.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Kate Meadowcroft is an employment law specialist with considerable expertise in large scale restructuring projects and whole scale changes to terms and conditions, providing support throughout the project to both HR and senior management.

Subsidy Control Series: Part 1 – The new UK compliance regime

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

25 April 2023

10am – 11am **(please note the earlier start time)**

Presented by Bevan Brittan

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This session will provide a practical overview of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 (SCA 2022) regime. The areas covered will include:

- Legacy status of subsidy control rules in EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement
- Continued application of State aid rules
- Key changes to the subsidy control rules under the SCA 2022
- Identifying when there could be a subsidy
- Valuing a subsidy
- Key exemptions and prohibitions
- Special requirements for services of public economic interest
- Streamlined subsidy schemes
- Requirement to notify subsidies and subsidy schemes of particular interest
- Statutory Guidance and Subsidy Principles Assessment Template
- Transparency requirements
- Practical tips for applying the new rules and ensuring compliance

Suggestions requested by EMLS: (including discussion of the new guidance, applying the 7 principles and the role of the CMA)

Analysis needed for a Subsidy Control Assessment (noting detailed assessment webinar in series)
Subsidy control: where are we now and how should local government approach compliance – a practical guide

Top tips for the new subsidy control regime

Suitable audience:

Lawyers and non-lawyers, with either no knowledge of the subsidy control rules or a basic or intermediate knowledge. The session will be particularly relevant for those working in areas where the public authority gets involved in activities with a commercial slant (e.g. property development and regeneration), or in relation to the distribution of grants and other funding, or in the procurement of public service delivery.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Subsidy control rules under the Subsidy Control Act 2022 and related legislation and guidance
- Interplay with the subsidy control rules in the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement and the EU State Aid rules

Interactive elements

Will include some case studies for discussion.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Bethan Lloyd is a Partner at Bevan Brittan who specialises in public procurement, subsidy control and competition law. Her clients include a wide variety of public bodies, including local authorities, government bodies, higher education institutions, housing associations and NHS bodies.

She is a highly experienced State aid and subsidy control practitioner and has advised on significant and often high profile projects. She has wide range of experience in assessing projects under the new subsidy control rules in the Subsidy Control Act 2022 and assessing subsidies against the subsidy control principles.

Executive Coaching and team dynamics

An introduction to coaching and coaching techniques

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ON24

26 April 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Browne Jacobson

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

An introduction to coaching and coaching techniques, and how they can be used to support line-management conversations and team dynamics, including:

- a comparison between coaching and mentoring
- coaching models, techniques and tools
- the differences between internal and external coaching

Throughout the session Iain and Sue will use examples to illustrate the points being made. There will be an opportunity to ask questions as the session runs and time set aside for Q&A at the end

Suitable audience:

Anyone in or looking to progress into a senior leadership position. Line managers of professional services teams who would like to learn more about coaching techniques that can be applied to help individuals thrive in the workplace

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- coaching and the use of coaching techniques in line management
- methods to improve team dynamics
- debunking some myths
- the use of coaching techniques in line management
- methods to improve team dynamics

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively
- D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Iain Blatherwick, Partner joined the firm in 1993, specialising in corporate transaction work for both private and public sector clients, as well as partnership and LLP issues. He became a Partner in 1999 and then head of our business services department in 2008. In May 2009, Iain took on the role of Managing Partner and over 11 years presided over a period of unprecedented growth and activity for the firm, before stepping down in April 2020.

Iain now has a focus on Governance and Leadership, with three key aspects 1) executive leadership coaching support for clients 2) business structures - corporates, family companies, reorganisations, LLPs and partnerships, and 3) private client - wills, trusts and estate planning. He is a qualified Executive Coach accredited by the European Mentoring and Coaching Council.

Nick MacKenzie is an education lawyer, executive coach and a member of the firm's board. Recognised as a leading expert in education by The Legal 500 and Chambers for over 10 years, Nick specialises in corporate and governance advice in the education sector.

Development Series: Part 1 – Title Matters

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

2 May 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Freeths

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

We will be covering how Local Authorities can prepare for the disposal of assets intended for development to identify and resolve issues prior to agreeing terms and seeking approvals for the disposal. This will include an overview on the types of issues which may affect the asset and how those can be resolved and/or dealt with as part of the transaction. Examples of recent work will be included.

Suitable audience:

Local Authority Property/Development

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Maxine Chenoweth, Andrew Rathie and Lorna Trimble are all part of the Housebuilding & Strategic Land team and each has a broad range of property expertise.

Maxine Chenoweth is a Managing Associate specialising in commercial and residential development on behalf of public sector clients and their commercial partners, private landowners and large and small scale developers.

Andrew Rathi is a Managing Associate with experience in acting for clients in sectors including residential development, commercial development, social housing, retail and the public sector. He has acted for a wide variety of clients including developers, banks, investors, landlords, tenants, housing associations, management companies and public authorities.

Lorna Trimble is a Senior Associate who acts regularly for developers, housing associations and local authorities on both freehold and leasehold transactions, with a particular focus on residential development and social housing.

School exclusions and preparing for independent panel reviews

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ON24

3 May 2023
12 noon – 1.30pm

Presented by Browne Jacobson

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

In this 90-minute training session Browne Jacobson's education specialists will provide an overview of the exclusions process and your statutory obligations. They will also share insights into the process for undertaking permanent exclusions specifically at Independent Review Panel (IRP) hearings.

Using interactive case studies and take-away resources to assist with learning and future implementation, the team will:

- provide an outline of the statutory guidance
- explore key documents a governing board needs
- discuss disciplinary penalties and alternatives to exclusion (including unofficial exclusions)
- discuss equality and SEND considerations

They will then look at the grounds for, and types of exclusions, before going through the process in detail and looking at:

- Principal's decision to exclude
- Governing board review
- Independent review panel decision
- Reconsideration

As a result of attending the comprehensive training, attendees will have the skills, knowledge and confidence to advise school leaders and IRP members in relation to exclusions and the panel process/decision making. They will also be able to sit on an Independent Review Panel.

This training is exclusively scheduled for members of EM LawShare framework.

Suitable audience:

Local authority officers dealing with exclusions; lawyers dealing with exclusion as advisory issues or acting as clerk; headteachers, IRP members, IRP clerks, governing boards

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Suspension and permanent exclusions for maintained schools
- Statutory obligations
- Governing board reviews
- Independent review panels
- Equality and SEND

Interactive elements

Case studies

Competencies

This course will cover:

B4 Draft documents

B5 Advocacy

C Working with other people

C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Hayley O'Sullivan, Senior Associate, Browne Jacobson is a valued member of the education team with extensive experience in supporting schools and trusts. Hayley advises on a broad range of education law issues with particular expertise in exclusions and equality issues. She also frequently advises on pastoral issues including admissions, SEND, policies, complex parental complaints, safeguarding and the challenges social media poses for schools, as well as governance and projects work.

Noted as a 'rising star' in the West Midlands, Hayley has been credited as a key member of the education team in Legal Directory Chambers and Partners and is well known amongst our client base. Clients value her proactive approach, speed of support and her pragmatic and sensible advice. Her strategic outlook and ability to advise on degrees of risk in different scenarios has attracted a growing number of clients who view her as their go to trusted advisor.

In addition to her advisory work, Hayley is experienced at providing training to senior leaders and governing boards on an array of topics. Her approachable, straight-talking style and the way in which she brings topics to life through case studies and her own experiences has led to numerous testimonials from clients who value her insights into various topics.

Employment tribunal tactics

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

10 May 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will cover the basic practicalities of employment tribunal proceedings, as well as discussing tactics and getting the best out of your witnesses. It will cover all the preparation needed for defending a claim and will consider what you need for a remedies hearing should the claimant win. Finally, it will cover how to effectively negotiate settlements.

Suitable audience:

- HR professionals
- Senior and Mid-Tier Managers
- In-house solicitors

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Preliminary matters such as ACAS early conciliation, putting in a response and ironing out the issues to be determined.
- An overview of the whole tribunal process.
- How to defend a claim successfully.
- Negotiating settlements.
- Approaching remedies hearings.
- Top tips for managing claims efficiently and keeping costs down.

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Rebecca McGuirk, Partner has specialised in employment law for 20 years. She is known for her down to earth and solution driven approach. Rebecca advises daily on the wide range of employment issues that arise. Rebecca acts for a wide range of clients including those in the public, private and third sector.

Rebecca loves employment law and speaks and writes regularly on a wide range of employment issues.

Laura Welchew, Partner specialises in all aspects of employment law acting for a wide range of public and private sector employers. Laura takes pride in working as business partner to her HR clients, and really getting to know the ins and outs of each business and its commercial goals as an employer.

Laura regularly acts for respondents in complex and valuable tribunal claims. Laura advises on all employee relations matters including disciplinary and grievance issues, sickness absence, capability issues, restructures and redundancies and employment contracts. Laura has particular experience of advising registered providers on governance compliant termination payments, various matters arising out of the Working Time Regulations such as sleep-ins and on call rotas and complex trade union issues including difficult consultation and de-recognition processes. Laura regularly assists clients on TUPE transactions, with particular focus on supporting the Public Sector department with local authority contracts.

Procurement law series: Part 1 – Update on the new Act

The Procurement Bill – a practical guide

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

16 May 2023
12 noon – 1.30pm

Presented by Anthony Collins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This course will give an overview of the new Procurement Bill – including tips on how to prepare for and take advantage of the changes. It will also include a practical walk through a procurement process from start to finish.

Suitable audience:

Monitoring officers, lawyers, procurement teams, highways, waste, leisure, education, care commissioners, regeneration and place, IT and tech.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

The new procurement bill and:

- Preliminary market engagement;
- The National Procurement Policy;
- Opportunities for structuring processes;
- Giving feedback to unsuccessful bidders;
- Procurement Challenges under the new regime.

Interactive elements

This course will include a practical case study and a discussion forum or Q&A at the end.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research
B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Steven Brunning is a procurement partner currently completing his PhD focussing on framework agreements. In practice, Steven advises local authorities on a wide range of procurements, particularly focussing on tech and IT.

Richard Brooks is also a procurement specialist with experience in local authority capital projects including highways, waste, energy and levelling up.

Goodbye Environmental Impact Assessment, Hello Environmental Outcomes Report

An introduction to the basic requirements of environmental impact assessment in planning and infrastructure authorisation, and an update on the latest position on the government's proposals for its replacement and how they might differ

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA TEAMS

18 May 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Sharpe Pritchard

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will include: (a) an introduction to the EIA regime: when is an EIA required, what needs to be covered in an environmental statement, etc and (b) what the government's proposals are, so far as we know, for its replacement and how they might differ.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers involved in planning and real estate

Overview and topics to be covered include:

See above

Interactive elements

There will be time for a discussion forum at the end.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Alastair Lewis, Partner acts for clients in the public and private sector promoting and opposing major infrastructure schemes and advising on legislation and public law. His infrastructure work requires specialist knowledge of planning law, compulsory purchase, environmental and highways law and practice.

SEND Tribunal Training series: Part 1 – introduction to the SEND tribunal process

The Tribunal process

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

23 May 2023 POSTPONED
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Weightmans

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will look at the first-tier tribunal process for the various different types of SEND appeal. It will consider –

- When can an appeal be made.
- Types of appeal.
- Tribunal timeline
- Standard directions
- Key pieces of evidence.
- Who needs to be involved.
- Response to appeal
- Use of working documents.
- Applications and barring orders.
- Reaching agreements.
- What to expect at the hearing.
- Tribunal decision

Suitable audience:

Local authority SEND Team officers and in-house lawyers.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Technical legal practice- first-tier tribunal (special educational needs and disability)

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B4 Draft documents

B6 Negotiation

C Working with other people

C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Victoria Cassidy, principal associate has recently returned to Weightmans LLP having previously been employed as a Special Educational Needs Team Manager and Principal Solicitor for litigation, safeguarding and education.

Victoria completed her training contract in local government and has over 25 years of litigation experience specialising in public law matters relating to child and adult protection, community care, judicial review, mental health, and education. Her career has been spent supporting local authorities dividing her time between managing a caseload of complex litigation and providing advice to senior managers and decision-making panels. She is familiar with the respective statutory duties of public bodies, their governance arrangements, and their decision-making processes.

Victoria enjoys case analysis and problem solving and promotes mediation as an alternative, cost effective method of dispute resolution. She had delivered training to a variety of different audiences on the operation of the Children and Families Act, Mental Capacity Act, and the Mental Health Act. She has advocacy experience in the First Tier Tribunal (Health, Education and Social Care), Court of Protection, the Magistrates, the Family Court, and the County Court.

Subsidy Control Series: Part 2 – Helping your internal clients conduct a principles assessment under the 2022 Act

Level of course: Advanced

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ON24

24 May 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Browne Jacobson

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

In this webinar, Browne Jacobson's Subsidy Control experts will share best practice advice and guidance on how local authorities and public bodies should conduct principles assessments under the recently launched Subsidy Control Act.

In their presentation, Alex and Angelica will cover the following topics:

- the roles of the different teams and advisers in a project;
- the approach suggested by central government;
- thresholds and processes for referral of a principles assessment to the CMA; and
- additional requirements for Subsidies of Interest and Subsidies of Particular Interest

Suitable audience:

Legal and finance teams, regeneration and economic development teams

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Subsidy Control

Interactive elements

Delegates will have the opportunity to engage with their peers and the presenters through an interactive quiz and a Q&A session.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Alex Kynoch leads Browne Jacobson's subsidy control team and is recognised as a leading expert in this complex field. He also specialises in procurement and public sector clean energy and regeneration projects. Clients appreciate his ability to translate complex legal issues into pragmatic and clear advice.

Having advised all levels of government and funding applicants, Alex is the go-to adviser for several UK funding bodies. He is regularly approached to design funding schemes and support or review funding applications.

Alex's wider experience of delivering public sector energy and regeneration projects is highly valued by clients. His expertise and industry contacts mean he often acts as a connector between different specialisms, delivering projects which address some of society's biggest issues, particularly levelling up and climate change.

Alex's clients include Welsh government, UK government departments, local authorities, LEPs, Catapults and a range of private sector bodies. His advice, articles and briefing sessions are regularly described by clients as refreshingly clear and pragmatic.

Angelica Hymers is a senior associate in Browne Jacobson's government and infrastructure team. She advises public and private sector bodies on subsidy control and state aid, as well as commercial contracts and public procurement.

Angelica has a strong practice in state aid/subsidy control, commercial contracts and public procurement. She regularly advises central and local government clients, educational institutions and public sector bodies on the procurement, contractual and subsidy control implications of large projects and funding applications.

Angelica works closely with clients at all stages of their projects and clients value her strategic and practical advice. She is regularly instructed by private and public sector bodies, which means that she sees both sides of the fence and can use that experience to her clients' advantage.

Angelica regularly writes on subsidy control issues and has had articles published by the UK State Aid Lawyers Association, Local Government Lawyer and The Lawyer. She also provides training to clients on subsidy control, grant agreements and contracts and regularly presents on issues in these fields. Her seminars and webinars receive excellent client feedback.

Managing commercial tenants / Landlord & Tenant update

Key developments in the previous 6 months and implications for portfolio management.

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

30 May 2023
12 noon - 1.30pm

Presented by Anthony Collins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Updates and discussion on key cases, new legislation and initiatives in previous 6 months relating to commercial leases.

Suitable audience:

Inhouse legal and property portfolio managers of commercial property

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Shall be determined by the relevant areas subject to updates in the following months, but all relevant to commercial landlord and tenant issues that arise in management of premises.

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Phil Scully became a partner in November 2020 and heads our commercial property litigation team.

As an associate, Phil had been recognised by Legal 500 in previous editions as a “rising star” and described as *“the stand-out associate for Property Litigation. He has strong experience and technical knowledge in the field. He is a very reliable practitioner, who manages to combine straight-talking advice with a pleasant, personable manner.”*

Phil advises clients such as registered providers, charities and local authorities on a range of property-related disputes. He has specialised in all aspects of commercial property litigation for 18 years and has acted in contentious matters for a range of clients. Key clients include Birmingham City Council. He was ranked as a next generation partner in Legal 500 2023 edition, which commented as follows: ‘Phil Scully has strong experience and technical knowledge in property litigation, is very reliable, and combines straight-talking advice with a pleasant, personable manner’
He is a member of the Property Litigation Association.

Rhys Baker is an associate solicitor working in the property litigation team. He advises clients on an array of property related disputes, which include both commercial landlord and tenant disputes and a range of freehold property disputes. Rhys has a wide range of commercial and property litigation experience; advising and assisting on matters ranging from small claims to large multi-million-pound claims, both before and after court proceedings being issued.

Integrated Care Boards and the integration of health and social care

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

31 May 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Capsticks

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) were formally established on 1 July 2022 and there is now a requirement for Integrated Care Partnerships which will include Local Authorities. This session will give an overview of the responsibilities of Integrated Care Partnerships with examples of what has been happening to date.

Suitable audience:

Anyone involved in advising on commissioning health services within a Local Authority

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- An overview of the legislation covering Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships
- What this means in practice and the impact on Local Authorities

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Peter Edwards, Partner has 30 years' experience of advising healthcare and other organisations on their governance, legal powers and decision-making. During this time he has been involved in some of the most complex and sensitive employment and public law cases in the public sector. He is also an experienced trainer who delivers a wide range of workshops and seminars to our clients. Peter is advising on a number of governance arrangements for Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships.

Building Safety Act 2022

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

5 June 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Bevan Brittan

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Introduction & overview to the Act and the Building Safety Regulator.
Amendments to the Building Act 1984
Higher-risk Buildings and new obligations for:

- New building work - what changes may be required during the construction process
- Existing buildings - the new requirement to appoint an Accountable Person to manage building safety if the building is occupied

Non-compliance and enforcement - what happens if there is a problem?
Remediation of Defects and who pays
Housing Complaints and the leaseholder protections

Suitable audience:

Compliance Managers, Estates Managers, Building Control, Landlords, Lawyers, Development Officers, Health & Safety Officers, Risk Officers, Housing Management

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Who the Accountable Person should be
- What actions should be taken now
- What issues are we seeing and how are they being dealt with
- Prioritisation
- Cost and cost recovery

Interactive elements

The session will include high-level presentations on the key topics above but also a panel discussion where we will invite the audience to participate in discussions.

This session aims to inform attendees of the requirements and spark discussion amongst attendees, sharing knowledge and ideas, around the challenges they are facing and how these are being/could be managed.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- B Technical legal practice
- C Working with other people
- D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Louise Mansfield is a Legal Director in the Litigation, Advisory & Regulatory team at Bevan Brittan. She specialises in health and safety and criminal regulatory law including a wide range of regulatory legal issues. This incorporates health and safety, building safety and fire safety.

Louise Robling leads Bevan Brittan's Construction and Engineering Contract Management and Dispute Resolution team. She specialises in advisory and dispute resolution work in the construction, engineering and facilities management markets with particular expertise in the operational management of PFI/PPP contracts and the resolution of disputes in long term partnering contracts.

Louise has over 20 years of experience in advising clients on both the detail of their disputes and the process by which they might achieve a satisfactory resolution of those disputes including arbitration, litigation, mediation and adjudication.

Steven Eccles is a Partner at Bevan Brittan and is head of the Housing and Property Dispute Resolution team. Steven undertakes all types of residential and commercial property issues and act primarily for local authorities and NHS bodies across the country, as well as a number of registered providers of social housing. Steven has particular expertise in dealing with dilapidation disputes, Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 claims, and building safety.

Disability discrimination

A legal update

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

8 June 2023

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Geldards

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This webinar will look at the law in relation to disability discrimination and reasonable adjustments and provide an update of recent and relevant cases.

Suitable audience:

It is relevant to anyone dealing with or advising in relation to disability discrimination and reasonable adjustments.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Equality Act 2010
- Disability discrimination
- Duty to make reasonable adjustments

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Helen Snow, Partner with 17 years' experience and has built a reputation in public sector employment law. She consistently deals with matters on behalf of Local Authorities, public bodies such as the

National Museum of Wales, the Police and Crime Commissioners and Welsh Government. Helen is particularly experienced in dealing with Chief Officer disciplinary and grievance processes, severance terms and special severance payments and also advises on complex contentious issues including unlawful deductions from pay, holiday pay, whistleblowing, industrial action issues, varying terms and conditions of employment, employment status and collective redundancies.

Ramyar Hassan has assisted the team with and individually advised on complex HR and Employment Law issues such as disciplinary and grievance matters, contract reviews, policy drafting and reviews, restructuring and redundancy, discrimination issues and performance management.

Ramyar has also assisted clients with complex tribunal litigation, advising on every stage of the tribunal process on a variety of claims from unfair dismissal to complex discrimination and whistleblowing claims.

5G and Smart Cities

What's a Smart City and what are the benefits of being one?

Level of course: All levels

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

12 June 2023

12noon - 1pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

DWF recently acted on a complex long term partnership arrangement between a global telecommunications provider and a local authority in relation to the creation of a Smart City. Using this transaction as a case study, this webinar will cover:

- what does a city need in order to be "smart"?
- what does a smart city mean for its citizens?
- what is 5G and why is it important?
- how does a local authority go about procuring the expertise necessary to make a city smart?

Suitable audience:

Open to all

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Please see above

Interactive elements

TBC

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B4 Draft documents

B6 Negotiation

C Working with other people

Presenter profiles:

Ben McLeod, Partner specialises in the drafting and negotiation of commercial contracts and technology agreements across a range of sectors. He has a particular focus on IT outsourcing arrangements and helping clients transition from legacy systems to alternative solutions.

Douglas Jefferies is a commercial lawyer specialising in contract law, outsourcing and projects.

SEND Tribunal Training series: Part 2 – Extended SEND tribunal appeals

Appeals seeking health and social care recommendations

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

13 June 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Weightmans

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This course will consider extended tribunal appeals; that include requests for health and social care recommendations.

It will look at:

- the various roles and responsibilities of health, education, and social care professionals.
- s.21 CAFA 2014 – ‘anything that educates and trains is special educational provision’
- s.17 CA 1989 – eligibility for a child in need assessment
- Evidence gathering, statements, advice, reports
- Governance and commissioning arrangements between partner agencies
- Key decision makers
- Use of personal budgets and direct payments.

Suitable audience:

Local authority SEND Team officers and in-house lawyers.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Technical legal practice- first-tier tribunal (special educational needs and disability)

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

- B Technical legal practice
- B4 Draft documents
- B6 Negotiation
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Victoria Cassidy, principal associate has recently returned to Weightmans LLP having previously been employed as a Special Educational Needs Team Manager and Principal Solicitor for litigation, safeguarding and education.

Victoria completed her training contract in local government and has over 25 years of litigation experience specialising in public law matters relating to child and adult protection, community care, judicial review, mental health, and education. Her career has been spent supporting local authorities dividing her time between managing a caseload of complex litigation and providing advice to senior managers and decision-making panels. She is familiar with the respective statutory duties of public bodies, their governance arrangements, and their decision-making processes.

Victoria enjoys case analysis and problem solving and promotes mediation as an alternative, cost effective method of dispute resolution. She had delivered training to a variety of different audiences on the operation of the Children and Families Act, Mental Capacity Act, and the Mental Health Act. She has advocacy experience in the First Tier Tribunal (Health, Education and Social Care), Court of Protection, the Magistrates, the Family Court, and the County Court.

Procurement law series: Part 2 – Case law update

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ON24

14 June 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Browne Jacobson

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

In this webinar, the second of a three part series on procurement law, Browne Jacobson's procurement experts will delve into recent case law impacting the public sector. The team will look at the key cases that have shaped the legal landscape and will provide practical guidance on how you can ensure compliance with procurement law. Where applicable Peter and Louise will also reference how similar cases in the future may be impacted by the new reforms.

Using topical examples, delegates will be encouraged to explore the implications of recent cases from a local authority perspective, including the importance of ensuring transparency and fairness in procurement processes, and the need to provide clear and detailed reasons for procurement decisions.

As a result of attending this webinar delegates will gain a comprehensive overview of recent case law in procurement law, which will equip attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to ensure compliance with procurement law in their procurement processes.

Suitable audience:

In-house counsel, lawyers and procurement professionals.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Public Contracts Regulations 2015
- Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016
- Procurement Law reforms 2023
- Case law

Interactive elements

The session will include a Q&A session, providing attendees with the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on the existing legislation and pending reforms.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B2 Legal research
- B4 Draft documents
- B6 Negotiation
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Louise Bennett is a senior associate in Browne Jacobson's government and infrastructure team. Louise specialises in high-value transactional matters with a particular focus on public procurement, including procurement litigation. In addition, she has provided advice on a variety of public sector issues, including governance arrangements and other commercial arrangements, including outsourcing agreements and development agreements.

Recognised by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 as a leading expert in public law and procurement, Peter Ware is the head of Browne Jacobson's Government practice. Specialising in contentious and non-contentious procurement matters, Peter supports public and private sector clients to get the very best out of their regulated procurement activity. Peter's extensive experience also means that he can advise clients on a variety of commercial matters for both government and supplier-to-government clients. Prior to joining Browne Jacobson, Peter was a special projects adviser for Nottinghamshire County Council – meaning he really understands the pressures faced by in-house counsel when leading major projects. Peter is also the Finance and Membership Secretary of the Procurement Lawyers Association, and on the editorial Board for Lexis Nexis Local Government.

Overage and Profit Share

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

15 June 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Freeths

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The session will look at the different bases on which overage or profit-share may be reserved on land disposal. This will focus particularly on the approaches typically used by public bodies when making disposals. The session will also consider the different approaches to securing such payments.

Suitable audience:

Legal officers and Estates/Development team members

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Meaning of "Overage"
- Types of Overage
- Meaning of Profit Share
- Selecting the appropriate type of Overage/Profit Share
- How to secure payment

Interactive elements

A case study will be used

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Mitchell Ball is a Partner in Freeths' Real Estate Team in Birmingham. He has many years' experience in advising both public and private sector client in relation to property development matters. Aside from his transactional real estate work as a Solicitor, Mitchell also has substantial planning experience and is a Legal Associate of the RTPI.

Introduction to section 106 agreements

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

21 June 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Geldards

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will offer an introduction to section 106 planning obligations, covering both the legal requirements and practical issues to be considered.

Suitable audience:

- In-house lawyers with no or limited experience of s.106 planning obligations.
- planning, highways and housing officers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- the statutory requirements for a valid planning obligation
- government policy and guidance;
- key considerations when drafting substantive obligations;
- practical tips;
- compliance with Regulation 122 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010

Interactive elements

Case study

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents
B6 Negotiation

C Working with other people

Presenter profiles:

Charles Felgate, Partner is an experienced planning and environmental lawyer, who provides advice to both public and private sector clients. Charles regularly participates in planning and enforcement appeals, call-ins and related matters. He has recently acted on a minerals planning application recovered appeal and associated commons application, and prior to that was engaged on a yearlong public inquiry into the statutory orders for the proposed M4 motorway corridor around Newport, South Wales. He also has significant non-contentious experience, delivering section 106 agreements and other infrastructure agreements. He previously completed a s.106 agreement to deliver a residential development of 2,300 plus homes on the site of the former Drakelow Park Power Station, near Burton upon Trent, on behalf of South Derbyshire District Council. Charles also has significant judicial review and statutory challenge experience with numerous notable successes in the Administrative and Planning Courts to his credit.

Tomos Phillips, Senior Associate has significant knowledge and experience in planning, environmental, compulsory purchase and highways law. He is experienced in negotiating major section 106 obligations for local planning authorities, landowners and developers. He recently acted for the local planning authorities on the drafting and negotiation of complex s.106 agreements relating to a development of 1,050 houses on the site of the former Gedling Colliery and a development of up to 1,100 houses and other ancillary development in South Derbyshire. He has also advised the Welsh Ministers on section 106 obligations submitted during planning appeals, and has experience of negotiating s.106 agreements for other types of development such as wind farms. Tomos is also experienced in all other aspects of planning law, and has also advised clients on the interplay between equality and human rights legislation and listed building legislation. He also provides strategic advice on matters ranging from emerging local plans and the 'duty to co-operate', to the interpretation of CIL legislation and the adoption of charging schedules.

Gareth Aubrey is an Associate specialising in planning, environmental, highways and compulsory purchase law. He regularly acts for local authorities, landowners and developers drafting and negotiating complex section 106 planning obligations and has been heavily involved in the negotiation of highway works and adoption agreements, including managing multiple agreements across strategic housing sites for developer clients and acting on wide portfolios of agreements for local highway authorities.

Gareth advises on all aspects of planning and highways law, with particular experience in community infrastructure levy, neighbourhood planning, public rights of way and enforcement. He has been involved in all stages of the planning process, including planning appeals and judicial review claims in the High Court.

Development Series: Part 2 – Development Disposal Contracts

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

22 June 2023

12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Capsticks

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Overview of sale contracts and transfers when disposing of land for development

Suitable audience:

Local authority property, estates and developments teams, in-house legal teams

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Preparing sites for disposal
- Sale and purchase contracts (including conditional contracts)
- Transfers of whole and part
- Rights granted and reserved
- Restrictive and positive covenants
- Overage

Interactive elements

This session will include case studies and questions to the audience to invite discussion

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents
B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Vicki Moore, Legal Director provides close support to local authority, NHS and charity clients on a wide range of real estate matters and projects. Vicki's work includes major urban regeneration schemes, and the acquisition, disposal and preparation for development of sites for housing and major infrastructure projects, as well as commercial leases and general landlord and tenant law. Vicki has led many large-scale projects, including PFI projects, capital development projects and mergers and acquisitions.

Sam Hopkins, Partner heads the firm's Real Estate department. He works with public, private and charity clients in the health and social care sector and local authority clients.

Sam specialises in high value commercial leases, property due diligence on mergers and acquisitions, major land sales, acquisitions and redevelopments, and public and privately funded major capital projects

Introduction to property transactions for junior lawyers

What I would like to have known before I started work on a property file

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

27 June 2023

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Geldards

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The underlying nature of property as an asset. Distinguishing the legal requirements of different classes of property. Useful property cases to remember. Useful property statutes to remember. Useful resources. What's important and what is more important in reviewing title and leases. Specific issues for public sector property, including best consideration, procurement and subsidy principles. How to manage clients. Why it's important to become an expert!

Suitable audience:

Junior Practitioners, Trainees and Paralegals who are new to transactional property work

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Property law and practice for junior lawyers

Interactive elements

Discussion forum

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B2 Legal research

B4 Draft documents

C Working with other people

C1 Communicate clearly and effectively
D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Paul Hilsdon is an experienced commercial property lawyer who has been advising private as well as public sector clients on property matters for over 30 years. His clients have included major corporations in the retail, transport and aerospace sectors, as well as local authorities, universities, FE Colleges, academies and various third sector organisations. He has advised on major regeneration schemes and is part of our highly regarded Public Sector team. He also delivers lectures as part of Geldards' contribution to the East Midlands Law Share and North West legal Consortium seminar programme.

Clare Hardy is a Partner who advises on a range of public law matters. Her experience includes advising on governance on constitutional issues, local government law, disclosure of information, member conduct, school governance and organisation and public procurement. She has worked on a range of complex projects, assisted and advised on investigations and reviewed guidance and other documents. Clare's experience includes acting on a range of complex projects, involving public bodies. This includes advising on powers and governance, carrying out options appraisals, drafting and negotiating agreements and advising on land disposal.

Matthew Holtam is a Trainee Solicitor in the Public Sector England team. Matthew assists the team on a variety of property transactions, including regeneration and development projects. Matthew graduated from De Montfort University in 2018 with a First-Class Honours degree in Business Law before completing the LPC (Legal Practice Course). Matthew also has a masters degree (LLM) in Legal Practice.

Delivering regeneration projects

Gear up to level up

Level of course: All levels

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

29 June 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

DWF advised on over 20% of successful Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Round 2 bids. Using that experience and of supporting local authorities through subsequent delivery planning, practical solutions will be offered to the legal and commercial challenges and how spotting and getting to grips with them early on is key to successful regeneration outcomes that maximise the impact from that funding.

Suitable audience:

Officers responsible for economic development and regeneration, legal and finance, and procurement officers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Identifying the right public law powers relied upon to deliver a regeneration project;
- Meeting Consultation requirements;
- Addressing Subsidy Control issues to be able to attract and lawfully spend grant funding;
- Dealing with Real Estate issues are to ensure that projects are development ready;
- Ensuring Public procurement requirements are satisfied (including when a transaction can be categorised as a Land Deal and exempt from the Regulations).

Interactive elements

We will involve the audience via poll slides, a chat box and Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research

B4 Draft documents
B6 Negotiation
C Working with other people
C1 Communicate clearly and effectively
D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Colin Murray has a multitude of experience working for public and private sector bodies on local government law and public procurement. Colin has advised on a range of joint ventures, major PPP projects and the development of innovative new structures for long term PPPs with public sector equity investment. He regularly advises local authorities on issues relating to shared services and collaboration, the outsourcing of services and Strategic Partnerships. In particular, he has given generic and project specific advice to many authorities on their powers to enter joint arrangements.

Lee Pickett advises public sector bodies on real estate and regeneration projects working closely with the wider Public Sector team at DWF. Lee co-leads the UK National Public Sector Real Estate Team and advises on large development and regeneration projects with particular emphasis on housing regeneration. He acts for Welsh Government, Royal Borough of Greenwich, Westminster City Council, Advance Northumberland (a local authority delivery vehicle) and other local authorities such as Conwy County Borough Council, West Lindsey District Council and South Tyneside Council.

Michelle Knight specialises in large-scale regeneration projects and asset rationalisation projects for public sector clients. Michelle is a Director in the Public Sector Real Estate Team. Michelle's recent projects include leading a multi-disciplinary team advising a northern Council on a £27.5 million project to decarbonise the Council's commercial buildings including schools, cultural venues, industrial estates and libraries. The Council were seeking to install low carbon heating and other energy efficient measures to help the Council with their ongoing target of becoming net zero by 2030.

Pensions LGPS update – challenges and the cost of living crisis

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

4 July 2023
12 noon – 1.30pm

Presented by Bevan Brittan

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Practical issues for the coming year to include McCloud – Remedy and implementation, Outsourcing & cost issues for employers and employees, (admission body status and bonds 50/50 section and under-saving contribution cost issues for employees. An increase in cross sector service provision leading to movements between LGPS and NHSPS and vice versa. Prepare for 2024 a look ahead to further guidance on pooling and Good Governance, Taskforce for Climate-related Financial Disclosure requirements, UK Stewardship Code, policy on boycotts, divestments and sanctions as well as the potentially far reaching changes in UK financial services regulations (the “Edinburgh Reforms”).

Suitable audience:

- HR & Employment
- In-house legal
- Procurement
- Administering authorities

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

Workshop session on health care provision.
Quiz on McCloud tax remedy.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- B Technical legal practice
- B2 Legal research
- B4 Draft documents
- B6 Negotiation
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively
- D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Nigel Bolton is the national head of pensions at Bevan Brittan with 21 years' experience of providing plain English solutions to Employers, Trustees and Providers in relation to what is both a wide and a very technical area.

He has a widespread range of clients, advising on a diverse range of areas from final salary scheme deficit reduction strategies and implementation to scheme entry into the Pensions Protection Fund. Auto enrolment compliance, GDPR for pensions and DC scheme governance (including during wind up) along with corporate and pensions restructuring (involving both private sector and public sector schemes) have been also significant issues over the last few years.

Environmental Act 2021 Update and how to implement and secure biodiversity net gain

A discussion of key aspects of the Environment Act 2021 which affect local authorities, with a focus on biodiversity net gain

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

5 July 2023
12 noon – 2pm

Presented by Anthony Collins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This session will provide:

- In the first half, an overview of the provisions of the Environment Act 2021 with which local authorities interface, including pertinent parts of Part 3 (Waste and Resource Efficiency), Part 4 (Air quality and environmental recall), Part 5 (Water),
- In the second half, a deep-dive into Part 6 of the Act (Nature and Biodiversity) covering Biodiversity Net Gain, the Public Authority Biodiversity Duty, and Local Nature Recovery Strategies.
- the session will also deal with any changes in biodiversity legal requirements which are included in revised government guidance or legislation.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers, sustainability officers and planning officers.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Environmental law and the interface with the planning regime.

Interactive elements

Interactive elements will include opportunities for discussion and sharing of experiences.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Gayle Monk is a legal director working with councils and the wider public, private and third-sector clients on their relationships, both contractual or corporate. She advises on public procurement and subsidy control, and the delivery of public services through contracts, joint ventures or other vehicles. She has a particular focus on achieving social and environmental value through those public services.

Max Howard, associate is a specialist planning and highways lawyer who provides legal advice and assistance in relation to all aspects of planning and highways law including local planning authority decision making, the local plan process (including neighbourhood planning), section 106 agreements, section 38 and 278 agreements, Community Infrastructure Levy, planning enforcement, certificates of lawfulness, permitted development rights, and judicial and statutory review.

He has significant experience of working in the public sector having worked for two Warwickshire based local authorities at district and county levels.

His expertise includes acting as the legal adviser to planning committees, providing advice in relation to the local plan process (including neighbourhood planning), Community Infrastructure Levy, planning enforcement, certificates of lawfulness, permitted development rights, and judicial and statutory review.

Max has significant experience in drafting and negotiating complex section 106 agreements required in relation to major residential-led mixed-use schemes.

Stuart Evans, legal director has a wealth of experience working both in and for local authorities. He understands the pressures and how things work on both sides. As a consequence, he can use this working knowledge to achieve the best results in any project. He has a wide experience in all areas of planning, highways and environmental law including development, consent orders for major infrastructure development and the experience of being the solicitor to the planning committee at Birmingham City Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Coventry City Council. Since joining ACS, Stuart has built the firm's substantial planning practice for local authorities from scratch and is regularly in demand as a speaker on planning issues and to advise authorities on the planning aspects of major developments. This is testament to the high regard in which he is held by officers within local government. Stuart was promoted to Legal Director in 2020.

Development Series: Part 3 – Procurement and development agreements

This is the third of three webinars focusing on development related issues of relevance to local authorities and other public bodies

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

6 July 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Freeths

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

To briefly cover the law as it relates to how development agreements are categorised – i.e. either as works contracts to which the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) apply or land transactions that are expressly exempt?

Suitable audience:

Lawyers, town planners, surveyors, development and regeneration officers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- The current law
- Managing risk where the position is unclear
- Consequences of getting it wrong

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research
B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Nathan Holden, Partner has over 28 years' experience of advising local authorities both in-house and in private practice on procurement issues and has extensively advised since the decision in Roanne on the impact of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 on development agreements, helping to devise practical approaches to solving some of the legal problems the Regulations create.

Local Government Law and Governance

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

11 July 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Geldards

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This law will provide practical insight into the governance of local authorities and the legal issues that affect the operation and activities of local authorities.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers who are new to working in local government or would like to refresh their understanding of local authority governance.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Status of local authorities
- Governance arrangements
- Delegation of functions
- Decision making

Interactive elements

Participants in the webinar will be asked to consider the legal issues in the context of a case study.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Clare Hardy is experienced in advising local authorities on a range of issues, including local government law and governance. Her experience includes advising on powers, governance, standards of conduct, disclosure of information, public procurement and subsidy control.

Matthew Holtam is a trainee solicitor in Geldards Public Sector Team. He has assisted with a range of projects for local authorities.

Procurement law update Part 3 – Avoiding procurement pitfalls

A look at most common issues raised in procurement challenges and how to avoid them.

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA TEAMS

13 July 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Sharpe Pritchard

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will cover common grounds on which procurement challenges are brought, including the devising of evaluation criteria, tender evaluation and moderation processes, abnormally low tenders and contract variations. This will include an overview of recent case law on these topics, and a look at best practice for preventing these grounds of challenge from arising.

Suitable audience:

Procurement teams, Legal teams, any officers involved in running procurement exercises.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Procurement law, with a focus on evaluation
- Other specific topics as detailed in the Overview section above

Interactive elements

Interactive elements will include case studies and audience live polls/discussions.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Juli Lau is a public procurement and contracts specialist with particular expertise in acting for public authorities on public infrastructure projects, covering the fields of waste, energy and utilities. Juli also holds a knowledge management role at Sharpe Pritchard, and regularly writes and delivers training on contracts and procurement. Her work has appeared on the Local Government Lawyer website and in the CICES Construction Law Review. She is a member of the Procurement Lawyers Association and the LexisNexis Procurement Forum.

Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 1 – Contractor Management Overview

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

19 July 2023
12 noon – 2pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Part 1 will be an overview of key obligations and mechanisms within typical construction contracts and how these can be applied to manage cash flow and performance.

This session will last for approximately 2 hours, with the seminar element planned to last for 1 hour, with a further hour to allow for questions and discussion around scenarios. Sessions usually last 1.5 – 2hrs although this depends on the level of audience participation.

Suitable audience:

Anyone involved with the management and administration of contracts for construction works, including repairs/maintenance and asset management.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Commencement of works
- Quality/Specification requirements
- Design and fitness for purpose duties
- Notices and communication
- Variation
- Programme, Delays and Liquidated Damages
- Payment
- Practical Completion
- Defects

Interactive elements

In webinar form interactive elements will be based around quiz scenarios (usually in the form of a true or false voting pole) designed to discuss whether contractors are entitled to extensions of time, variations or loss and expense.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Tim Hillier heads the Trowers & Hamlins Construction Disputes practice and has worked in the firm's London and Dubai offices, and also spent two years seconded to a major civil engineering contractor.

Tim advises on the resolution of disputes and mitigation of litigation risk during all phases of the construction process and beyond, including warranty and insurance matters. His experience includes leading multi-disciplined professional teams in complex and high value disputes concerning issues of delay, loss and expense, design liability, final account resolution and defects.

Tim has represented clients in all major forms of dispute resolution forum, including the English High Courts, international and domestic arbitration, adjudication, mediation and expert determination.

What you need to know to be an effective member of a complaints/grievance/disciplinary panel

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

6 September 2023

11am - 12noon (please note the earlier start time)

Presented by Bevan Brittan

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Join the Bevan Brittan Employment, Pensions and Immigration team as they provide an insight into:

- The steps taken to conduct an effective disciplinary/grievance process
- Preparing for the hearing - investigation alignment, the employee's right of representation
- Dealing with the unexpected - issues which can derail the process and how to keep the process on track
- Practical tips on conducting the hearing - witnesses, behaviours, running to time
- Decision-making - the need to adjourn and reflect; creating a sound outcome letter.

Suitable audience:

HR officers and Directors

Overview and topics to be covered include:

See above

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B4 Draft documents
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Anne Palmer is a Legal Director within Bevan Brittan's Employment, Pensions and Immigration team. Anne works in partnership with local authorities on wide range of employment aspects including contracts and service agreements; policies and procedures; reorganisations and redundancies; disciplinary, performance and grievance matters; discrimination and handling employment tribunal cases.

Sarah Lamont is a Partner at Bevan Brittan with over 25 years' experience in all aspects of contentious and non-contentious employment law. She has particular expertise in TUPE transfers, restructuring and redundancies, complex employment litigation, discrimination/equality issues and senior staff exits.

Public Procurement: Framework Agreements

How should they be established, how should call offs work to avoid challenge after Consultant Connect and what about the future?

Level of course: Intermediate / Advanced: assumes working knowledge of framework agreements

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

7 September 2023
12 noon – 2pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This workshop session aims to take a deep dive into common framework practices, including those let by central purchasing bodies, and how frameworks can be operated on a compliant basis including:

- due diligence on structuring and using frameworks: scope, value, economic operators, membership and access fees, call-off contracts and contract documents.
- Call-off mechanisms: direct award and mini-competition – what do these really require and what lessons can we take from *Consultant Connect* case?
- Administrating framework agreements: what about contract award notices, voluntary standstill notices, what should we be doing and what should the central purchasing body be doing?

Suitable audience:

Procurement directors and officers, development and property services – all asset management officers who use frameworks to procure works, services and supplies

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- framework agreements
- call-off procedures
- administration and transparency requirements

Interactive elements

The session will be structured around shorter sections where the presenters will set out the issue under discussion, provide insights and experience into current practice and pose questions/request comments from the attendees to build up a working picture of the individual elements of framework agreements.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B2 Legal research

Presenter profiles:

Rebecca Rees is a partner and Head of Public Procurement. She also leads the cross-firm Building a Safer Future team at Trowers & Hamlin. Rebecca is a leading national expert in public procurement law, consistently ranked as among the world's leading

government contracts lawyers (Who's Who Legal and Chambers and Partners). Rebecca has significant experience in advising clients in the public, private and third sectors on public procurement, subsidy control and building safety strategy issues. She advises clients on procurement strategy and structures, how to conduct flexible and compliant procurement procedures and compile objective and transparent evaluation models and guidance.

Lucy James is a solicitor-advocate, partner and National Head of Commercial Litigation.

Lucy's commercial Litigation experience includes arbitration, ADR, banking disputes, contractual disputes (breaches of confidence, restrictive covenants and warranty claims), defamation, fraud and investigations, high value and complex insolvency matters, IT disputes, professional negligence and partnership disputes. She also has considerable experience of public law (including Judicial Review) and contentious procurement matters.

Lucy is recognised in the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners for Administrative and Public Law and Commercial Litigation.

Introduction to Data Protection for local authorities – what you need to know and why?

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA TEAMS

8 September 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Sharpe Pritchard

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

In this introductory webinar our experts will guide you through the regulatory maze, advising you on the best approach for handling and sharing information within your organisation so you don't fall foul and short of your legal obligations.

We will identify potential risks that could result in data breaches, penalties and reputational damage, and how to mitigate and manage against them if they happen.

We also cover information law compliance, as well as provide guidance on freedom of expression, privacy, reputation and information rights.

Suitable audience:

Data protection officers, SIROs, local authority officers working in data protection and freedom of information and local authority lawyers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Policies and Documentation for your local authority
- Responding to data subject access request

Interactive elements

We will use Slido to run live polls during the webinar. There will be an opportunity for questions and participants will be encouraged to share their practical advice and experience.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Charlotte Smith is a partner in our ICT and data team. Charlotte works with public sector clients, including local authorities and central government, advising on data protection matters, including data processing agreements, data sharing and data protection impact assessments.

David Leach is an associate in our employment team. David is familiar with advising public sector clients on data protection aspects of employment matters, including advice on managing subject access requests.

Kirsty Squires has extensive experience of working with local authorities. Kirsty has been the Data Protection Officer for East Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council and 3C ICT (part of the 3C Shared Services for Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council). In addition to being a DPO, Kirsty is also a data protection trainer for a respected national training firm, regularly running training on topics such as 'Data Controller, Processor or Joint Controller: What am I?', and runs her own small consultancy supporting small and medium organisations, charities and public bodies.

Development Series: Part 4 – Addressing barriers to development

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

12 September 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Capsticks

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

- Title issues such as restrictive covenants, mines and minerals, public rights of way
- Boundary issues such as encroachment and adverse possession
- Prescriptive easements
- Japanese knotweed
- Rights to light
- The effect of the Electronic Communications Code

Suitable audience:

Local authority property, estates and developments teams, in-house legal teams

Overview and topics to be covered include:

A practical guide to identifying and dealing with problematic legal issues that can impact on development projects

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research
D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Abi Condry, Partner leads the Capsticks property litigation team. She specialises in property-related disputes and contentious landlord and tenant matters for the local authority, healthcare and social housing sectors. Abi regularly advises clients on addressing barriers to development, such as restrictive covenants, easements and encroachments, and dealing with site clearance prior to development.

Vicki Moore, Legal Director provides close support to local authority, NHS and charity clients on a wide range of real estate matters and projects. Vicki's work includes major urban regeneration schemes, and the acquisition, disposal and preparation for development of sites for housing and major infrastructure projects, as well as commercial leases and general landlord and tenant law. Vicki has led many large-scale projects, including PFI projects, capital development projects and mergers and acquisitions.

James Burt, Senior Associate, a Senior Associate in Capsticks' property litigation team. James leads the firm's contentious work under the Electronic Communications Code, and his experience includes managing a mixture of simple and complex applications under the Code for EM Lawshare members.

Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 2 – Delays and EOTs

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

14 September 2023
12 noon – 2pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Part 2 will take an in depth look at delays and extensions of time within construction contracts. Delegates will learn how to apply contract EoT mechanisms and exercise judgement in assessing extension of time claims.

This session will last for approximately 2 hours, with the seminar element planned to last for 1 hour, with a further hour to allow for questions and discussion around scenarios. Sessions usually last 1.5 – 2hrs although this depends on the level of audience participation.

Suitable audience:

Anyone involved with the management and administration of contracts for construction works, including repairs/maintenance and asset management.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Completion Dates and Sectional Completion
- Liquidated Damages and other remedies to slow progress
- Notices and condition precedents
- Assessing delay related claims for extensions of time and loss & expense

Interactive elements

Interactive elements will be based around quiz scenarios (usually in the form of a true or false voting pole) designed to discuss whether contractors are entitled to extensions of time, variations or loss and expense.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Tim Hillier heads the Trowers & Hamlins Construction Disputes practice and has worked in the firm's London and Dubai offices, and also spent two years seconded to a major civil engineering contractor.

Tim advises on the resolution of disputes and mitigation of litigation risk during all phases of the construction process and beyond, including warranty and insurance matters. His experience includes leading multi-disciplined professional teams in complex and high value disputes concerning issues of delay, loss and expense, design liability, final account resolution and defects.

Tim has represented clients in all major forms of dispute resolution forum, including the English High Courts, international and domestic arbitration, adjudication, mediation and expert determination

Holiday pay

A legal update

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

18 September 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Geldards

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This webinar will look the recent legal case law developments in relation to holiday pay, in particular the UK Supreme Court case of *Harpur Trust v Brazel* and its implications. It will also consider the UK government's consultation in relation to Holiday Pay and upcoming developments.

Suitable audience:

It is relevant to anyone dealing with or advising in relation to calculating holiday entitlement or holiday pay or advising on holiday entitlement in general.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Working time
- Calculating a week's pay
- Holiday entitlement
- Holiday pay
- UK government consultation on holiday pay

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Helen Snow, Partner with 17 years' experience and has built a reputation in public sector employment law. She consistently deals with matters on behalf of Local Authorities, public bodies such as the National Museum of Wales, the Police and Crime Commissioners and Welsh Government. Helen is particularly experienced in dealing with Chief Officer disciplinary and grievance processes, severance terms and special severance payments and also advises on complex contentious issues including unlawful deductions from pay, holiday pay, whistleblowing, industrial action issues, varying terms and conditions of employment, employment status and collective redundancies.

Rachel Mills is a Senior Associate in the Employment law team and is experienced in contentious and non-contentious matters, for both individuals and companies. Rachel advises a wide range of sectors in all aspects of employment law, including general HR advisory matters such as redundancies, grievances, disciplinaries and performance-related issues through to Tribunal claims. This includes claims such as unfair dismissal, whistleblowing, discrimination and contractual issues. She regularly assists the Corporate team in relation to TUPE advice.

CPO Series: Part 1 – Making and promoting CPOs

Putting the Building Blocks in Place for promoting a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

19 September 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Weightmans

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

- The stages of the CPO process and indicative timescales
- What is the scheme?
- Planning?
- Who are you CPOing?
- The importance of negotiations and consultation
- Scheme delivery and funding
- Who needs to be involved?
- How to avoid an unsuccessful outcome – recent examples

Suitable audience:

Local Authority property/regeneration/redevelopment lawyers and Heads of Service for responsibility for the delivery of redevelopment/regeneration/highway schemes underpinned by compulsory purchase.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Putting the Building Blocks in Place for promoting a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Interactive elements

It will include a CPO ‘nail house’ quiz threaded throughout the presentation.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Matthew Collings is a Principal Associate at Weightmans, who joined the firm from Eversheds LLP, having previously qualified as a barrister.

Matthew deals with all aspects of planning law, having advised both public and private sector clients on policy support, planning applications including the preparation of environmental statements, highways law, section 106 agreements and judicial review.

Matthew has particular expertise in compulsory purchase and compensation matters and, in 2016, was elected by industry peers to the national committee of the Compulsory Purchase Association. He regularly lectures on a wide variety of planning and compulsory purchase subjects.

He was recognised as an 'Associate to Watch' in Chambers and Partners 2019.

According to clients he is "really strong on compulsory purchase," with one client stating: "He'll sit and listen to debates and arguments on where we want to get to, detail and provide a number of options and point out our risks with each of those options, and then provide advice."

Matthew is currently advising on a number of significant compulsory purchase and planning matters including:

- Advising Harlow and Gilston Garden Town on the compulsory purchase and infrastructure strategy for a new Garden Town proposal covering three local authority and two County Council areas including Hertfordshire County Council;
- Advising Cheshire East Council on the planning, highways and CPO issues relating to the successful delivery of the South Macclesfield Development Area which includes the delivery on 950 new homes, a one form entry primary school, 4,000sqm of new retail development and employment space and securing the delivery of a new link road and associated side roads order;
- Advising Nottinghamshire County Council on all aspects of the delivery of the A614 improvement scheme including planning, CPO and side roads orders. This scheme is particularly challenging as it requires improvement to six separate junctions of the existing A614 each of which pose different highways issues;
- Advising Walsall Council on the CPO and highways matters arising from the current improvements to junction 10 of the M6;
- Advising Cheshire East Council on the planning, highways and CPO issues relating to the successful delivery of the widening of the existing A500.

The eye of the inquiry

The National C19 Inquiry and Local Government

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

26 September 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Weightmans

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

To update the audience on the C19 Inquiry's investigations to date in the first three Modules. To analyse its interaction with Local Government. To comment on the work so far and examine the strategic implications for Local Authorities. Is the Inquiry on course and does it understand Local Government's role in the pandemic response?

We would like to end this with some facilitated audience discussion about different Local Authorities views on the Inquiry to date.

Suitable audience:

EMLS members all levels (particularly important to strategic decision makers)

Overview and topics to be covered include:

See above

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B2 Legal research
- B4 Draft documents
- B5 Advocacy

B6 Negotiation

C Working with other people

C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

D Managing themselves and their own work

Comments: The C19 Inquiry. This covers: B, B4, B5, C1 [underlying the Inquiry work is an ethical point on narrative – so A runs through it too]

Presenter profiles:

Helen Brown joined Weightmans in November 2016, heading up the rapidly expanding casualty and local government team in the Leeds office. Helen was previously the Regional Head of the Leeds office for a number of years before taking up her current role as National Head of Local Government claims.

With over 25 years' experience in dealing with the full spectrum of employers' and public liability claims, Helen has acted for numerous local authorities, insurers, Lloyd's syndicates and listed companies for a significant number of years. Her particular areas of expertise means she is adept at dealing with all types of claims and particularly those concerning social care, HRA, GDPR, stress, bullying and harassment.

Henry Bermingham is a public sector specialist with over 20 years' experience in advising public sector bodies. He specialises in social care claims, highways, human rights, occupiers' liability, employers' liability, stress, public rights of way and 'power and duty' cases. His work includes recovery of indemnities under outsource contracts and contributions from abusers. With particular experience in CSE (Child sexual exploitation), he is used to 'press cases' and is media trained.

Liabilities and Indemnities

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA TEAMS

28 September 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Sharpe Pritchard

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Indemnities are an essential part of any lawyer's toolkit and are often a hotly contested aspect of a contract negotiation. The law around liabilities and indemnities is complex and, in many cases, far from settled. In this webinar you'll learn the key principles, tips on how to avoid common pitfalls, spot contractual risks and how to mitigate them from the outset.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers involved in procurement and commercial contracts.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- What is an indemnity?
- Limits on liability - unlimited or capped?
- Should liability caps be limited to insurance levels?
- Is the indemnity subject to the liability cap?
- Recent case law update

Interactive elements

An interactive Q&A session will follow the talks; however, delegates are welcome to ask questions throughout the session and will be encouraged to share their practical advice and experience.

We would be grateful if people could send questions in advance. We will endeavour to answer as many questions as possible during the event.

Competencies

This course will cover:

A Ethics professionalism and judgement

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Cat Bogoje is a Senior Associate in our ICT, Data & Corporate team at Sharpe Pritchard LLP. She joined the firm in September 2022 with over 10 years' experience as an in-house local authority commercial contracts and procurement solicitor, up to her most recent role as a legal team leader within a highly regarded County Council. She has also previously worked in-house in a procurement and commercial role for the MOD. Cat has a passion for procurement law and dedication to contributing to delivering public sector objectives. She provides pragmatic, risk based, strategic, legal, procurement and commercial advice on a wide variety of public sector commercial and contractual arrangements. Cat advises on and drafts contracts across all departments of local authorities, including but not limited to health and social care services, education, transport, FM, transport, HR, corporate and IT services and equipment. She also advises on shared services, alternative delivery models and the "art of the possible" for income generation initiatives. Cat provides full legal, procurement and commercial advice and support throughout the procurement lifecycle.

Sarah Huckfield leads Hampshire County Council's Legal Service's Commercial Contracts and Procurement Group, whose specialist lawyers provide advice on a wide range of commercial contracts and procurement matters for both internal and external clients.

Sarah is Company Secretary for two local authority trading companies and provides governance advice to the board of directors. As a legal adviser to public sector organisations and internal client departments, Sarah advises the Executive Member and senior officers of Hampshire County Council and works with clients to provide pragmatic solution driven advice on the subsidy control principles, procurement law, local authority trading models and the drafting of commercial contracts

Subsidy Control Series: Part 3

How can public authorities defend themselves from Subsidy Control challenges?

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

19 October 2023

12 noon – 1pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This session will be presented by lawyers who have been involved in successfully defending public authorities in Subsidy Control cases and will provide practical tips on how to maximise your chances of getting the right result.

This will include:

- Brief overview of the requirements of the Subsidy Control regime
- The role of the transparency database in the new regime;
- The relevance of CMA notifications and reports in context of challenges.
- When can challenges be brought?
- The process by which the Competition Appeal Tribunal consider matters
- What are the main lessons from the Subsidy Control cases heard so far

Suitable audience:

This session is relevant to all employees working within public authorities, including those involved in economic development and in-house lawyers.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

This one hour course will include a short overview of the new Subsidy Control regime, explain how challenges can be brought and work through the salient issues that arise in a Subsidy Control case. The main focus will be on identifying practical steps public authorities can take to reduce the risk of a successful challenge.

Interactive elements

Parts of the course will be interactive and involve case studies.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B2 Legal research
- B4 Draft documents
- B5 Advocacy
- B6 Negotiation
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively
- D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Jonathan Branton is Head of EU/Competition at DWF and also leads the Government & Public Sector group.

Alexander Rose is a Partner at DWF regularly advising upon Subsidy Control compliance and public funding matters.

Michelle Maher is a Director at DWF, with an exceptional reputation for advising on contentious matters.

CPO Series: Part 2 – CPO Compensation

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

3 October 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Freeths

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

A brief overview of compulsory purchase compensation law and an outline of the role and function of the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber).

Suitable audience:

Lawyers, surveyors, town planners and regeneration and development officers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- General principles
- Market value
- Injurious Affection
- Disturbance
- Basic and Occupiers' loss
- Home loss
- Part II – Land Compensation Act 1973 claims
- Advanced Payments of Compensation
- The “no-scheme” world concept
- References to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber)

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B5 Advocacy

B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Nathan Holden is a Partner at Freeths with over 28 years' experience of advising on compulsory purchase compensation issues having had the conduct of claims on behalf of both claimants and compensating authorities. Nathan is a member of the Compulsory Purchase Association.

Witness statements in the Employment Tribunal

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ON24

4 October 2023
12 noon - 1.15pm

Presented by Browne Jacobson

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Course overview

It's widely acknowledged that presenting accurate and reliable evidence to support a legal case is a vital component in achieving success. However, with employment cases it is equally important to ensure that the evidence presented is fair and credible, as this can significantly impact the outcome of a tribunal.

In this session, Browne Jacobson's employment specialist, Kerren Daly will share insights and best practice with regards to the role of witness statements in setting the scene of a case in an English or Welsh-based employment tribunal.

Kerren will cover the following topics:

- Speaking with witnesses
- Drafting witness statements
- Preparing a witness for a hearing
- Managing hostile witnesses or those that do not want to attend a hearing voluntarily

For those with significance experience preparing for and managing employment tribunals, this session provides an opportunity to refresh your knowledge and hear how Kerren and her team personally navigate the complexities of preparing statements for trial.

Suitable audience:

In-house legal specialists, heads and directors of HR, HR managers, people officers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Speaking with witnesses

- Drafting witness statements
- Preparing a witness for a hearing
- Managing hostile witnesses or those that do not want to attend a hearing voluntarily

Interactive elements

There will be ample time for delegate Q&A and group discussions.

Competencies

This course will cover:

A Ethics professionalism and judgement
B2 Legal research
B4 Draft documents
C Working with other people
C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

With over 20 years' experience in all aspects of employment law, Kerren Daly leads Browne Jacobson's public sector employment team. Her interests focus on matters of strategic and organisational importance including executive terminations, high profile and sensitive matters, disputes and governance issues.

Kerren is recognised as a leading individual in Legal 500. Legal 500 entry for 2020: Kerren is described by clients as 'very experienced and effective' and 'exceptional'.

Managing Ill Health Retirement in the Local Government Pension Scheme

A practical guide

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

5 October 2023

12 noon – 2pm

Presented by Anthony Collins

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Course overview

A guide to the practicalities of managing ill health retirement in the Local Government Pension Scheme including:

- Medical advice
- The tests for ill health retirement
- Decision-making
- Reviews
- Appeals

Suitable audience:

HR officers, HR managers, Legal advisers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Ill health retirement
- Local Government Pension Scheme

Interactive elements

An interactive case study will be considered to enable group discussion and cement learning.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- B Technical legal practice
- B4 Draft documents
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Douglas Mullen leads Anthony Collins' pensions work which has a particular focus on public sector schemes and is particularly renowned for his expertise and sector knowledge in the Local Government and Social Housing Sectors. He is known for providing complex advice with clarity and simplicity. Clients are thus provided with workable solutions and the confidence to move forward.

Doug is responsible for Anthony Collins' relationship with the National LGPS Frameworks and manages Anthony Collins' appointment to the approved panel of legal services providers for LGPS funds and employers for this framework.

Doug is a member of the Association of Pension Lawyers' public sector committee. This committee is made up of leading public sector pension lawyers across the UK and works with the government and regulatory bodies in relation to the implementation of legislation and guidance affecting public sector schemes in order to support their operation and governance.

Monitoring Officer update

What governance aspects should be keeping you awake at night?

Level of course: Intermediate / Advanced

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

11 October 2023

10am - 11am (please note the earlier start time)

Presented by Bevan Brittan

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Good governance is essential to effective decision making and the lawful delivery of public services. Join Bevan Brittan for an update on key developments in the field of local authority governance, including an opportunity for a Q&A session with our experts.

Suitable audience:

Monitoring Officers, Deputy Monitoring Officers, governance lawyers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Update on key developments in governance case law, legislation, and best practice
- Overview and Scrutiny "call-in" - discussion on best practice

Interactive elements

Discussion forum

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

David Kitson is a Partner at Bevan Brittan who specialises in public and administrative law, governance, and information law. He provides advice, training and support to local government and the wider public sector, as well as to the private sector.

His practice includes advising on vires and constitutional issues; conduct and ethical standards; complaints and investigations; information law (DPA/GDPR, FOIA, EIR, LAAA and RIPA); governance and the democratic process; senior officer disciplinary and departures; governance around delegations, outsourcing, alternative provision of services, shared services, major projects, and commercial trading powers.

Philip McCourt is a Legal Director who specialises in local authorities' corporate law and decision making. He joined Bevan Brittan in 2022 from Wirral MBC where he was Corporate Director for Law and Governance. Since joining Bevan Brittan he has acted on governance, standards and monitoring officer issues for a wide range of local authorities, combined authorities and central government through both consultancy and direct employment.

Victoria Barman, Senior Associate, specialises in local authority corporate governance and has extensive experience providing strategic legal advice and support on sensitive and technical areas of administrative and public law. Her practice includes advising on vires and constitutional issues, governance and the democratic process, policy development, the financial framework, partnership and collaborative working and major projects.

Previously she worked for the London Borough of Haringey for almost 10 years. During this time Victoria worked for 7 years at corporate level, advising on many prominent and complex issues requiring a high degree of political awareness and sensitivity.

Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 3 – Variations and Instructions

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

13 October 2023
12 noon – 2pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Part 3 will take an in depth look at instructions and variation claims within construction contracts. Delegates will learn how to apply contract variation mechanisms and exercise judgement in assessing variation claims.

This session will last for approximately 2 hours, with the seminar element planned to last for 1 hour, with a further hour to allow for questions and discussion around scenarios. Sessions usually last 1.5 – 2hrs although this depends on the level of audience participation.

Suitable audience:

Anyone involved with the management and administration of contracts for construction works, including repairs/maintenance and asset management.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Contractor obligations around delivery of scope
- Design obligations
- Design development vs Design change
- Assessing variation claims
- Adjudication

Interactive elements

Interactive elements will be based around quiz scenarios (usually in the form of a true or false voting pole) designed to discuss whether contractors are entitled to extensions of time, variations or loss and expense.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B4 Draft documents
- B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Tim Hillier heads the Trowers & Hamlin Construction Disputes practice and has worked in the firm's London and Dubai offices, and also spent two years seconded to a major civil engineering contractor.

Tim advises on the resolution of disputes and mitigation of litigation risk during all phases of the construction process and beyond, including warranty and insurance matters. His experience includes leading multi-disciplined professional teams in complex and high value disputes concerning issues of delay, loss and expense, design liability, final account resolution and defects.

Tim has represented clients in all major forms of dispute resolution forum, including the English High Courts, international and domestic arbitration, adjudication, mediation and expert determination.

Contract termination provisions and case law update

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA TEAMS

18 October 2023

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Sharpe Pritchard

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Can I terminate this contract? Is the other party entitled to get out of this contract? These are questions commonly raised when the implementation or service delivery under a commercial contract does not go to plan.

The termination of a contract may seem a drastic measure but sometimes necessary. This course is aimed at in-house solicitors and will provide guidance on best practice on how to successfully navigate through termination of a contract.

Suitable audience:

Contract lawyers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Contractual and common law termination rights
- Contract breach - analysing the obligations and procedural requirements
- Repudiatory breach v material breach
- Active response and reservation of rights to prevent waiver
- The wrongful termination counterclaim
- What if one party wishes to exit the contract but the contract is silent on termination and has no clear contract period/is a rolling contract?
- Consequences of termination

Interactive elements

An interactive Q&A session will follow the talks; however, delegates are welcome to ask questions throughout the session and will be encouraged to share their practical advice and experience.

We would be grateful if people could send questions in advance. We will endeavour to answer as many questions as possible during the event.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Cat Bogoje is a Senior Associate in our ICT, Data & Corporate team at Sharpe Pritchard LLP. She joined the firm in September 2022 with over 10 years' experience as an in-house local authority commercial contracts and procurement solicitor, up to her most recent role as a legal team leader within a highly regarded County Council. She has also previously worked in-house in a procurement and commercial role for the MOD. Cat has a passion for procurement law and dedication to contributing to delivering public sector objectives. She provides pragmatic, risk based, strategic, legal, procurement and commercial advice on a wide variety of public sector commercial and contractual arrangements. Cat advises on and drafts contracts across all departments of local authorities, including but not limited to health and social care services, education, transport, FM, transport, HR, corporate and IT services and equipment. She also advises on shared services, alternative delivery models and the "art of the possible" for income generation initiatives. Cat provides full legal, procurement and commercial advice and support throughout the procurement lifecycle.

Sarah Huckfield leads Hampshire Legal Service's Commercial Contracts and Procurement Group, whose specialist lawyers provide advice on a wide range of commercial contracts and procurement matters for both internal and external clients.

Sarah is Company Secretary for two local authority trading companies and provides governance advice to the board of directors. As a legal adviser to public sector organisations and internal client departments, Sarah advises the Executive Member and senior officers of Hampshire County Council and works with clients to provide pragmatic solution driven advice on the subsidy control principles, procurement law, local authority trading models and the drafting of commercial contracts

Lease or Licence and why it matters

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

7 November 2023

12 noon - 1.30pm

Presented by Anthony Collins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Lease or Licence - does it matter? 'Anywhere County Council' has a pot of Levelling Up money to spend on a regeneration scheme that will repurpose one of the County's redundant sites, creating jobs and enterprise. A huge potential success story for all in the County. Members can't wait to break the news to the press! But to everyone's dismay a 5 year lease with no break has been granted to 'We Don't Like Regen Limited'. It certainly does - a lease or a tenancy confers on the tenant an estate in land, rather than merely a contractual permission to occupy. What should Anywhere County Council do next.....

Suitable audience:

Inhouse Legal Counsel, Surveyors and those responsible for negotiating and agreeing Heads of Terms

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Why does it matter?
- Lease, License, Tenancy at Will - which to use when
- Negotiation - tips and tricks
- Heads of Terms
- Drafting Documents
- Case Studies

Interactive elements

Case studies, discussion forum,

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents
B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Sandy Munroe is Anthony Collins' lead local government property partner with more than 30 years of experience in land transactions. Her work for local authorities includes complex asset rationalisations, large scale disposals and acquisitions and regeneration projects. Sandy's experience also encompasses joint venture acquisitions for local authorities and outsourcing of specific services to corporate asset and share purchases, sales to private corporate clients, PFI projects and the building of new schools, as well as landlord and tenant matters. She can also draw on a wealth of experience acting on the other side from local authorities in a wide range of transactions earlier in her career. This included acting for retailers, private and public-sector bodies, land acquisitions and site set-ups for residential developers, acquisitions and refinancing for registered providers, large scale voluntary transfers for registered providers and insolvency sales acting for the lender.

Preparing for a dispute: risk management and maintaining privilege in documents

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ON24

8 November 2023
12 noon – 1.15pm

Presented by Browne Jacobson

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

In this webinar, Browne Jacobson's commercial disputes lawyers will provide an overview of the wide range of legal, people and commercial considerations which often arise in the early stages of a dispute.

Specifically, Chloe and Emma will touch upon relationship management, stakeholder involvement and participation, document preservation, case investigation, early expert evidence (where appropriate), risk mitigation, risk/benefit analysis and privilege.

Ample time for delegates to ask questions will be provided in the second half of the webinar.

Suitable audience:

Contract managers, in-house counsel

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Relationship management
- Stakeholder involvement and participation
- Document preservation
- Case investigation
- Early expert evidence
- Risk mitigation
- Risk/benefit analysis
- Privilege

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B5 Advocacy
- B6 Negotiation
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Chloe Poskitt is a dispute resolution legal director specialising in complex commercial disputes and contentious insolvency, including managing commercial contract disputes, misrepresentation claims, supplier/consumer disputes, breach of restrictive covenants, injunctions and insolvency litigation. Chloe works across a variety of sectors with particular expertise in the tech, energy, manufacturing and retail sectors. Chloe acts for domestic and international corporates, public sector clients (including central and local government) and charities. Chloe works closely with her clients to arrive at business-led solutions to their issues to minimise risk and maximise success.

Emma Marshall specialises in commercial disputes for both public and private sector clients. In the private sector, she has particular expertise in supply chain, breach of contract and technology and media disputes. In the public sector, she has significant expertise in advising and representing local government bodies in commercial disputes, often where there is an overlap between private and public law.

Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 4 – Interim payments

Level of course: Advanced

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

27 November 2023
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The webinar will cover interim payments under building contracts, focussing specifically on the JCT Design and Build Contract by way of example.

Suitable audience:

Construction / commercial disputes lawyers, construction professionals, consultants, engineers, designers, contract administrators / project managers, contactors, subcontractors and employers, local authorities

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Statutory basis for interim / stage progress payments in construction contract
- Interim payments under standard forms of contract – overview and focus on JCT Design and Build Contract
- Notice provisions for payments / anatomy of a smash and grab dispute

Interactive elements

Time will be reserved for questions at the conclusion of the webinar, and we hope that this section will be interactive.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Jonathan Gaskell is a Partner in DWF's Infrastructure, Construction and Energy Team. He primarily advises clients on all aspects of non-contentious construction law and practice, from procurement and tendering through the drafting and negotiation of all types of construction contracts. His experience extends to a very broad range of sectors and premises in the built environment, including retail units, shopping centres, hotels, office buildings, student accommodation, industrial premises as well as bridges, rail, infrastructure, roads, renewables and water infrastructure. He has comprehensive knowledge of industry standard building contracts such as the JCT forms, as well as the NEC suite of agreements widely used in UK public sector construction procurement.

David Humphreys is an Associate in DWF's Infrastructure, Construction & Energy Team and is tri-qualified in England & Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. He specialises in complex and high value construction disputes, providing contentious advices to a range of clients across the public and private sectors, including central and local government clients, state-owned entities, chartered bodies, insurers and assureds, and major employers, contractors and subcontractors. His recent public sector work includes advices in relation to complex projects across a central government client's global estate, including high risk locations, disputed and distressed projects. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), David is the team's specialist in construction adjudication, regularly attending to the drafting of all pleadings, submissions and witness statements in the course of such disputes. In May 2022, David successfully acted for Liverpool City Council in securing a CPR Part 8 declaration in a rare decision striking down an adjudicator's decision for having been reached in a procedurally unfair manner, and consequently being of no force or effect. The decision in *Liverpool City Council v Vital Infrastructure Asset Management (VIAM) Limited* [2022] EWHC

The Procurement Lifestyle of a Software Contract

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

15 November 2023

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will cover the following aspects of the procurement lifecycle of a software contract:

- What should be considered before the procurement of any software is commenced?
- Why are the practicalities of the solution so important?
- How can we future proof arrangements?
- Suppliers standard T&Cs
- What if contractual relations start to 'de-rail' after the contract is signed? and
- IT in local government

Suitable audience:

Procurement Officers, Legal Counsel, IT Professionals

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Why it is important to understand the solution itself?
- What key contractual positions should be considered?
- Why is it important to plan and scope the project in depth?
- What are key issues which arise and what are considered market standard? and
- What happens if things go wrong and how can the contract offer protections?

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

- B Technical legal practice
- B6 Negotiation
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Comments: This course will cover the practical aspects of a procurement, which will feed into the legal documents to ensure a commercially successful solution.

Presenter profiles:

Amardeep Gill is a partner in the Birmingham public sector commercial team, leading on a number of ground-breaking commercial projects, including providing commercial contract advice on the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, various large-scale IT procurements, and during a secondment to a national logistics provider, managing their legal provision for an interim period. He also provided key advice on the region's first foray into 5G, involving a commercial and strategic approach. He is nationally ranked as an expert in his chosen field (Chambers UK) and has also been recognised for his market-leading expertise by legal research experts, Acritas, who have designated him as an 'Acritas star'.

Matt Whelan – Matt is an associate in the public sector commercial team and in 2022 was listed in Legal 500 as a 'Key Lawyer' in Trowers' Tier 1 ranking for Local Government Work in the West Midlands. Matt advises clients on a wide variety of complex cross-border commercial contracts and projects, recently leading on matters for the West Midlands Combined Authority (on a variety of technology based projects), Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (having undertaken a secondment there previously, primarily providing IT contract support for the group), and Birmingham City Council (on the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games) amongst others. He has particular experience in IT, data privacy and cyber security matters, working in sectors including local government, digital technology, artificial intelligence, cyber security, leisure, sport, transport and aviation. Matt is part of the Innovation Alliance Transport and Cyber working groups in the West Midlands and co-authored a [Cyber Security whitepaper](#).

Introduction to RIPA

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

21 November 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Weightmans

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will act as an introduction to RIPA. It will explain how the law works and give you all the information you need to make a RIPA application. It will give practical applications and in traduce you to the Home Office guide. We will also look at discrete areas such as RIPA and social media. After attending the course you should be able to spot a RIPA issue , make a RIPA application and know where to look for the answer if a difficult issue arises.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers and officers involved in RIPA applications.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

None on this one.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B2 Legal research
- B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

John Riddell is a Partner at Weightmans LLP. He has advised local authorities for the past 35 years. He has lectured on RIPA for many years and has advised many local authorities upon their RIPA policies.

He also advises many police forces and therefore has a wide knowledge of RIPA and surveillance and intelligence issues.

Planning Law Update

Level of course: Introductory/Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

22 November 2023

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Capsticks

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

A session taking a closer look at some of the key planning cases in the last year, and the impending changes contained in both the NPPF and the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill.

Suitable audience:

Planning officers, solicitors from local authority, public body

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Case law update
- Changes to the NPPF
- The future of planning law - will The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill change the planning system?

Interactive elements

Quiz / Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research
B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Suzanne Smith, Partner heads Capsticks' planning law division advising on a range of town planning matters (including both policy and development control) for local authorities, charities, NHS and social housing clients. Prior to joining the firm in 2017, Suzanne spent 11 years working in the public sector

within the in-house legal teams for a number of local authorities and the Environment Agency in the South of England. She has advised on many high profile and complex matters including both major residential and commercial planning applications, s106 legal agreements, planning inquiries and CIL.

Jennifer Eng is a senior associate specialising in both planning and housing development. Jennifer represents a large range of local authorities, NHS and social housing clients across the country. In particular Jennifer has extensive planning experience advising and negotiating s106 legal agreements, planning application advice, planning inquiries and CIL to name but a few.

Levelling up

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

4 December 2023
12 noon - 2pm

Presented by Anthony Collins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Local authorities are key players in delivering the Levelling Up agenda with varying degrees of support from central government. This session will provide an update on where we are with Levelling Up as at the end of 2023. The session will include an examination of the ways that projects have been structured, with a live example to stimulate discussion. We will also look at the planning changes that are in train that will have the greater impact on local investment and infrastructure initiatives."

Suitable audience:

Lawyers, planning officers, managers, and advisers.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

Discussion forum

Competencies

This course will cover:

- B Technical legal practice
- C Working with other people

Presenter profiles:

Mark Cook, partner has over 30 years of experience working with local authorities and is currently advising on a range of joint ventures and assisting councils to develop their structures for increasing income generation. These projects are principally in the areas of trading services, supplying more housing and improving returns from commercial property portfolios. Mark provides strategic advice on models for transforming public services, using the law to create flexible routes for achieving

change. As shown by his current ranking in Chambers, Mark is highly regarded within the local government sector and the first port of call for clients with complex projects.

Stuart Evans, legal director has a wealth of experience working both in and for local authorities. He understands the pressures and how things work on both sides. As a consequence, he can use this working knowledge to achieve the best results in any project. He has a wide experience in all areas of planning, highways and environmental law including development, consent orders for major infrastructure development and the experience of being the solicitor to the planning committee at Birmingham City Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Coventry City Council. Since joining ACS, Stuart has built the firm's substantial planning practice for local authorities from scratch and is regularly in demand as a speaker on planning issues and to advise authorities on the planning aspects of major developments. This is testament to the high regard in which he is held by officers within local government. Stuart was promoted to Legal Director in 2020.

Local Authority Companies series: Part 1 – Introduction / overview, procurement, teckal structures and insourcing

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

5 December 2023
12 noon – 1.30pm

Presented by Freeths

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This webinar will “set the scene” for a series of events on the topical subject of Local Authority and JV Companies. It will look at the general powers to create entities, the obligations of a Company in law, when the Public Contracts Regulations apply (and when they do not), the tests for a Company to be “Teckal” under the regulations (“Control” and “Function”) and the arguments in favour and against having companies which are controlled and not.

We will also outline the steps involved in “insourcing” functions currently carried out by external bodies.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers, Property managers and Strategic Directors

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Localism act Powers
- Different Corporate Bodies
- Procurement Regime
- The “Teckal” Test
- Arguments for and against different models

Interactive elements

A short exercise for participants will be included

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research

Presenter profiles:

Stephen Pearson is a Partner who has been with Freeths for over 16 years and has specialised in the creation of public-Private Joint Ventures and Local Authority Companies / LLPs across the country, including their creation and winding-up including advice on Public Procurement, Subsidy Control and Governance issues.

Barry Khan Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and Monitoring Officer, North Yorkshire County Council

Data Protection in the Work Place

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

6 December 2023
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Geldards

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This webinar will cover the essential data protection topics relevant to employment and employment law. It will provide an update on the current legal position following Brexit and look at some fundamental data protection rights and principles such as the appropriate lawful basis for processing, consent, the employee's right to be informed and subject access request in the context of employment.

Suitable audience:

It is relevant to HR, managers and those advising on employment issues generally.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Data protection compliance
- Data protection principles
- Data Subject Rights
- Privacy Information
- Subject Access Requests

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Helen Snow is experienced in dealing with data protection and information law matters. She provides expert advice on Data Protection, Freedom of Information (FOI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). Helen also advises clients on aspects privacy. Helen regularly advises clients on DPA compliance, specifically responding to Subject Access Requests and the application of exemptions the disclosure of information. Helen has advised organisations on personal data breach notification to the ICO and to individuals. Helen also advises public bodies on data sharing arrangements and data transfers outside the UK.

In the context of FOI and EIR she has advised clients on their compliance with the legislative regimes, prepared qualified persons opinions and undertaken public interest test. She frequently advises on the application of exemptions/exceptions under the relevant provisions. Helen has represented clients in relation to FOI appeals to the First Tier Tribunal.

Theresa Pollard, the Deputy Data Protection Officer for Nottingham City Council and has worked in the field of FOI and Data Protection since 2009. Prior to joining Nottingham City Council she worked for the BBC's main Information Policy and Compliance Legal team and for the University of Nottingham.

Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 5 – PC and final accounts

Level of course: Intermediate / Advanced

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

7 December 2023
12 noon – 1pm

COURSE OUTLINE TO BE CONFIRMED

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

An introduction to the PC and final account process under construction contracts– and in construction disputes, with a brief consideration of the differences across different forms of Contract.

Suitable audience:

Persons involved in construction law and/or development.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Concept of Practical Completion (PC) and the importance of PC (on limitation periods, insurance, possession, access etc)
- Final accounts process
- Disputes on PC and final accounts – common disputes; relevant case law; use of adjudication in final account process.
- Legal and practical issues on PC and final accounts to consider when drafting Construction Contracts – definitions, limitation periods, discretion under related third party agreements, ensuring all obligations have been fulfilled prior to settling the final account.

Interactive elements

Case studies

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Yolanda Walker (Partner, DWF), Natalie Tunstall-Jackman (Solicitor, DWF)

Both speakers are from the Infrastructure, Construction and Energy team at DWF. Yolanda Walker is a Partner in the London office specialising in international construction disputes. Yolanda advises clients on the operation of contracts and the resolution of disputes through negotiation, adjudication, mediation, arbitration and litigation and has experience of working with clients throughout the lifecycle of a project to assist in the management of risk, the avoidance of disputes and to help achieve the best result commercially.

Yolanda has expertise in all major standard forms of contract, including JCT, NEC and FIDIC. Yolanda has advised developers, contractors, consultants and employers on a variety of projects, including in particular high rise buildings. Yolanda has extensive experience of fire safety and professional negligence related claims.

Natalie Natalie Tunstall-Jackman is a Solicitor in the Manchester office practicing a mixture of contentious and transactional construction law. Natalie advises local authorities and commercial clients in their roles as developers, funders and other interested third parties.

Natalie has experience of drafting and advising on the JCT and NEC forms of building contracts for regeneration, demolition and remediation and construction projects.

Social Housing development: Contract Structures

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

11 December 2023

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Freeths

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Course overview

A walk through the different Contract Structures available to enable the delivery of both land led and S.106 social housing developments

Suitable audience:

Project Managers/Land Buyers involved in the delivery of Social Housing

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Why different contract structures and determining factors;
- S.106 Scheme;
- Land-led plus JCT;
- Land/Golden Brick plus Development Agreement;
- Additional considerations;

Interactive elements

There will be case studies and the ability to discuss what has been presented at the end.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Sarah Rowe has worked at Freeths for over 20 years now and over that time has gained a huge amount of experience in residential property development. She acts for a wide range of clients including developers and registered providers. Sarah's particular area of focus is Social Housing and she heads up the relevant team in Nottingham. She acts on everything from S.106 schemes, site acquisitions either via Development Agreement or Land and JCT to regeneration.

Microsoft Word Training for Lawyers

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

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14 December 2023

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Freeths

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Course overview

- Bullets & Numbering
- Track Changes
- Comparing & Combining

Suitable audience:

Lawyers who format their own documents using Microsoft Word

Overview and topics to be covered include:

This training presentation will be delivered by video conferencing covering the subjects listed below. It will be delivered by an experienced Digital Skills Specialist.

Bullets and Numbering

- Working with Single Level Bullets and Numbering
- Working with Outline Numbering
- Promoting and Demoting Text
- Starting and Stopping Numbering
- Editing Bullets, Numbering and Outline Numbering

Track Changes

- Turning Track Changes On/Off
- Tracking Documents
- Displaying and Printing Track Changes
- E-Mailing Tracked Documents
- Working with More Than One Author / Colour

- Finding Changes
- Accepting and Rejecting Changes Manually
- Accepting and Rejecting Changes Automatically

Comparing & Combining

- Comparing Documents
- Combining Documents

Interactive elements

Q&A at the end of the training presentation via chat.

Competencies

This course will cover:

IT Skills

Presenter profiles:

Amanda Grattan has been designing and delivering IT training courses to Lawyers for 30 years. She has experience of law firms working practices, terminology and compliance standards so courses are always tailored to the needs of the practice/department. Amanda knows what Lawyers require from Microsoft Office and Legal Applications.

Recovery of care home fees

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

12 December 2023

12 noon - 1.30pm

Presented by Weightmans

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

A guide to recovering estate assets by way of Creditor Grants to ensure full payment of outstanding care fees in cases where either no family or family are not engaging or dealing with the estate. The overview will cover how to protect assets whilst obtaining the Grant and when litigation may be required.

Suitable audience:

Anyone working in Local Government finance or social care teams

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Administration of an estate under a Creditor Grant
- Recovery of funds due to the LA
- Responsibilities and duties of the LA acting under a Creditor Grant

Interactive elements

Case studies which will invite discussion and questions

Competencies

This course will cover:

A Ethics professionalism and judgement
B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research
B4 Draft documents
C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Sarah Louise Walker is a Partner with 24 years of experience in Private Client law. She works with Local Authorities both on advising them regarding inclusion/exclusion of assets for financial assessment, protection of LA interests and in recovering debts from deceased estates. She is also experienced in advising on deprivation of capital cases and any matter involving complex trusts or property matters.

Lorraine Wilson is an Associate with 9 years experience of working in this area. She has a broad range of experience in dealing with administration of estates and works closely with Sarah in supervision of and running Creditor Grant cases for the firms Local Authority clients.

Local Government civil cases update

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate and Advanced – All three should be interested in this course

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11 January 2024
12 noon – 1pm

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Course overview

This course has become an annual EMLS update which is now repeated due to its relevance and popularity. The webinar will deal with the most relevant local government litigation cases of the last year. It will look at cases of general interest and also discrete areas such as data protection and abuse cases. It will also look at amendments and developments to the CPR such as disclosure and costs. The update is meant to be practical and to give those involved in litigation an update on the practical issues.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers and insurance officers and risk managers.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research

Presenter profiles:

The course will be presented by the team from previous years – Adam Clemens of Leicestershire County Council and Chris Webb-Jenkins and John Riddell of Weightmans. Adam, Chris and John have collectively over 100 years of local government litigation experience – and say that it feels like it on a Monday morning. They try to bring a practical approach to their experience and have been presenting this course for several years. They always find it a pleasure to speak to colleagues who are involved in the same area of work and look forward to seeing you all again.

Construction / contractor Supply Chain Management Series: Part 6 - Termination, Warranties, Security

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

17 January 2024
12 noon - 1.30pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This session will look at termination provisions in JCT and NEC contracts as well as any residual common law rights where the contracts are silent, collateral warranties (both JCT and bespoke market standard forms for employers and funders/other beneficiaries) and different forms of security, including performance bonds and parent company guarantees.

- Considering contractual entitlement to termination;
- Fundamental breach;
- Common law rights to terminate where the contract is silent;
- Is there an automatic right to terminate?
- Repudiation
- What rights does an Employer want under the contract?
- What rights does a Contractor want under the contract?

Suitable audience:

Lawyers, project managers, funders.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Termination- contractual rights of termination under a JCT and NEC contracts as well as common law rights of terminations; repudiatory breach and what rights Employers/Contractors want in relation to termination.

- Collateral warranties- a review of the standard provisions usually required in warranties and issues with the JCT standard forms of warranty from an employer/beneficiary perspective
- Brief review of the pros and cons of performance bonds v parent company guarantees and overview of different types of bond.

Interactive elements

Discussion forum

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Gemma Wilson is a Senior Associate in the Construction team in Manchester specialising in all areas of non-contentious work, and has been with the firm for nearly 5 years. Gemma has 17 years of PQE experience as prior to specialising in non-contentious construction, Gemma spent the first 5-7 years post qualification working in commercial litigation, and then contentious and non-contentious surety law prior to joining DWF. Gemma has particular experience in non-contentious construction transactions, working alongside our banking, procurement and real estate departments, and regularly acts for local authorities, funders, developers and tenants on a wide range of multimillion pound transactions in various sectors; including development, finance, public sector, housing, leisure and commercial occupiers. She also has expertise in all areas of non-contentious surety work, including negotiating and drafting complex performance bond wordings and advising on underlying building contracts.

Kate Monaghan is a solicitor in the Construction & Infrastructure team at DWF. Kate's practice has focused predominantly on high value and complex transactional matters, advising various parties such as developers, contractors, investors and funders. Kate has experience drafting and negotiating a wide range of construction contracts and ancillary agreements, including advising on bespoke agreements and the major standard forms of contract, including JCT and FIDIC. Kate also advises on issues arising during construction, claims management and dispute resolution. Kate's experience covers a wide range of industry sectors, including commercial and residential development, energy, agri food and leisure. Kate also has experience in advising on health and safety law matters, particularly as it affects construction.

Chris Wheeler is a projects lawyer whose career in the engineering and building sectors has spanned the full project lifecycle from negotiation of complex contracts, mid-project advice to disputes in many jurisdictions. Chris' projects-related expertise spans the full life cycle of projects from procurement and contract negotiation and risk analysis to mid-project advice to post-project disputes. Chris has spent the last six years prior to recently joining DWF in a senior in-house role at a global engineering firm. He developed deep experience across many sectors including Water, Rail, Multi-use Development, PPP infrastructure, Energy, Airports, Technology Hubs, and Environmental. Chris

oversaw litigation in over a dozen countries and has advocated in mediations, adjudications and arbitrations on many files.

Heena Shahzad is a solicitor in the Construction and Infrastructure team and specialises in contentious and non-contentious construction. Heena works alongside and supports DWF's Public Sector, Real Estate and Banking teams in transactions involving investors, developers, purchasers and occupiers. She has experience in advising and procuring a wide range of construction documents including standard forms (JCT and NEC) and bespoke contracts for clients, including local authorities, financial institutions, purchasers, manufacturers and occupiers. Heena also advises clients on pre-action dispute avoidance mechanisms and contract management and has experience in more formal methods of resolving disputes, such as adjudication and arbitration proceedings both in the UK and internationally.

Local Authority Companies series:

Part 2 – Joint ventures with 3rd parties

Eyes-open: going into joint ventures with third parties. Getting the outcomes you want from corporate joint ventures, particularly in the context of Regeneration Projects

Level of course: Advanced

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

15 January 2024
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This will be an in-depth look at the key commercial and legal areas that Councils need to be aware of when getting into formal partnerships with third parties. The most common reason for JV arrangements is for the development of land and so this session will explore common issues in that context, including:

- Types of JV (informal, contractual, corporate)
- Aligning outcomes and cultures
- Negotiating the JV (corporate structure and JV agreements)
- JVs for Property Development – key considerations

Suitable audience:

- Senior property, commercial or asset managers
- Chief Exec/s151 Officers/Monitoring Officers
- Economic Development Officers
- In-house lawyers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B4 Draft documents

B6 Negotiation

C Working with other people

C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Amardeep Gill - Partner - Public Sector Commercial and Governance advises local and central government on transformation or business critical projects and is nationally ranked as an expert in this field (Chambers UK).

Amardeep has extensive experience across a range of sectors including digital technology, leisure, transport, education, outsourcing, leisure and waste. He advises on joint ventures, public/private partnerships, complex supply chain arrangements, regulatory matters and large-scale procurement exercises.

Chris Plumley - Partner - Public Sector Real Estate specialises in large scale public sector regeneration and mixed use development projects. With over 20 years experience he is particularly noted for unlocking stalled developments.

Chris has many years of experience working collaboratively alongside developers, senior officers, in-house lawyers, politicians and other professional advisers within the public, private and emergency sectors. With many large scale and politically sensitive projects to his name Chris has established a national reputation within the regeneration market. He has helped clients on major property development joint venture projects to devise commercial and risk mitigated structures and ongoing project management.

Moad Giebaly - Partner - Corporate Commercial has experience of advising on a range of corporate work including domestic and international mergers & acquisitions, joint ventures, commercial contracts and general corporate advice.

Moad has a particular focus on the real estate sector which ranges from advising developers and local authorities to advising on inward investment (from the MENA and ASEAN regions) in the real estate and hotels and leisure sectors including those involving the corporate structuring of Shari'ah compliant acquisitions of shares and assets and establishing Shari'ah compliant offshore funds.

DSARS and FOIs for Local Authorities

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

16 January 2024
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Geldards

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This webinar will look at the obligations of Local Authorities in relation to DSARs and FOIs including the relevant legal frameworks, how FOIs and DSARs interact, relevant considerations in terms of searching for information, requests for clarification and relevant exemptions.

Suitable audience:

It is relevant to anyone dealing with or advising in relation to DSARs and FOIs.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Data protection compliance
- Data Subject Rights
- Subject Access Requests
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- FOI exemptions
- FOI obligations
- ICO Guidance

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

Presenter profiles:

Helen Snow is experienced in dealing with data protection and information law matters. She provides expert advice on Data Protection, Freedom of Information (FOI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). Helen also advises clients on aspects privacy. Helen regularly advises clients on DPA compliance, specifically responding to Subject sAccess Requests and the application of exemptions the disclosure of information. Helen has advised organisations on personal data breach notification to the ICO and to individuals. Helen also advises public bodies on data sharing arrangements and data transfers outside the UK.

In the context of FOI and EIR she has advised clients on their compliance with the legislative regimes, prepared qualified persons opinions and undertaken public interest test. She frequently advises on the application of exemptions/exceptions under the relevant provisions. Helen has represented clients in relation to FOI appeals to the First Tier Tribunal.

Theresa Pollard is the Deputy Data Protection Officer for Nottingham City Council and has worked in the field of FOI and Data Protection since 2009. Prior to joining Nottingham City Council she worked for the BBC's main Information Policy and Compliance Legal team and for the University of Nottingham.

Public-Private Joint Ventures and recessionary risks

Including security and insolvency

Level of course: Advanced

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

18 January 2024
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Freeths

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Public / Private Joint Ventures have been increasingly popular over the last few years, but with the current challenges facing the property market, and recent well-exposed failures of some local authority enterprises this event aims to cover key risks and how they can be mitigated by good contracting practice and governance, together with the importance of registering security interests such as Charges against the assets of these organisations and what happens in the event of a corporate failure. The course will be run by an experienced Partner of Freeths who has worked on both the creation of new JV entities, but also dealt with problems concerning their insolvency / enforcing security interests and winding them up.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers, Property Service Departments

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Shareholder Agreement provisions
- Board appointment and governance
- Drafting and registration of Charges
- Legal duties of Directors
- Audit Reports; and
- Insolvency

Interactive elements

Quiz / Case Study will be included.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Stephen Pearson has some 10 years' experience advising on and creating Local Authority Companies and JV entities and has been involved in processes, including enforcing security and is currently dealing with the restructuring / sell-off of several companies in which local authorities have an interest.

Mike Gilmour specialises in all aspects of corporate and personal insolvency work. This includes dealing with both contentious disputes and non-contentious advisory work. He advises all relevant stakeholders, including insolvency practitioners, creditors and other financiers, companies and their directors and individuals.

He regularly advises company directors as to their legal duties and obligations, where their companies are (or may be) insolvent – and in relation to litigation brought against them by insolvency practitioners.

Mike also specialises in debt recovery, particularly through insolvency processes. He has a particular knowledge of acting for local authorities in this regard; in relation to the recovery of unpaid council tax and other sums.

Mike is listed as a Recommended Lawyer in the Legal 500 (2022 edition).

Property law update, key market trends in last 12 months

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ON24

24 January 2024
12 noon - 1.15pm

Presented by Browne Jacobson

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

In this webinar Browne Jacobson's real estate and property experts will deliver their analysis of the most significant reported property law cases and legislative developments seen during 2023 and the first few weeks of 2024.

They will also "scan the horizon" and outline what we might expect in the forthcoming year. The focus will very much be on what the team deem to be the most relevant to local authorities and the wider public sector in terms of their impact upon freehold and leasehold acquisitions and disposals, regeneration, development and asset management.

Suitable audience:

Legal, estates, asset management and regeneration officers including those at junior and intermediate level although senior level officers are also more than welcome

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Property law cases and legislation

Interactive elements

There will be ample opportunity for delegates to pose questions and make comments in relation to the material covered.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research

B4 Draft documents
B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

Neil Walker specialises in advising local authorities and other public bodies in relation to complex real estate and projects work including regeneration, forward funding and other development matters. He also acts for public sector clients on a wide range of acquisition, disposal and other real estate transactional work and is active in delivering client-facing training and webinars.

Zo Hoida is a real estate partner specialising in regeneration projects for government clients. Working on major regeneration projects and town centre re-developments she is working at the heart of the socially valuable work we do as a firm. Zo also advises private developers and investors and has experience in renewable energy projects.

Katie Briggs is a senior associate in Browne Jacobson's property litigation team. Recognised by The Legal 500 and having qualified in 2014 with extensive specialist knowledge in property litigation, Katie advises on all property related disputes or potential disputes including landlord and tenant issues, boundary and right of way disputes, telecommunication code agreements and more. Katie acts for a wide range of clients including large national landlords, national retailers, developers, public and private sector landlords, as well as individuals and SMEs.

D&I and Allyship

Embedding diversity and inclusion throughout an organisation.

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

31 January 2024
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Diversity and inclusion is quickly becoming a core workplace matter. Colleagues, clients, customers and communities have increasingly high expectations of organizations to contribute to, create and maintain diverse and inclusive environments. But sensitive topics can be difficult to address and colleagues don't always feel equip to make a difference. In this session we will explore the key role active allyship plays and provide practical guidance to empower everyone to contribute to greater inclusion through their day to day roles.

Suitable audience:

Any role or professional. The session is designed for individuals looking to embed diversity and inclusion throughout their organisation in order to attract and retain talent and clients plus those looking for advice on being a more active ally.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- What is D&I
- What it means to be an active diversity and inclusion ally in the workplace
- The importance of allies in the workplace
- How everyone can contribute to an inclusive environment
- Tips and practical guidance for embedding inclusivity within day to day tasks

Interactive elements

- We will incorporate some ice breaker exercises to get the group thinking about what inclusion feels like.
- We will run polls to understand more about attendees and their experiences.

- We will also use the chat function to get attendees to share their ideas on example case studies to get them thinking like allies.
- We will provide a handout of the content covered.

Competencies

This course will cover:

A Ethics professionalism and judgement
C Working with other people
C1 Communicate clearly and effectively
D Managing themselves and their own work

Comments: This session will be focused on the delivery of diversity and inclusion within a professional organisation.

Presenter profiles:

Tamsin McCarthy is the Global Diversity and Inclusion Manager at legal services organisation DWF. Her goal is to create environments in which people can be themselves, regardless of characteristics, and thrive. She is a passionate advocate of active allyship and the role we can all play in creating and maintain an inclusive workplace.

TUPE and Procurement

Level of course: Introductory / Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA TEAMS

1 February 2024

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Sharpe Pritchard

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

In this practical webinar, we will discuss the practical implications of TUPE in a procurement process. We'll cover key issues to consider before and after the ITT is issued and what needs to be considered in terms of contract drafting. We'll be sharing our experiences and top tips to manage the impact TUPE can have on a procurement.

Suitable audience:

Anyone advising their local authority on TUPE risks in respect of outsourcing or re-procurement of a contract, either in a legal, HR, procurement or governance function.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- What is TUPE?
- When does it apply?
- What doesn't transfer?
- What are its implications?
- Common issues that may arise?
- When does it not apply?
- TUPE information needed for the procurement process and what happens if you don't have it for the ITT
- Final top tips/key take aways

Interactive elements

An interactive Q&A session will follow the talks; however, delegates are welcome to ask questions throughout the session and will be encouraged to share their practical advice and experience.

We would be grateful if people could send questions in advance. We will endeavour to answer as many questions as possible during the event.

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B4 Draft documents

Presenter profiles:

Cat Bogoje is a Senior Associate in our ICT, Data & Corporate team at Sharpe Pritchard LLP. She joined the firm in September 2022 with over 10 years' experience as an in-house local authority commercial contracts and procurement solicitor, up to her most recent role as a legal team leader within a highly regarded County Council. She has also previously worked in-house in a procurement and commercial role for the MOD. Cat has a passion for procurement law and dedication to contributing to delivering public sector objectives. She provides pragmatic, risk based, strategic, legal, procurement and commercial advice on a wide variety of public sector commercial and contractual arrangements. Cat advises on and drafts contracts across all departments of local authorities, including but not limited to health and social care services, education, transport, FM, transport, HR, corporate and IT services and equipment. She also advises on shared services, alternative delivery models and the "art of the possible" for income generation initiatives. Cat provides full legal, procurement and commercial advice and support throughout the procurement lifecycle.

Sarah Huckfield, Assistant Head of Legal Services (Commercial Contracts and Procurement), Hampshire County Council leads Hampshire Legal Service's Commercial Contracts and Procurement Group, whose specialist lawyers provide advice on a wide range of commercial contracts and procurement matters for both internal and external clients.

Sarah is Company Secretary for two local authority trading companies and provides governance advice to the board of directors. As a legal adviser to public sector organisations and internal client departments, Sarah advises the Executive Member and senior officers of Hampshire County Council and works with clients to provide pragmatic solution driven advice on the subsidy control principles.

Annual Judicial Review Update

Recent developments in the substantive law, practice and procedure

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

6 February 2024
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Andrew Sharland, KC

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This course will be delivered by Andrew Sharland KC, Barrister.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Recent developments in the law of judicial review. This will include developments in practice and procedure, key case law on substantive grounds of judicial review together with an update on any new statutory provisions relevant to judicial review.

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research

Presenter profiles:

Andrew Sharland KC, Barrister, 11 KBW has a broad public law practice with a particular emphasis on the fields of local government, human rights, education, health and community care law, planning and professional discipline and regulatory law. He also regularly acts in information law matters and public inquiries. He is ranked by Chambers and Partners as a leading silk in six areas: local government,

community care, education, administrative and public law, information law and public inquiries and inquests. In 2020, Andrew was nominated for “Public Law Silk of the year” by The Legal 500.

He is currently instructed on behalf of a local authority in a Supreme Court appeal on the correct interpretation of section 117 Mental Health Act 1983 (the leaving and aftercare provision).

Prior to taking silk, Andrew was a member of the Attorney-General’s A Panel of counsel. He is now on the Attorney-General’s Silk Panel.

Andrew is a co-author of the leading practitioners’ textbook, *Judicial Review: Principles and Procedure* (OUP, 2nd edn 2023). Andrew is also contributor to R McManus KC, *Education and the Courts*, P Coppel KC, *Information Rights* and Atkins Court Forms on Human Rights.

Local Authority Companies series: Part 3 – The Council as shareholder and an Introduction to Insolvency

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

12 February 2024

12 noon – 1.30pm

Presented by Anthony Collins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Exercising the Shareholder Function

- The LA Company
 - Directors and Shareholders
 - Governance arrangements
- The LA as Shareholder
 - Role and responsibilities
 - Exercising the shareholder function
 - Other LA functions
- Scrutiny of the Shareholder
 - The LA's wider scrutiny of the shareholder's performance
- Questions?

An Introduction to Insolvency Principles

- What is Insolvency
 - Balance sheet insolvency
 - Cash flow insolvency

- The Main Insolvency Procedures
 - Administration
 - Liquidation
- Other 'Rescue' Procedures
 - Company Voluntary Arrangements
 - Part 1A Moratorium
 - Scheme of Arrangement
 - Part 26A Restructuring
 - Administrator Receivership
- Liability
 - The general rule
 - Personal liability (directors / shareholders)
 - Fraudulent trading
 - Wrongful trading
- Questions?

Suitable audience:

- In-house lawyers and governance officers dealing with local authority companies
- LA company directors
- LA company shareholders

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

Polls will be used

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively
- D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Claire Ward is a local government lawyer who after 19 years working for Herefordshire Council and Cumbria County Council moved to Anthony Collins.

She started her career in local government as an assistant solicitor. She has had many roles since then, moving into legal management and finishing her career as acting deputy chief executive.

She has extensive local government expertise as monitoring officer working with committees, cabinet and full council.

She now acts as a sounding board for local authorities and their companies nationwide, on local government law, constitution, decision making, standards and member/officer relationships.

Formerly the principal regulatory and litigation solicitor of a local authority shared legal team, Matt Marsh now advises and provides training to public sector clients, particularly local authorities and / or their subsidiaries, on matters of corporate governance, statutory vires, local government, company and public commercial law. Matt advises on the establishment, corporate form and structure of LA companies and their governance arrangements including board composition and appointments; directors' duties, remuneration and conflicts; support services provision; regulatory compliance; shareholder decision-making and the exercise and scrutiny of the shareholder function. He is also instructed to review and advise on the governance and regulatory compliance of established LATCos. Matt has a Certificate in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors and is the company secretary for the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.

Understanding the Electronic Communications Code 2017

Understanding your rights and dealing with applications

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

13 February 2024
12 noon - 1.30pm

Presented by Capsticks

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Since its introduction in 2017, network operators like BT Openreach, Vodafone and EE have relied extensively on the revised Electronic Communications Code as justifying the grant of new rights and the extension of existing ones.

In this course, we will consider how the Code operates, whether and to what extent network operators are correct in their assertions, and how EM Lawshare members who own or lease land can and should respond to requests for operators in relation to temporary rights like surveys and permanent rights including the installation of equipment.

We will review some case studies and there will be an opportunity to discuss situations which EM Lawshare members have encountered.

Suitable audience:

Anyone with estates/property as part of their role

Overview and topics to be covered include:

The aim will be to deliver a 75 minute session, allowing a further 15 minutes at the end for discussion or further examples, should there not have been a natural opportunity during the session,

- Who the Code covers;
- How the Code operates;
- In what circumstances members are likely to encounter the Code;

- Demystifying some of the terminology and understanding when you might require external legal support;
- Responding to applications which members receive;
- Grounds for opposition
- Some tips & tricks for maximising your position

Interactive elements

Case studies, discussion

Competencies

This course will cover:

B4 Draft documents

B6 Negotiation

Presenter profiles:

This session will be led by James Burt, a Senior Associate in Capsticks' property litigation team. James leads the firm's contentious work under the Electronic Communications Code, and his experience includes managing a mixture of simple and complex applications under the Code for EM Lawshare members.

Claire Ward is a local government lawyer who after 19 years working for Herefordshire Council and Cumbria County Council moved to Anthony Collins.

She started her career in local government as an assistant solicitor. She has had many roles since then, moving into legal management and finishing her career as acting deputy chief executive.

She has extensive local government expertise as monitoring officer working with committees, cabinet and full council.

She now acts as a sounding board for local authorities and their companies nationwide, on local government law, constitution, decision making, standards and member/officer relationships.

Matt Marsh, Solicitor. Formerly the principal regulatory and litigation solicitor of a local authority shared legal team, Matt now advises and provides training to public sector clients, particularly local authorities and / or their subsidiaries, on matters of corporate governance, statutory vires, local government, company and public commercial law. Matt advises on the establishment, corporate form and structure of LA companies and their governance arrangements including board composition and appointments; directors' duties, remuneration and conflicts; support services provision; regulatory compliance; shareholder decision-making and the exercise and scrutiny of the shareholder function. He is also instructed to review and advise on the governance and regulatory compliance of established LATCos. Matt has a Certificate in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors and is the company secretary for the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.

De-risking decision making in difficult times

How to keep the drama out of difficult decisions

Level of course: Intermediate / Advanced

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

15 February 2024
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

With local authority budgets continuing to be squeezed, the allocation of scarce resources means that council are having to make increasingly unpopular decisions. From the cutting of services through closure of leisure centres to the sale of assets, unpopular decisions invite legal challenges. This session looks at the potential pitfalls and how to overcome them, including:

- Preparing the ground - Member buy-in
- Making "good" public law decisions
- Common grounds of challenge (procurement, s123)
- Lessons from public interest reports

Suitable audience:

- Senior managers/report writers
- Heads of Legal/Monitoring Officers
- In-house lawyers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- B2 Legal research
- B4 Draft documents
- B5 Advocacy
- B6 Negotiation
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively
- D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Amardeep Gill - Partner - Public Sector Commercial and Governance advises local and central government on transformation or business critical projects and is nationally ranked as an expert in this field (Chambers UK).

Amardeep has extensive experience across a range of sectors including digital technology, leisure, transport, education, outsourcing, leisure and waste. He advises on joint ventures, public/private partnerships, complex supply chain arrangements, regulatory matters and large-scale procurement exercises.

Louis Sebastian - Senior Associate - Public Sector Commercial and Governance acts for clients in both the public and private sectors, particularly in relation to commercial agreements and long-term partnering arrangements across a number of industries including Waste, Digital Technology, Supply Contracts, Leisure and Regeneration.

He has in-depth knowledge of public sector governance processes and vires matters. Having worked in-house as deputy monitoring officer at a local authority, he has first-hand experience of council constitutions, establishing and restructuring council committees and ensuring proper decision making processes are implemented and followed. He has also advised on defending procurement and other public law challenges.

Electric vehicle charging points – issues to be aware of

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ON24

28 February 2024
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Browne Jacobson

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

In order to meet public demand and ambitious environmental targets Browne Jacobson has helped its clients successfully implement electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the UK.

In this webinar the team involved in many of these projects will look at the practical, contractual and liability issues involved in installing, owning, operating, maintaining electric vehicle charge points.

For public bodies looking to develop or expand their charging infrastructure, Alex and Zo will also explain some of the legal challenges involved with EV charge point projects. At the end of the webinar attendees will be equipped with a list of practical points to consider when seeking to instal and/or operate EV charge points, as well as solutions to over some of the challenges that might arise during a project.

Suitable audience:

In house legal teams – lawyers, solicitors, legal executives and paralegals

Overview and topics to be covered include:

As above

Interactive elements

Case studies, Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B4 Draft documents
B6 Negotiation
C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Alex Kynoch is a director in Browne Jacobson's government and infrastructure team and regularly advises local government on energy projects, particularly in the fields of EV charging and district heat networks.

Zo Hoida is a real estate partner specialising in regeneration projects for government clients. Working on major regeneration projects and town centre re-developments she is working at the heart of the socially valuable work we do as a firm. Zo also advises private developers and investors and has experience in renewable energy projects.

Oxford City Council - To follow

Construction Disputes

Level of course: All levels

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

21 February 2024
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will provide an overview of:

- Adjudication
- Mediation
- Litigation
- Arbitration

As well as tips and tricks for dispute avoidance and managing disputes as/when they arise

Suitable audience:

All those involved in construction and infrastructure

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Adjudication
- Mediation
- Litigation
- Arbitration
- Dispute avoidance

Interactive elements

Q&A / discussion at the end

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B5 Advocacy

B6 Negotiation

C Working with other people

C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

D Managing themselves and their own work

Presenter profiles:

Katherine Doran is a Director in DWF's Construction and Infrastructure team in Glasgow. She has exclusively practiced construction law since she qualified over 15 years ago and is an accredited specialist in construction law by the Law Society of Scotland. She specialises in project advice, dispute avoidance and dispute resolution, with a particular focus on renewables, heavy engineering and infrastructure projects. She has worked in Scotland, London and the Middle East on both domestic and international projects (Europe, Qatar, KSA, Netherlands, Nigeria, Turkey, Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala and Saint Helena and Ascension). Katherine has extensive experience in all forms of dispute resolution - adjudication, DABs, mediation, arbitration and litigation.

Zoheb Khalid is a solicitor in DWF's construction and infrastructure team in Glasgow. He is familiar with all forms of construction dispute resolution and regularly assists with contentious matters. Zoheb also regularly advises on transactional matters and is familiar with all major forms of construction contract.

Licensing Update and afternoon workshop

Update on Taxi Licensing and Licensing Act with Mock Appeal

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A FACE-TO-FACE COURSE AND IS BEING HELD AT GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

5 March 2024

9.45am registration (10.00am start) - 12.45pm (followed by lunch) and afternoon workshop 1.45pm - 4pm, Gedling Borough Council's Offices

Presented by Antony Collins

Course overview

Morning

There will be an update on the latest developments concerning the Licensing Act 2003 and taxi licensing including a discussion on the "hot topics" affecting licensing authorities.

Afternoon

The afternoon workshop will include a mock hearing dealing with a licensing appeal and will involve the assistance of Counsel. There will be an opportunity for delegates to play various roles in the hearing. There will also be some useful tips on how to present appeals from Counsel.

Suitable audience:

Solicitors/Legal Officers advising Licensing Officers and/or appearing at appeal hearings

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Local Authority Licensing
- Case Law Update
- Mock Hearing - Advocacy Skills

Interactive elements

Afternoon workshop

Competencies

This course will cover:

A Ethics professionalism and judgement
B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research
B4 Draft documents
B5 Advocacy
B6 Negotiation
C Working with other people
C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Laura Chaplin is a Senior Legal Officer at Gedling Borough Council and is the legal licensing lead, having joined the Council from private practice in 2017. Laura is a Higher Rights Advocate and has represented the Council in a number of taxi licensing appeal cases in both the Magistrates and Crown Court. Laura currently works with the Council's licensing team to provide advice and assistance, attending and advising Licensing Committee. Laura has been involved with the Council's Member/officer working group to implement changes to the Council's licensing regime following the introduction of the Statutory Standards.

Stuart Evans, Legal Director at Anthony Collins has a wealth of experience working both in and for local authorities. He understands the pressures and how things work on both sides. As a consequence, he can use this working knowledge to achieve the best results in any project. He has a wide experience in all areas of planning, highways and environmental law including development, consent orders for major infrastructure development and the experience of being the solicitor to the planning committee at Birmingham City Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Coventry City Council. Since joining ACS, Stuart has built the firm's substantial planning practice for local authorities from scratch and is regularly in demand as a speaker on planning issues and to advise authorities on the planning aspects of major developments. This is testament to the high regard in which he is held by officers within local government. Stuart was promoted to Legal Director in 2020.

Introduction to Grant Agreements

An introductory session on drafting grant agreements and the underlying statutory and governance considerations that Councils need to think about when putting them in place.

Level of course: Introductory

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

7 March 2024
12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Trowers & Hamlins

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

This session will look at the powers that Councils have to make grants, the key terms that go into grant agreements and the statutory boundaries that grants must sit within. In Particular:

- Vires to make grants
- Common grant terms, monitoring and payment
- Subsidy Control compliance
- Ensuring a grant agreement is not a contract caught by the procurement regime
- Issues when on-granting central government funds

Suitable audience:

- Economic development officers
- S151 Officers / Monitoring Officers
- In-house lawyers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Vires
- Drafting skills
- Procurement
- Subsidy control

Interactive elements

Q&A

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research
B4 Draft documents

Comments: This course will equip officers with a further understanding of how the grants operate and develop their governance, subsidy and procurement "antennae".

Presenter profiles:

Paul McDermott, Partner has decades of experience working with local authorities and central government agencies on formerly EU state aid and now UK Subsidy Control. Paul previously worked in local government and also was interim monitoring officer for a London borough.

Julian Jarrett, Associate is a solicitor in the Real Estate department at Trowers and is the Chair of Trowers' LGBTQ+ and Allies network. Julian advises public and third sector housing clients with regards to public procurement, vires, State aid, regeneration, governance, partnerships, commercialisation, commercial contracts and charity law. Julian specialises in Subsidy Control law, advising a wide range of public and private sector bodies at a local and national level. He has recently advised West Midlands 5G (the Combined Authority-owned company delivering the largest 5G testbed in the UK), the Department for Education, Homes England, the Greater London Authority and Westminster City Council on Subsidy Control issues arising from their grant arrangements.

Louis Sebastian, Senior Associate has in-depth knowledge of public sector governance processes and vires matters. Having worked in-house as deputy monitoring officer at a local authority, he has first-hand experience of council constitutions, establishing and restructuring council committees and ensuring proper decision making processes are implemented and followed. He has also advised on defending procurement and other public law challenges.

Redeveloping multi-let buildings, while avoiding nuisance claims by affected tenants

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

12 March 2024

12 noon - 1pm

Presented by Weightmans

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will cover recent case law interpreting the rights and obligations between commercial landlords and their tenants when buildings are refurbished and will give practical advice aimed at minimising the risk of claims and complaints from affected tenants. Reference will also be made to the RICS Professional Statement on Service Charges in Commercial Property.

Suitable audience:

Professionals involved in managing multi-let buildings

Overview and topics to be covered include:

Management of commercial property

Interactive elements

There will be case studies.

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B6 Negotiation
- C Working with other people
- C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Peter Hall specialises in property litigation, having acted for developer, occupier and public sector clients for many years.

His development experience includes:

- Advising on rights to light
- Advising on the enforceability of restrictive covenants and the ability of beneficiaries to extract payment
- Advising on general contractual issues relating to property including mistake, misrepresentation and interpretation of contractual provisions
- Obtaining possession from 1954 Act protected tenants and advising on statutory compensation
- Obtaining possession from telecoms operators under the Electronic Communications Code
- Boundary disputes
- Claims for adverse possession and for prescriptive easements

Peter has experience of bringing successful claims against negligent professionals such as solicitors, surveyors and accountants.

Peter is a long-standing volunteer supervisor at the University of Manchester Student Law Advice Centre.

DPO / SIRO training

Data protection and information governance update

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

13 March 2024
12 noon - 1.30pm

Presented by Capsticks

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

Since 2018 and the introduction of the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018, the data protection landscape has evolved and with the recent introduction of the Data Protection and Digital Information (No.2) Bill, is likely to evolve further. This webinar will provide an update as to what the current statutory requirements and best practice expectations are for those within organisations responsible for making sure that business processes and decision making are in line with current requirements, guidance and good practice.

We will look at topics such as changes to the legislative framework, including any changes to the role of the DPO, the handling of data breaches, information sharing between public bodies and the ICO's current focus in terms of enforcement action.

We will review some case studies and there will be an opportunity to discuss situations which EM Lawshare members have encountered, including examples of good practice.

Suitable audience:

All DPOs, SIROs and anyone with similar data protection, information governance and risk responsibilities

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- An overview of the data protection responsibilities of DPOs, SIROs and those with similar responsibilities
- The evolution of the legislative framework
- Information sharing between public bodies
- Recent ICO enforcement action
- The ICO's regulatory approach and strategy
- Recent case law and examples of good practice

The aim will be to deliver a 75 minute session, allowing a further 15 minutes at the end for questions and discussion.

Interactive elements

Q&A and discussion

Competencies

This course will cover:

- A Ethics professionalism and judgement
- B Technical legal practice
- C Working with other people

Presenter profiles:

This session will be led by Andrew Latham, Partner and head of the Information Law team at Capsticks. Andrew leads on the firm's information law work across litigation, advisory and transactional matters. The session will be supported by Lauren Danks, Senior Associate in Andrew's team. Andrew and Lauren regularly provide training for clients and run a number of data protection/information governance updates/webinars for clients throughout the year.

Disrepair – a practical guide for stemming the tide

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA ZOOM

14 March 2024

12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Bevan Brittan

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

- A practical guide to stemming the tide in Disrepair cases
- Looking at the Pre-action Protocol and what can be achieved pre-action
- Dealing with litigated cases – practical steps that can be taken to stem the tide

Suitable audience:

Housing Officers, Repairs Officers, Lawyers, Neighbourhood Officers

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Section 9A and section 11 Landlord and Tenant Act 1985
- Pre-Action Protocol for Housing Conditions Claims

Interactive elements

Quiz, polls, case studies

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B6 Negotiation

C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Ellie Staniforth is an experienced civil litigation lawyer specialising in social housing litigation and landlord and tenant disputes. She has acted on behalf of local authority clients in relation to a range of matters, in particular defending large volumes of housing disrepair claims, recovering unpaid service charges, possession claims and judicial reviews.

Criminal Prosecution and Procedure

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA GOTOWEBINAR

22 March 2024
12 noon - 1pm

Presented by DWF

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The course will cover preparation of a prosecution case.

The course will also include "Ten top tips to prepare and conclude a successful prosecution case"

Suitable audience:

In-house lawyers and employees who are involved in preparing prosecution cases, witness statements and unused disclosure material lists.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Criminal law prosecutions
- Preparation of summonses and disclosure
- Pitfalls to avoid
- Negotiating with defence lawyers and defendants

Interactive elements

There will be an interactive question and answer session conducted by way written questions being submitted by delegates throughout the session.

Competencies

This course will cover:

A Ethics professionalism and judgement
B Technical legal practice
B2 Legal research

B4 Draft documents
B5 Advocacy
B6 Negotiation
C Working with other people
C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Simon Belfield is a Partner in the Tier 1 Regulatory Compliance and Investigations Team at DWF Law LLP. He specialises in prosecuting complex regulatory cases. He worked as an agent prosecutor for the HSE for 15 years.

Prem Thakor is an Associate in the Tier 1 Regulatory, Compliance and Investigations Team at DWF Law LLP. He is experienced in conducting prosecutions for breaches of legislation in the water industry.

Local Authority Companies series: Part 4 – Governance in Local Authority companies and JVs

Level of course: Intermediate

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEBINAR IS BEING HOSTED VIA TEAMS

21 March 2024

12 noon – 1pm

Presented by Sharpe Pritchard

If you would like to book onto this webinar please book via the book tickets section and you will receive a link to the webinar and further details approximately three days before the event.

Course overview

The last decade has seen significant growth in the number of local authority companies including new joint ventures being set up between public, private and third sector organisations.

The success of local authority companies and other delivery structures relies heavily on effective governance, both within the company itself and in the way it interacts with the local authority. In this webinar our experienced experts address the key issues which are vital ensuring that the right balance is struck between commercial independence and effective oversight. The session will include analysis of recent newsworthy examples from which lessons can be drawn and a Q&A session.

Suitable audience:

Lawyers involved in procurement, PPP structures, local authority companies, partnerships and other commercial delivery structures.

Overview and topics to be covered include:

- Good governance and implementation
- Shareholder agreements and reserved matters
- Funding
- Risks & Compliance
- Directors' duties under Companies Act 2006
- Conflicts

Interactive elements

Tbc

Competencies

This course will cover:

B Technical legal practice

B4 Draft documents

C Working with other people

C1 Communicate clearly and effectively

Presenter profiles:

Rob Hann is a legal director and Head of Local Government at the firm. He has worked for several local authorities and was head of legal at 4ps/Local Partnerships for nearly 20 years, leading the development and roll-out of the local government PFI programme for local government across England and Wales. Rob is also the author of several major law books on local authority charging, trading, companies and partnerships.

Peter Collins is a corporate lawyer who specialises in creating commercial delivery structures for public sector clients including through trading companies, collaboration arrangements, partnerships and joint ventures. He regularly advises clients on public/private sector joint ventures relating to property assets in the context of land development and regeneration.

