

The Commercial Litigation Association Regional Seminar - Manchester 2013

After the Revolution whither Napoleon?

Keynote address:



His Honour Judge Bird
Wednesday 19 June 2013

Registration from 3:30pm

Venue: **Brabners**
55 King Street, Manchester M2 4LQ

CPD Registered with the SRA for 2 hours

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CLAN represents all those with an interest in commercial litigation.

CLAN membership is open to the judiciary, solicitors, barristers, trainees, pupils, academics and those in the commerce who have an interest in this area of law.

Key Partner:



Programme:

Unlike Lord Woolf's reforms Lord Justice Jackson's recommendations are revolutionary.

Manchester has always been a hub of innovation whether hosting the first public inter-city railway to the basking in Lord Justice Jackson's hot tub.

The question for this year's CLAN north-western meeting is how Manchester will lead the way in delivering innovative yet profitable legal services.

Following the traditional CLAN vigorous debate around our core theme we are delighted to welcome His Honour Judge Bird who will speak about how the Courts and the Judiciary will play their part in delivering the reforms. This should be particularly stimulating bearing in mind our Chairman's recently reported comments in the Gazette:

"Online forms for submitting litigation costs budgets are 'seriously flawed' and should be avoided", the chair of the Commercial Litigation Association (CLAN) has warned. Chair Tony Guise told the Gazette that the forms contain mistakes. He said: 'The formulae are seriously flawed, with inconsistencies in terminology and other problems, and should be avoided until the MoJ gets its act together.'"

Law Gazette, 27.05.13

Do join us for debate, play a part in developing the reforms and learn how to thrive in an altered legal landscape!

3.30 Registration & Coffee

4.00 Introduction by Tony Guise, Chairman of CLAN

4:15 **Debate**

Our panel of experts will then lead a vigorous debate focused around the current issues of concern to commercial litigators on Manchester and the surrounding area.

Jeff Lewis of Brabners, Tony Guise of GUISE, Daniel Kavan of Kroll Ontrack
Moderated by Mark Beaumont of Annecto Legal Ltd

5:30 **The Reforms: HHJ Bird will present his views on how the Courts and the Judiciary will play their part in delivering the reforms.**

HHJ Bird is Snr Circuit Judge in the Mercantile and Chancery Court.

HHJ Bird studied Law at Cambridge and was called to the Bar in 1991. He specialised in commercial and chancery practice with a broad client base ranging from government departments to individuals in business.

6.00 Closing Remarks and Networking Reception courtesy  **Kroll Ontrack.**

7:00 CLOSE

The Debating Panel



Tony Guise is Chairman of the Commercial Litigation Association & Founding Partner, GUISE Solicitors

Admitted in 1986 Tony practice ranges from representing those affected by commercial fraud to shareholder and partnership issues, regulatory investigations and disputes relating to solicitors costs.

Tony appears before the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal (SDT) and is one of only the few lawyers in the country appointed to the SDT's Duty Solicitor Panel. A member of the Solicitors Assistance Scheme Panel he is also a member of the Editorial Board for the Law Society's Compliance Bulletin and writes a monthly column on regulatory issues for the Solicitors Journal.

He also advises in connection with costs disputes acting for either Solicitors or their client in resolving issues arising from disputes about the extent and scope of a Solicitor's charges. He is an acknowledged expert in this field.

From March 2002 until March 2004 Tony Guise was President of the London Solicitors' Litigation Association (the LSLA) a law reform lobby comprising some 900 members, mainly commercial litigators, based in central London. Mr Guise has played a leading role in introducing innovative reform in the civil justice process in England and Wales.

Tony regularly contributes articles on his particular areas of expertise to legal and other journals. He is a contributing author for the Law Society's Civil Litigation Handbook for the section on managing the client retainer and profitable litigation and the Law Society's Practical Precedents for Civil Litigators (costs and disclosure). He regularly lectures for commercial conference organisers and to law firms on civil law and procedure and costs related issues.

Law Societies; Solutions (the journal of the Dispute Resolution Section of the Law Society of England and Wales).

He frequently speaks on the above issues to the Law Society, regional Law Societies, Recognised Groups of the Law Society and commercial conference providers in addition to speaking at the firm's in house events.

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**Daniel Kavan, Managing Director,
Electronic Disclosure Consultancy, Kroll Ontrack**

Daniel and his team advise lawyers and their clients on how to effectively manage electronically stored documents in litigation, arbitration, and internal or regulatory investigations.

Daniel provides consultancy and training to assist clients with the identification, preservation, collection, review and analysis of potential evidence in document-intensive cases. Daniel advises clients on strategies and techniques to help lawyers deploy technology efficiently and cost-effectively, as well as assisting them in the design of practical workflow processes and the selection of the technical solutions required to fulfil these goals. He is frequently called on to comment on best practices and new developments in electronic disclosure law.

Daniel has extensive experience working on international commercial litigation matters, competition law inquiries and internal investigations, particularly in the areas of fraud and bribery. He often assists lawyers in identifying potential sources of evidence, and has experience in on-site scoping exercises and witness interviews in a variety of corporations, industries and jurisdictions, including the UK, USA, Germany and Italy.

Prior to joining Kroll Ontrack, Daniel worked as a litigation solicitor in Australia and has had litigation support roles in London at several international law firms. During this time, he has employed a variety of market-leading technologies in numerous document-intensive electronic disclosure exercises.

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Jeff Lewis, Head of Litigation at Brabners in Manchester

Jeff qualified in 1989 and heads up our Manchester Litigation department. He has acted for a number of household names in a wide variety of commercial disputes. He has extensive experience in claims for breach of contract and professional negligence. He also specialises in all areas of Property Litigation and was involved in one of the leading cases on dilapidations. Jeff also has a wide experience of acting

in disputes in the financial services industry and has considerable experience of litigating disputes within the sports industry.

Jeff is also an experienced mediator (having been accredited with both CEDR and ADR Group). He has been admitted to a number of mediation panels (including Consensus Mediation, Sport Resolution and North-West Mediation Solutions) and regularly receives mediation referrals from a variety of sources, including a large number of repeat clients.

Jeff also sits as a Deputy District Judge. He also holds Higher Rights of Audience in civil cases. He has been listed as a Leading Individual for a number of years in both Chambers and the Legal 500 Guides to the Legal Profession.

Jeff is a past President of Manchester Law Society, having been a member of its Council since 1999. He chaired its Civil Litigation Committee for 7 years and continues to sit on various Court Users' Committees.

In 2012 Jeff was featured as one of the 250 most influential people in Greater Manchester.

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Mark Beaumont, Director, Annecto Legal Ltd & member of the CLAN executive.



Mark Beaumont graduated from the University of Manchester with an Economics degree in 1998 and has since developed his career in account management, training and business development.

Having joined the new London office of Just Costs Solicitors in 2009, Mark developed the customer base across London and the south of England. His focus has been on seminars and training; raising awareness of alternative funding options and the importance of budgeting effectively.

As part of this role Mark has worked closely with ATE insurance providers, funders and other legal services businesses that support litigation.

Now a director with Annecto Legal Ltd, Mark is working with a broad range of businesses to give them access to the best litigation services available. One of the key objectives of Annecto is to explain the range of litigation funding and insurance options available to decision makers in the business world. In addition, we will provide clients with access to accredited law firms that are willing to take on cases on a risk-sharing basis (such as fixed fees or payment on success), and also funders, insurers and the full range of litigation support services.

Annecto are also working closely with law firms to encourage greater knowledge of the alternatives to 'hourly rate billing' and introduce them to the business development opportunities that these alternatives present.

At present, they are speaking with a number of firms and we are happy to be approached by businesses interested in discussing this concept.

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10 years: £ 500
- ▶ Corporate: Annual: £ 360 (up to 6 members)
3 years: £ 1,080 (6 members or more)
- ▶ Academic: Annual: £ 30
- ▶ Student: Annual: £ 15 (on production of NUS number)

See www.comlit.co.uk where the full range of membership benefits is outlined.

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