

# Press Release

## Commercial Litigation Association

### Introduction

The Commercial Litigation Association ("the Association") is a non-profit making organisation which was founded approximately 10 years ago. Our main aims are:

- To champion the cause of all who are involved in the practice and business of commercial dispute resolution in its broadest sense and from every walk of professional life whether Judge, solicitor or barrister, trainee or pupil, academic or litigation funder.
- To keep the interests of our members uppermost in promoting best practice and providing training of the highest quality and relevance.
- To develop a strong national and international network by representing the interests of commercial litigators with valuable networking opportunities both nationally and internationally.
- Amongst other aims, to reject the under-funding of the civil justice system and assert the need for the investment of court fees in the civil justice system.

### Comments

David Foster has been appointed as the Chairman of the Association on an interim basis. Luke Harrison and Dipti Hunter will support him as Vice Chairs on an interim basis. It is intended that these positions will be vacated at the next AGM when new appointments will be made following a ballot of members.

The Commercial Litigation Association will continue to serve its members and to that end is also pleased to announce that we have new members from various regions of the country joining the steering committee:

- Mark Surguy- Partner at Weightmans LLP in Birmingham (Treasurer)
- Janine Alexander – Partner at Collyer Bristow LLP
- Sam Roberts – Associate at Cook, Young & Keidan LLP
- Andrew Latimer - Barrister at King's Chambers in Leeds
- Chris Lucarelli – BDM at Trinity Chambers in Newcastle
- Derek Jenkins – CEO at St John's Chambers in Bristol

We will be providing further information over the summer about the Association and our future plans.

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Note for Editors:

1. Mr Beaumont is now the sole director of CLAN.
2. For further information about CLAN see <http://www.comlit.co.uk>
3. Mr Beaumont continues to be a director of CLAN Commercial Services Limited