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Members Information

All of The Academy's information is available for Members from the Member Resources page of the website.

This includes:

- Guidance
- Publications
- Reports
- Model Terms of Engagement

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'update'

From the Chairman



Time for a moan from the Chairman – and a swift 'kick up the pants' for some members.

You will all recently have received an invitation from the President to suggest people that you think would benefit from Academy membership, but I am sorry to say that your response has been, to put it in measured, expert terms, a little on the slow side.

We must all appreciate that the very future of TAE rests on our ability to recruit and retain members. As some of us reach an age when retirement becomes more attractive than the daily grind, we contribute to a 'demographic time-bomb' which will, if not defused, lead to significant damage to TAE. It is something that must be addressed urgently and has been a major focus of my work as your Chairman over the last two years.

I simply do not accept that members do not each know at least one other expert who would benefit from membership, either in one's own field or in another. We all come across other experts in our day to day life and so I would urge you all to take the small amount of time that it takes to suggest a new member either by filling in the electronic form that everybody was sent, or simply by emailing the office.

It only takes a few minutes. So, consider yourselves suitably chastised!

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On a more positive note – have you looked at our website recently?

I am pleased to say that it is continuously updated with new and relevant information which I for one find very useful in my day to day work.

The site is a goldmine of information for experts, mediators and those who use them. For example, for those that find it difficult to come to London for our evening meetings, video podcasts of the events can be downloaded so that you can see what went on. I also find the model forms of report, terms of engagement and most recently the expert CV of great help.

In addition to the website we also have the on-line register of members which allows those of us who subscribe to it to promote our services to potential users. I was very pleased on a recent business trip to South East Asia to find that the lawyers that I was working with are regular visitors to the TAE website and

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Thanks again go to Simpson Millar for hosting a successful meeting in Leeds. It was a well attended evening made all the better by the surprise attendance of Sir Rupert Jackson.



From the Chairman continued

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were very complimentary of its content. It is, without doubt, a great resource that the staff at Gray's Inn can be proud of producing and maintaining. It does however need continuous updating and improvement, so if anybody has anything that they would like to suggest, or better still provide, it would be most welcome.

So, as things settle down into a hopefully good summer, please take some time to suggest somebody for membership and, if you haven't done so recently, take a fresh look at our website and register. I will then stop moaning and concentrate on helping to develop the services that TAE provides to all of us.

Chris McArdle
Chairman
June 2015

Online Resources

Factsheets

The resources for members in the TAE website continues to grow. Since the beginning of the year TAE has published four new documents. Two technical Fact Sheets for members and two more general Information Sheets designed to be used by and given to lay clients.

Fact Sheets

- ❑ **2015/01 (civ)** - Comments on the "Guidance for the instruction of experts in civil claims"
- ❑ **2015/02 (civ)** - Guidance on the new Practice Direction for Experts in the Queens Bench Division (Commercial) in Northern Ireland.

Information Sheets

- ❑ **2015/01 (civ)** - What is an Expert Witness
- ❑ **2015/02 (civ)** - A Guide to reports produced by Experts for Civil Proceedings instructed under Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules

Webcasts

There are already a number of Members' Evening Meetings online. Two more are shortly due to be released to members.

The next webcast to be published is the meeting held in Leeds in March at Simpson Millar. This will be swiftly followed by the talk given to members by the Forensic Science Regulator, Dr Gillian Tully, at TAE in June. Both recordings are free for members to view online.



President's Dinner 2015 - Painters' Hall

Wednesday 4th November 2015

Painters' Hall, London EC4V

New Venue

Tickets to the Academy's most formal function of the year - The President's Dinner - are now on sale. As ever the dinner is being held in the first week of November on Wednesday 4th.

After three hugely successful years at the Butchers Hall refurbishment works mean that we are moving just down the road to the beautiful Painters' Hall for this year's President's Dinner.

Your Ticket price includes:

- ❑ Pre Dinner Reception
- ❑ Dinner including wine & port
- ❑ After Dinner 'night-cap' reception

£115 inc vat



New Practice Direction for Experts in Northern Ireland

New Rules

The new Commercial Court Practice Direction (PD 1 of 2015) contains a number of new provisions with which Experts will have to comply. Amongst these is the new requirement to have accreditation as an expert witness.

Accreditation

To help experts adjust to the new regulations TAE will be running a half day Seminar on 21st September featuring an introduction from the Commercial Court Judge the Hon Mr Justice Weatherup.

- What is it all about?
- How will it affect Experts and their Expert Witness Practices?
- Do you have to comply?
- What will happen if you don't comply?

These are all matters that will be addressed in the Seminar which will look at the important detail in the Practice Direction from the practical viewpoint of Experts and, of course, those who instruct them.

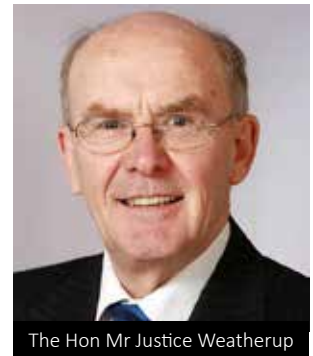
Certification

Those successfully participating in the Seminar will be

awarded a Certificate showing that the holder has been trained in compliance with PD 1 of 2015.

We believe this is a minimum accreditation that will be accepted by the court.

Attendance at this Seminar is a stepping stone for those who wish to obtain full accreditation as an Expert.



The Hon Mr Justice Weatherup



The Royal Courts of Justice - Belfast

Gray's Inn Garden Party - The Treasurer's Reception



The Gray's Inn Garden Party takes place on the 24th of July.

We are delighted to confirm that as in past years Academy members are able to attend the Garden Party held in the walks by the Treasurer of the Inn.

Please note that as Academy Members are 'guests' of the Inn numbers are severely limited for this event. For this reason members may only reserve a maximum of 4 tickets each.

As ever an early application will help secure your place.

All tickets must be booked and paid for by 9th July.

Tickets - £40 per person



Will you be one of the 'usual suspects' at the Garden Party in July?



DIARY, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Top Scots lawyer appointed new Advocate General for Scotland

Richard Keen QC, one of Scotland's top lawyers, has, as expected, been appointed to the Scotland Office as the new Advocate General for Scotland, the most senior legal adviser to the UK Government on Scots Law.



As a UK Law Officer, he will work with the Attorney General and Solicitor General for England and Wales to provide legal advice to the UK government on the full range of Government policy and legislation and has particular statutory functions under the Scottish devolution settlement.

Mr Keen will also represent the UK government in courts and tribunals. He will be supported by the Office of the Advocate General, which consists of lawyers and administrative staff with offices in London and Edinburgh.

Twitter & the Civil Mediation Council Conference

On 12th May the CMC held a very successful conference in Central London. The conference considered the question is "Mediation Meeting Participants' Expectations?"



As part of its duties as a member of the CMC Board TAE representative, Dominic Stanton, was tweeting the conference on behalf of the CMC.

New Chairman of the Law Commission

Lord Justice Bean, a former member of TAE's Judicial Committee, will become the next Chairman of the Law Commission of England and Wales. He will take up his appointment on the 1st August 2015.



He succeeds The Right Honourable Lord Justice (Sir David) Lloyd Jones who has successfully led the Law Commission for the last 3 years.

The appointment is for an initial term of 3 years.

All change at the NMPA

There is a new Chairman and officer team at the National Mediation Providers Association (NMPA). John Gunner (*pictured*) of InterMediation has succeeded Suzanne Lowe at the head of the organisation.



TAE is still very involved in NMPA and Dominic Stanton continues to actively represent members retaining his role as the Association's Treasurer for a third year.

We wish John and his team a successful term in office.

Evening Meetings

Data Protection

Wednesday 9th September

Laura Coogan of Olswang Solicitors will be talking to members about the thorny subject of Data Protection and what Experts need to do and know about it.

Professional Journals

Most professions have at least one, if not more, journal or trade magazine. As part of our marketing strategy we are currently trying to broaden our database of these publications and place articles where we can.

TAE is asking all members to help by either sending us the editorial contact details of their profession's 'required reading' or directly contributing by writing articles. If you would like to help by writing an article but need help or information please do contact the office.

June		
Wednesday	10	↗ TAE Council
Wednesday	10	↗ Evening Meeting
Friday	12	↗ Into Court
Wednesday - Thursday	24-25	↗ Foundation Course
July		
Thursday	23	Gray's Inn Hall closed
Friday	24	↗ Gray's Inn Treasurer's Reception
Friday	31	↗ Expert Determination Assessment Deadline
September		
Monday	7	Gray's Inn Hall reopens
Wednesday	9	↗ Evening Meeting
Wednesday - Thursday	16-17	↗ Foundation Course
Friday	18	↗ Procedure Rules
Monday	21	↗ Seminar - BELFAST
Wednesday	30	↗ Into Court
October		
Thursday	1	↗ Law for Experts
November		
Monday	2	↗ ICAEW Forensic Conference
Wednesday	4	↗ TAE Council
Wednesday	4	↗ President's Dinner
Monday	23	↗ Role & Responsibilities Hong Kong
Tuesday	24	↗ The Expert's Report - Hong Kong
Thursday	26	↗ Going into Court - Hong Kong

Unless otherwise shown all courses/meetings will be held in London
TAE dates are published in the **Events Calendar** - www.academyofexperts.org

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 ↗ Academy Courses
 ↗ Academy Events & Meetings
 ↗ External/Joint/Supported Events