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# 'update'

## From the Chairman Annual Report



### Chairman's Report

During this past year we have continued to see the ever increasing need for experts to remain fully briefed of the changes that are ongoing and forthcoming so that they can reduce the likelihood of them coming under scrutiny in or out of the witness box and attracting adverse criticism.

On top of all this, we have the thorny issue of fixed fees on the horizon. You have recently received an invitation to complete our Fee Survey which only takes a minute and is easy to complete. If you haven't done so already, please do take the time to do this, there is a link at the bottom of this report (page 4).

The survey hasn't just gone out to TAE members - we would like as many experts as possible to complete it. The information we gain will be very useful in providing guidance for those who may be considering reviewing their fees in relation to the 'current market' and certainly in considering the issues around fixed fees. We are especially interested to hear about how fixed fees may be likely to affect you, so please do let us know.

As experts working nationally and internationally, we come across a range of

practice from those we work with and for. I would urge members to share examples of good, bad and 'trending' practice so that The Academy can consider ways in which we can support our members to stay ahead of the game. We can do this by either sharing the information via 'update' & TEDR for example, or by providing relevant training.

If you feel that you have information or experience that you would like to share with members do please contact the office.

### Working with others

A large part of what we do with information and feedback provided by members is use it to represent your views in our work with other organisations. Of particular note over the past year TAE and the office team have:

- been a member of the CJC Working Party on Concurrent Evidence
- continued as an elected Board Member and Trustee of the Civil Mediation Council
- worked with the ICAEW maintaining the

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Register of Accredited Accounting Expert Witnesses and developing a training programme for forensic accountants

- worked with the Society for the Environment promoting their joint register of Environmental Expert Witnesses

### Mediation/ADR

Members who are mediators will be aware that our National Mediation Awareness Week has been resurrected. This is taking place between the 8th and 14th of October 2016. Please do share with us any events that you are organising or involved with and if relevant we will share the information with members.

The Academy will be sending out a series of tweets in relation to Mediation Awareness week, do please retweet them if you are on Twitter.

We are currently in the process of considering ways in which we can support our QDR members and would welcome any ideas or contributions. If you would like to be part of a small working party then do please let us know.

### Meetings & Events

The Academy has continued to run a programme of events for Members.

The year started with the popular Chairman's Lunch (see below) at the Royal Air Force Club when I took over from Dr Chris McArdle as your Chairman - and I take this opportunity to thank Chris for all the hard work he put in as chairman.

The Lunch was followed by a series of Evening Meetings held both here in Gray's Inn and around the country. Speakers and topics have included:

- **Marion Smith QC**  
How Counsel Prepares
- **James Pickavance**  
Gross Negligence
- **Graham Ross**  
Online Dispute Resolution

In a break from recent tradition the President's Dinner, hosted by our President Lord Saville, took place at Pewterer's Hall in June. The evening was a great success and we have already booked Pewterer's Hall again for the dinner on 14th June so do put the date in your diary.

### Regional Meeting – Leeds

Most recently we were delighted to be hosted by Kings Chambers in Leeds for our evening meeting on the 22nd of September 2016. Our guest speaker was His Honour Judge Mark Raeside QC and the topic was 'Current Trends in Expert Evidence – A View from The Bench'.

Thank you to both Kings Chambers and the judge for an informative and enjoyable evening.

Prior to the evening meeting, The Academy ran a well attended training day - The Essential Update.

We know that many members find it difficult to attend the training and evening meetings held in London and encourage members to come forward with suggestions for locations and hosts for future regional events and training.

### Future Events

The programme of meetings is set to continue with:

- a joint event with the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- a talk on building your mediation practice by Stephen Walker
- the 2017 Chairman's Lunch in January

### Joint Evening Meeting – 13th October 2016

There is a joint event between the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators and TAE kindly being hosted by TaylorWessing Solicitors.

The topic is 'Experts, Mediators, Lawyers and Arbitrators – Panel discussion on Hot Topics'. Clearly there is going to be something for all our members on the evening and we would be delighted to see you.

### Twitter

If you are not already following us please follow

@tae\_experts



### Chairman's Lunch and Seminar January 27th 2017

If you plan on attending and have not already booked do please do so quickly as places are limited.

If you have not previously attended do please consider doing so. We start the day with a very informative seminar facilitated by Michael Cohen the content of which enables us as members to consider the interesting cases that have arisen in the previous year and how they affect us as experts or mediators.

The lunch is a superb way to meet colleagues old and new and provides ample opportunity to network. Members are welcome to bring guests.

### Thank You

Finally, I must say a big thank you for all the support and guidance I have been given by Michael, Nicola and her team in my year as Chairman. It has been much appreciated.

**Sue Bayram**  
**Chairman**  
**October 2016**

## TAE Member Facilities in Gray's Inn



Many members already know and make good use of the facilities available to them within The Academy in Gray's Inn. In addition to the frequently used telephone Helpline those who are newer to The Academy are often pleasantly surprised to learn that Academy members have more 'physical' benefits of Membership.

### Lunch in Gray's Inn Hall

Normally available only to members of Gray's Inn - TAE members are able to go to lunch in Gray's Inn Hall. By prior arrangement (contact the TAE office) Academy members are able to take advantage of this unique lunchtime venue surrounded by members of the Bar and the medieval splendours of Hall.

### Meeting Rooms

TAE has a suite of meeting rooms which are offered at a discounted rate to TAE members.

The rooms are available for hire either separately, as a combined suite.

Comprising 6 rooms on two floors the Gray's Suite and Garden Suite are ideally suited to small meetings, Arbitration, Mediation and training sessions of up to 40 attendees.

#### □ Seminar Room

The Seminar Room is a bright spacious room which would provide the litigator a perfect venue for small to medium sized Arbitrations or multi-party Mediations. Alternatively the Seminar Room is perfect for Seminars and presentations to up to 50 delegates.

#### □ Library

A 'quiet' room set away with views over Gray's Inn's Walks. The Library makes the perfect setting for a meeting of up to 8 people or as a breakout room for a conference. With multiple data points and telephone access the library is a party room for Arbitrations and Mediations.

#### □ 'Small' Room

Affectionately known as the 'small' room and completing the Gray's suite - this room is ideal for a small meeting of 2-6 people or as a party room.

#### □ Garden Room

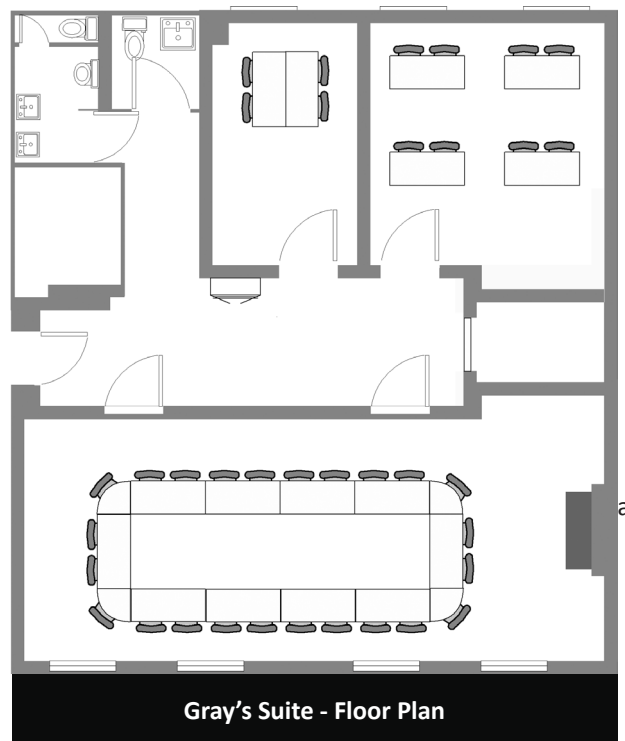
The Garden Room, with its aspect looking out over the Walks is a calming setting for even the most stressful of meetings.

#### □ LGN3

One of our most versatile rooms - complete with an entire wall of built in racking this room is suited to anything from a half hour meeting to a multi-week Arbitration, Mediation or Tribunal party room.

#### □ LGN 1

Similar to the 'Small' room in the Gray's Suite this room is ideal for small meetings of 2-6 people or as party or administration rooms for Arbitrations and Tribunals.



# DIARY, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Annual General Meeting

Members are reminded that the AGM will be taking place on Thursday 13th October at 12.30pm.

The meeting is being held at The Academy of Experts, 3 Grays Inn Square, London, WC1R 5AH.

## The Hon Mr Justice Hickinbottom

Congratulations go to Sir Gary Hickinbottom on his recent appointment.

A TAE member as a solicitor since 1989 in 2008, he became the fourth solicitor to be appointed a High Court judge and now becomes only the second solicitor to be appointed to the Court of Appeal.

## Evening Meetings

London - 13th October

Joint Meeting with Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

London - 7th December

Stephen Walker

### Marketing your Mediation Practice

Stephen Walker is the author of the well respected book 'Setting up in Business as a Mediator' published by Bloomsbury Press. As with the book he will be giving practical guidance based on actual experience to mediators at different stages of their career from those contemplating a training course to those who completed their training some years ago and feel they have plateaued.

## Fee Survey

We have now launched the 2016 Fee Survey and have already received nearly 300 responses.

We always want the survey to be as comprehensive as possible so if you know any other experts then please direct them to our website or forward this email to them so that they can participate in the survey. This year we will also be targetting lawyers - the users of experts - to see how their views may differ from ours.

[www.academyofexperts.org/feesurvey16](http://www.academyofexperts.org/feesurvey16)

## Mediation Awareness Week

UK Mediation Awareness Week 2016 will provide an opportunity to understand the benefits of mediation across all sectors.

UK Mediation Awareness Week 2016 is promoted by the Civil Mediation Council as well as a number of other Mediation bodies. Events will include conferences, seminars, mock mediations, talks and debates involving all aspects of mediation.



## Expertise Rocks!

The 3rd Expertise Rocks event organised by the London Legal Support Trust will be taking place on Thursday 20th October.

Contact the office for full details.



# Diary Dates

### October

- Thursday - 6-7 ➤ Expert Determination Training
- Friday
- Monday - 10- ➤ Mediation Awareness
- Friday 14 Week
- Thursday 13 ➤ Annual General Meeting
- Thursday 13 ➤ Joint Evening Meeting
- Thursday 20 ➤ Expertise Rocks!

### November

- Tuesday 1 ➤ Reopert Writing Masterclass
- Wednesday 2 ➤ TAE Council
- Wednesday 2 ➤ Informal Member Dinner - TBC
- Tuesday 8 ➤ ICAEW Forensic Conference
- Wednesday 16- ➤ Foundation Course
- Thursday 17
- Tuesday 22 ➤ Role & Responsibilities - Hong Kong
- Wednesday 23 ➤ Into Court
- Thursday 23 ➤ The Expert's Report - Hong Kong
- Monday 28 ➤ Going Into Court - Hong Kong
- Wednesday 30 ➤ Expert Determination Application Deadline
- Wednesday 30 ➤ Civil Mediation Council - AGM

### December

- Tuesday 6 ➤ Law & Procedure
- Wednesday 7 ➤ Evening Meeting

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

#### Key to events:

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