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'update'

From the Chairman



Chairman's Report AGM and Update

As the Academy celebrates its 30th anniversary and enters its 31st year of existence it is a good opportunity to reflect back over how times have changed.

Thanks to the foresight of the founding members of The Academy it has continued to be recognised as one of the most proactive organisations supporting experts, not only in terms of providing training and guidance but also being involved in the various and many consultations that have taken place over the years such as the Civil Procedures Rules and other judicial reviews.

As members you are already aware that to join The Academy at any level is no easy feat! The Academy's database is not just a list of experts – it is a database of experts who have the verified experience and credentials to carry out their role in a professional manner and this sets us apart from other 'expert' organisations who have no vetting procedure and are simply a list of experts on a database.

This year

The past year has been a busy one for The Academy.

Membership continues to grow and we have continued with our regular programme of technical and social events throughout the year.

A few highlights were the Chairman's Lunch in January, the President's Dinner with Lord Saville in June, our regular Evening Meetings (free for members to attend!) on a variety of subjects and our expert witness training courses throughout the year. Special thanks go to all those who have come to speak to us. Members tell us over and over again that Evening Meetings are one of the most valued benefits of membership - they would not be possible without the effort put in by our visitors.



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The fact that so many busy and 'important' individuals are willing to give up their time for us is a testament to the goodwill and esteem in which The Academy of Experts is held in the legal world.

It is essential that we continue to maintain our standards and we look to our members to contribute where at all possible. This may be that you recommend joining The Academy to friends and colleagues who may already be doing or thinking of undertaking expert

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From the Chairman continued

witness work, raising awareness with the solicitors you work with about the quality of experts that The Academy is able to provide or contributing in some way to the running of The Academy by way of submitting articles for publication in 'update', TEDR or the website or even sitting on a working group/committee!

Do please get in contact with the office if you would like to be more involved.

Calling all QDR members

We must not forget our QDR members and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in raising the profile of the use of ADR generally through The Academy. We do have a small working group and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join.

Mediation Awareness

The 14th to the 20th of October 2017 is '**Mediation Awareness Week**' in the UK. If you click on www.mediationawarenessweek.uk it will give full details on what is going on around the country.

Do please let the office know of any events you are aware of or involved in so that we can publicise them. We would also be delighted to hear from you if you would like to suggest ideas of how The Academy can be involved in any events or promotions.

Mediation Schemes

In Manchester there is a Mediation Pilot about to start. Let's hope that this is the start of a trend and that several other cities and towns follow suit...

This week the use of mediation has been highlighted as something that the NHS should consider to reduce the cost of litigation. Hopefully this will be taken on board.

Finally, to all members of all grades, do please follow The Academy on Twitter if you do not do so already. That way, should you wish to retweet anything, you will be raising the profile of The Academy and the work that it does.

Sue Bayram
Chairman

11th October 2017



We are happy to be able to announce that a new Chairman has been elected.

On 26th January 2018, at the Royal Air Force Club in Piccadilly (pictured), Eurling Simon Clarke MAE will take over from Sue Bayram at the 'Chairmen's' Lunch.

The full minutes from the AGM on 11th October will be published in the next issue of 'update' and profiles of the new team will be in the next edition of TEDR.

Commercial Court Guide

10th edition of the Commercial Court Guide

The 10th edition of the Commercial Court Guide (formerly Admiralty and Commercial Courts Guide) was published on 12th September 2017 and the amendments came into force immediately.



The most significant amendments deal with electronic working, the introduction of the Business and Property Courts, increased emphasis on setting out what is 'common ground' between the parties, more emphasis on the menu options for disclosure—with standard disclosure not being the default position, greater control of expert evidence, restrictions in trial length and an increase in the detail to be supplied by parties when seeking consent orders.

- ❑ The guide is intended to promote the efficient conduct of litigation in the Commercial Court and the Admiralty Court.
- ❑ It is also used for cases in the Financial List and supplements the Circuit Commercial (Mercantile) Court Guide.
- ❑ The guide does not provide a complete blueprint for litigation but provides guidance to be adopted flexibly and adapted to the exigencies of the particular case.
- ❑ The guide supplements but does not override the Civil Procedure Rules and Practice Directions or fetter the discretion of the judges (Introduction).

Forensic Science Newsletter

The Forensic Science Regulator has recently published the 29th edition of the Forensic Science Regulator's newsletter. The newsletter can be downloaded from:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/forensic-science-regulator-newsletter-number-29

Whilst Academy members should all be aware of the changes to CrimPR last year the Regulator has drawn particular attention to them - repeated below:

Changes in October last year the Criminal Practice Directions (CPD) introduced a new Part 19B, setting out declarations that must be incorporated into an expert witness report (excludes level 1 staged forensic report).

The current version of the CPD can be found at: www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/criminal/rulesmenu-2015



Start of the Legal Year

On 4th October the new legal term started with a breakfast hosted by the new Lord Chancellor, The Rt Hon David Lidington MP. For those who were not present remarks are repeated below:

The wheels of justice, they say, turn slowly.

Well, not this morning.

Between the Royal Courts of Justice, the Supreme Court and Westminster Abbey, we have dealt with a very full caseload – and it's still only breakfast time.

As well as opening a new legal year, we have welcomed two exceptional leaders for the senior judiciary. A new Lord Chief Justice, Sir Ian Burnett, and a new President of the Supreme Court, Lady Hale.

We must also say our farewells, to Lord Thomas and Lord Neuberger. They have served the justice system with distinction, dignity and energy.

We have many challenges ahead but I am confident that we have a judiciary eminently well equipped to deal with them. They are fearsomely experienced and rightly independent of the

executive – but like all of us here they still need a good breakfast.

So will you please join me in raising a glass in a toast: To the future – and to the past.

And now, as Shakespeare recommended, let us

Do as adversaries in law – strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.



DIARY, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Evening Meeting

Hired Gun or Lone Ranger – what Arbitrators expect of Experts

Peter Rees QC

London - 13th December

The talk will examine from a practical perspective what tribunals expect from experts, the ways in which experts can help tribunals better understand technical and quantum aspects of disputes and the advantages and disadvantages of the various ways of providing expert opinion and testimony.

SCLHK International Conference 2017

Hong Kong - 3rd November

from 9:00am, Harbour Grand Hong Kong

Construction at home and on the Belt & Road.

TAE is supporting the SCLHK Conference in November and special rates are available to TAE members. The conference will address some of the most cutting edge issues facing the construction industry in Hong Kong, with presentations from Government officials, employers, contractors, consultants and eminent local and international professionals. In particular, the conference will look at the regulation of the construction industry, recent and future developments and what everyone is talking about – Hong Kong and the Belt & Road Initiative.

The WCA Annual Dispute Resolution Symposium

London - 26th October

5.00pm - 7.00pm followed by drinks
Keating Chambers, 15 Essex Street, £35.

'Starting as an Arbitrator: how to do it'

Dr Robert Gaitskell QC will be acting as moderator on the night.

- ❑ How to become an arbitrator – Professor John Uff CBE QC
- ❑ Keynote Address: The TCC & Arbitration – Mrs Justice O'Farrell DBE
- ❑ Marketing yourself – Dr Chris McArdle

The panels are interactive and attendees may submit questions in advance. Contact milsley@keatingchambers.com for further information or to reserve your place.

Diary Dates

October

- Thursday 5 ➤ Report Writing Masterclass
- Friday 6 ➤ Expert Witness Update
- Wednesday 11 ➤ Annual General Meeting
- Wednesday 11 ➤ Evening Meeting
- Thursday 26 ➤ WCA Annual Symposium

November

- Wednesday 1 ➤ Council Meeting
- Wednesday 1 ➤ Gin Tasting Evening
- Friday 3 ➤ SCLHK Conference - Hong Kong
- Tuesday 7 ➤ ICAEW Forensic Conference
- Wednesday 22 ➤ CI Arb Evening Meeting - Dubai
- Monday 27 ➤ Role & Responsibilities of the Expert - Hong Kong
- Tuesday 28 ➤ The Expert's Report - Hong Kong
- Wednesday 29 ➤ Going Into Court - Hong Kong

December

- Monday - Tuesday 4-5 ➤ Foundation Course (2 Days)
- Wednesday 6 ➤ Law & Procedure
- Tuesday 12 ➤ Into Court

January

- Friday 26 ➤ Seminar - 'TWYTW'
- Friday 26 ➤ Chairmen's Lunch

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
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