

Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting
held on 19th June
 Teams call, 10am



Council members present: David Bailey-Vella (DBV), Victoria Morrison-Hughes (VMH), Stephen Averill (SA), Kris Kilsby (KK), Julian Caddick (JC), Nathan Cameron (NC) Jane Risley (JR), Sharn Khaira (SK) & Nicholas Lee (NL)

Also present: Paul Mosson (PM)– Chair of CLSB, Stephen Averill, (SA) co-opted ACL Council until 30/06/25

The meeting started at 10:00

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
1.1	DBV welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Amy Dunkley and Carol Calver
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 8 th May 2025
2.1	It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of 8 th May meeting were an accurate reflection. It was agreed that item 4.3 should be redacted before publishing on the website.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 8 th May 2025
3.1	Actions were reviewed and updated. AD – Cost of a CL, review at July CM <i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i> NC - CL fast track into Courts, ongoing – NC chasing CLSB for collaboration, review at July CM <i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
4	Chairman’s Report
4.1	DBV has drafted the 2025 Business Plan and requested from Council individual committee objectives for the completion of this prior to sending to BL for promotion.
4.2	DBV introduced Paul Mosson to the meeting who has recently joined the CLSB as Chief Executive, replacing Kate Wellington. Council introduced themselves providing a quick overview of both their CL and Council role. Paul shared his career history in Members services and the Bar Council along with detailing his external commitment in Neurodivergent Coaching, specifically ADHD and AuDHD. The CLSB are currently planning strategy and priorities for 2026, <i>redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
4.3	SA briefly joined the meeting at 10:38. DBV formally acknowledged Stephen’s end of term on the ACL Council as of 30 th June 2025 and thanked him for all his time, endeavors and contributions. SA left the meeting at 10:52.
4.4	<i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>

5	PR & Marketing Committee Report
5.1	NC reported that following the successful ACL Roundtable event in London in May BL are awaiting the final transcript in order to create follow up articles and press releases.
5.2	NR will interview newly categorised Fellow members to create eBulletin content.
5.3	Further case studies are being created for ACLT, using testimonials and motivations from senior cost professionals who are either students currently or have just qualified as well as long standing Costs Lawyers who can share a day in the life scenario with potential students. <i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
5.4	<i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
6	Policy Committee Report
6.1	KK detailed a re-focus on the Prec G working party during July & August.
6.2	Both KK & JC have been approached by Legal Funding Journal for Cost Lawyer input. Further investigation regarding any potential for promotion of profession to be explored during call scheduled in July.
6.3	CJC final report on Litigation Funding published, BL has already produced an article for eBulletin, KK to monitor and action further as required.
6.4	JC provided an update on his and Amy's meeting with an update on a litigation analytics provider to explore a data gathering exercise on cost management / budgets and assessments. <i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
7	Education Committee Report
7.1	SK detailed that recruitment has commenced for a new HoO <i>redacted due to confidentiality.</i> A new Operations Administrator role has been filled with Terri Gurrell joining in May.
7.2	ACLT are now formally asking for interest in the Micro-Credentials via the ACLT website having agreed internally the pricing structure of Legal Aid - <i>redacted due to confidentiality</i> and Costs Advocacy - <i>redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
7.3	SK also detailed a discussion had on the Tort & Contract exam structure, <i>redacted due to confidentiality</i> – suggestion from ACLT to split the exams. <i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i> <i>Items 7.4 and 7.5 have been redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
8	Finance & Internal Policy Committee Report
8.1	JC confirmed he is now well acquainted with the financial processes and systems used within ACL having taken over the Treasurer position in May. <i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
9	Operations Report (delivered by DBV in CC's absence)
9.1	DBV allocated to the Policy Sub-Committee the task of formally changing the Association name from The Association of Law Costs Draftsmen to The Association of Costs Lawyers with the Legal Services Board. Policy to seek additional assistance and resource from Council if required. <i>Items 9.2 and 9.3 have been redacted due to confidentiality.</i>

10	Any other business
10.1	JC sits on dispute resolution for Law Society – request for collaboration with ACL, <i>redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
11	Date of next meeting
11.1	The next meeting is in-person on Wednesday 16 th July, <i>redacted due to confidentiality</i> – 10am to 2pm.