Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting
held on 16th July
Irwin Mitchell Offices
Tudor Street, London, 10am

Council members present: David Bailey-Vella (DBV), Victoria Morrison-Hughes (VMH), Kris Kilsby (KK), Amy Dunkley (AD), Nathan Cameron (NC) Jane Risley (JR), Sharn Khaira (SK) & Nicholas Lee (NL)

Also present: Carol Calver (CC) Head of Operations

The meeting started at 10:00

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
1.1	DBV welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Julian Caddick
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 19th June 2025
2.1	It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of 19th June meeting were an accurate reflection. Redacted items were approved.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 19th June 2025
3.1	Actions were reviewed and updated.
4	Chairman's Report
4.1	DBV guided Council through the draft 2025 Business Plan – asking for formal feedback to allow for publication at the end of the month.
4.2	DBV met [Teams] with LJ Birss as part of his position as new Chair of the ACL. Birss is keen to maintain the long relationship achieved with the Association and to join us and speak at events.
5	PR & Marketing Committee Report
5.1	NC & NL detailed London Conference plans to Council, covering overall theme of AI, speakers, breakout session changes and dedicated AI Q&A panel. Keynote speakers were discussed along with breakout offerings to special interest groups, the LAG and the SCCO.
5.2	Black Letter Communications joined the meeting at 1pm to provide an Annual Review and discuss plan for the coming year.
6	Policy Committee Report
6.1	KK updated Council on initial conversation with Lori at the CLSB regarding the ACL name change with the LSB / Legal Services Act

6.2	Upcoming consultations are: CLSB practicing certificate, have already encouraged members to respond to CPRC e-Filing consultation due in September. Policy will survey members and collate the response. Precedent G review will likely incorporate a further review into Precedent S.
7	Education Committee Report
7.1/ 7.2	*Items 7.1 and 7.2 have been redacted due to confidentiality.*
7.3	Council further discussed financials, including latest management accounts, supplier costs and salaries of staff. Information and clarification will be sought from ACLT and HTG ahead of a further detailed, stand-alone review in September.
8	Finance & Internal Policy Committee Report
8.1	CC discussed the End of year Accounts for 2024 which are complete and ready for sign off. CC will feed back on Council queries via Actions Arising.
8.2	CC updated Council on investment fund value – which has currently stabilised.
9	Operations Report
9.1	CC reminded Council to let Operations know of any address changes due to CH listings.
10	Any other business
10.1	n/a
11	Date of next meeting
11.1	The next meeting is 26th August – 10am to 12pm, via Teams