

PR update report



Monthly report: April 2023

Two pages

Summary:

This month saw the media launch of the ACL's recent roundtable, which ran as a lead story on *The Law Society Gazette* and also appeared in: *New Law Journal*, *Legal Futures* and *CDR*.

Elsewhere, our regular article contribution for *The Association of District Judges Newsletter* appeared on the costs ruling in *TRX v Southampton Football Club* authored by Amy Dunkley, and the same article was also used for our regular contribution to *Litigation Funding*.

We also reviewed ACLT's website at their request and offered suggestions for improvements.

Press releases/comments:

A decade of costs budgeting: a benefit to civil justice but a lot of room for improvement, ACL roundtable hears, release drafted and distributed on 4/4.

Coverage achieved:

Litigation Funding (pdf only) April

Association of District Judges Newsletter (pdf only) April

New Law Journal: [Costs, budgets, judges' instincts & suggestions for reform | New Law Journal | The leading weekly legal magazine](#) (17/4)

Legal Futures: [Top judge asks: Why don't litigators know how much a case will cost? - Legal Futures](#) (18/4)

Law Society Gazette: [Cost of assessing costs is a 'nonsense', says leading judge | News | Law Gazette](#) (18/4)

CDR News: [Appeal Court judge clashes with association chair over costs | Rob Harkavy | CDR Article \(cdr-news.com\)](#) (18/4)

Practice Source: [UK: Cost of assessing costs is a 'nonsense', says leading judge | Practice Source - Legal News and Views - Asia Pacific and Beyond](#) (18/4)

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New Law Journal: PDF only (21/4)

Additional activity:

- 5/6: Edited KK's article on will disputes for *New Law Journal* and sent to the publication.
- 12/4: Press enquiry from *The Sun* re: Scottish government's chances of success in suing UK government on gender reform. Advised that this was not an issue ACL could comment on.
- 12/4: Meeting with MR for ACLT arranged to discuss PR support. MR unable to attend due to illness. Meeting will be rearranged for June.
- 17/4: Quick-fire questions drafted for use on Slido at Manchester conference and sent to DVB/AD/CC for use at event.
- 20/4: Secured date for ad hoc article slot with *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog*. Deadline is 2/6. KJ to source author and topic.
- 21/4: Sent AD's edited article originally for *PI Focus* to *Litigation Funding*. Article will be published in June.
- 21/4: Attended Manchester conference.
- 21/4: FRC draft rules published. Sent to AD to incorporate into her *Litigation Funding* article. Await feedback, deadline is 5/5.
- 25/5: Liaised with *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog* re: next piece, due on 2/6 on FRC. Asked AD to draft.
- 28/4: Reviewed ACLT's website and gave feedback to MJ.
- 28/4: Updated copy received from AD for *Litigation Funding*; minor edits agreed and sent to publication.

Planned activity for May:

- Article due to appear in *New Law Journal*.
- Possible comment on Lord Justice Birss' costs review.

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