

PR update report



Monthly report: January 2023

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Summary:

The first month of the year got off to a good start with our press release on the ACL's call to bring a modernised remuneration certificate procedure – supported by expert Costs Lawyers - as an alternative way for clients to challenge lower value solicitors' bills attracting coverage in *the Law Society Gazette*, *Solicitors Journal* and *Legal Futures*.

Elsewhere, three ACL authored articles appeared in *PI Focus*, *New Law Journal* and *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog*, and work got underway in preparation for an ACL roundtable on 7 March to mark the tenth anniversary of the Jackson Reforms.

Press releases/comments:

ACL calls for revived 'remuneration certificate' procedure to replace court disputes over lower-value solicitors' bills, release drafted and distributed on 6/1.

Coverage achieved:

Solicitors Journal: [Solicitors Journal - ACL suggests revival of 'remuneration certificate' to challenge low-value bills following Belsner](#) (6/1)

Law Society Gazette: [Back to the future? Costs lawyers see Belsner solution in the past | News | Law Gazette](#) (10/1)

Legal Futures: [Costs lawyers call for revived remuneration certificate procedure - Legal Futures](#) (11/1)

PI Focus: PDF only (January)

New Law Journal: PDF only (12/1)

New Law Journal: [When is an estimate a budget? | New Law Journal | The leading weekly legal magazine](#) (13/1)

New Law Journal: [NLJ this week: Costs, budget, estimate...important distinctions for prudent litigators | New Law Journal | The leading weekly legal magazine](#) (13/1)

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Law Society Gazette: [Law Society Gazette \(pagesuite.com\)](http://pagesuite.com) (page 5)

Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog: [Is commercial litigation going green? Environmental and greenwashing claims and how they will shape the law | Dispute Resolution blog \(practicallaw.com\)](http://practicallaw.com) (19/1)

Additional activity:

3/1: Edited SM/KK's article on detailed assessment and sent to *Litigation Funding* for its February issue.

3/1: Drafted article for *Solicitors Journal* on members' survey and sent to publication.

3/1: Edited KK's article on CJC consultation response and sent to *Solicitors Journal*; await publication.

5/1: Edited JR's article on the ACL conference and sent to the *Association of District Judges Newsletter* for publication in February.

5/1: Signed-off print proof of JR's article on detailed assessment for *New Law Journal*.

5/1: Call with JR/DVB to discuss holding a costs budgeting roundtable to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the Jackson Reforms.

6/1: Edited DVB's article for *Thomson Reuters* and sent to the publication.

9/1: Synopsis and speaker list for roundtable sent to JR/DVB.

10/1: Above synopsis and list approved; KJ contacted Stephen Green at Irwin Mitchell re: venue.

16/1: Agreed dates with SG for 7 and 9 March.

17/1: Invites drafted and sent with choice of two dates. Acceptances as follows who can make both dates:

- Lord Justice Birss
- Master Cook
- Jack Ridgway (ACL)
- Steven Green, Irwin Mitchell
- Natalie Swales, Masters
- Victoria Morrison-Hughes, ACL
- Roger Mallalieu KC
- HHJ Chris Lethem
- David Marshall, Managing partner, Anthony Gold
- Nicola Critchley, Partner, DWF/President, FOIL
- District Judge Simon Middleton

Awaiting acceptances:

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- Costs Judge Rowley
- Gavin Foggo, Partner, Fox Williams/Chair, City of London Law Society litigation committee
- Richard Slade, Richard Slade & Co
- Susan Dunn, Founder, Harbour Litigation Funding

25/1: Confirmed KK topic for next article with *Thomson Reuters*. KK to deliver by 31/1.

26/1: Proposed topic to editor at *New Law Journal*; confirmed. NR to draft by 3/2.

30/1: Confirmed date of roundtable with Irwin Mitchell for 7/3.

Planned activity for February:

- Planning/logistics for roundtable on 7/3.
- Submit articles for *New Law Journal* and *Thomson Reuters*.
- Coverage for articles in *Litigation Funding* and *Association of District Judges Newsletter*.
- Draft press release for new head of education.
- Attend AGM.

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