

PR update report



Monthly report: March 2023

Two pages

Summary:

This month the majority of our time has been spent on the roundtable which was held on 7 March. We have edited the transcript down into a two-part feature to appear on the website, having received approval from all participants of their quotes. Alongside this we drafted a press release on the key themes.

Coverage came from two articles drafted by Stephen Averill for the *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog*. Thomson Reuters are changing the way they are commissioning articles and we're awaiting details, but they have confirmed they would still like to receive content from ACL. We will update as soon as we have further information.

Press releases/comments:

A decade of costs budgeting: a benefit to civil justice but a lot of room for improvement, ACL roundtable hears – drafted for release on 3 April

Coverage achieved:

Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog: [No two bites of the provisional assessment cherry | Dispute Resolution blog \(practicallaw.com\)](#) (20/3)

Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog: [Failing to agree retainer terms leads to contractual mess | Dispute Resolution blog \(practicallaw.com\)](#) (29/3)

Additional activity:

1/3: Sent instructions email to all participants of roundtable and liaised with Irwin Mitchell re: logistics.

6/3: Drafted *Litigation Funding* article and sent to ED for conclusion and comments.

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7/3: Hosted roundtable event with the following attendees:

- 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
- Susan Dunn, Founder, Harbour Litigation Funding

8/3: Article sent to *Litigation Funding*; await publication.

10/3: Regular PR catch-up with DVB/AD.

10/3: Used above article for April's submission to the *Association of District Judges Newsletter*.

10/3: Contacted CC re: conducting Slido survey at the Manchester conference if the CJC report has been published.

20/3: Edited AD's article for *PI Focus* and sent to publication.

23/3: Copy for roundtable sent to all participants for approvals. Amends received and final copy signed-off by all by 31/3.

30/3: Arranged PR catch-up with ACLT for 12/4.

31/3: PR meeting with DVB/AD.

Planned activity for April:

- Launch roundtable.
- Submit questions for Manchester conference.
- Attend Manchester conference.
- PR catch-up with ACLT.
- Submit article for *New Law Journal*.

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