

PR update report



Monthly report: July / August 2019

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Summary:

Our focus during the last month has been on arranging the electronic bill roundtable which will take place on 17 October at Normanton Chambers. To date, we have twelve attendees confirmed.

Releases:

Costs Lawyers "see opportunities" in helping clients challenge solicitors' bills, release drafted and sent to the *Law Society Gazette* but have not used. Issuing to wider media on 2/9.

Coverage achieved:

PIBULJ: <http://www.pibulj.com/content/law-journal-summaries/news-category-2-53514/4906-allen-v-brethertons-llp-2018-ewhc-b15-costs-claire-green-association-of-costs-lawyers> (1/7)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/part-36-uplifting-news> (2/7)

PIBULJ: email newsletter (July)

Association of District Judges Newsletter: no copy available (July)

Thomson Reuters DR blog: <http://disputeresolutionblog.practicallaw.com/knight-and-another-v-knight-and-others-part-36-offer-imposing-costs-conditions-invalid/> (11/7)

New Law Journal: [https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/content/avoid-at-all-costs](https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/avoid-at-all-costs) (15/7)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/content/landmark-ruling-on-costs-proportionality-test> (18/7)

Yorkshire Business: <http://yorkshire-business.co.uk/article/clarion-strengthens-team-with-qualification-of-another-two-costs-lawyers/> (15/8)

Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog: <http://disputeresolutionblog.practicallaw.com/testing-the-electronic-bill-of-costs-at-court/> (15/8)

Leeds & Yorkshire Lawyer: PDF only (Aug)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/content/proportionality-refined> (20/8)

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Additional activity:

- Edited PB's article for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog* and sent to the publication on 4/7.
- Analysed annual survey results; PowerPoint presentation sent to CG/FK on 4/7.
- 17/4: Drafted comment on *West v Stockport NHS Trust Court of Appel* decision and sent.
- 6/8: Liaised with *Thomson Reuters* re: FK's latest blog; FK sent direct. See coverage above.
- 12/8: Invites sent for roundtable. Liaised with photographer and transcriber for event.
Event attendees confirmed as followed:
 - Claire Green, Chair, Association of Costs Lawyers
 - Alex Hutton QC
 - Matt Smith, Kings Chambers
 - Master Leonard
 - Circuit Judge Chris Lethem
 - Simon Murray, DWF
 - Steven Green, Irwin Mitchell
 - Andrea Barnes, Normanton Chambers
 - Jonathan Dingle, Normanton Chambers
 - Gary Barker, Chair of APIL's Costs Special Interest Group
 - Mark Friston, Hailsham Chambers
 - Senior Costs Judge Andrew Gordon-Sacker
- 15/8: Edited AG's article for *New Law Journal* and sent to the publication. See coverage above.
- 22/8: Drafted comment in response to *Legal Week's* enquiry re: government costs tender, deadline missed, comment not used.
- 29/8: Liaised with DC over his next piece for *Thomson Reuters*.

Planned activity for September:

- Distribute survey press release.
- Deliver articles for *New Law Journal* and *Thomson Reuters*.
- Arrange event logistics with Normanton Chambers.

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