

PR update report



Monthly report: January 2021

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Summary:

An excellent start to the year, with 12 pieces of coverage secured largely off the back of our comment on the Guideline Hourly Rates, which also resulted in a by-lined article in the *Law Society Gazette* in print and online. Elsewhere, coverage came from our regular article slots with *the Association of District Judges*, *New Law Journal* and *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog*.

Coverage achieved:

Association of District Judges Newsletter: copy not available (Jan)

New Law Journal: PDF only (8/1)

Solicitors Journal:

<https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/home/sjarticle/Guideline%20hourly%20rates:%20%E2%80%98modes%20%E2%80%99%20increases%20proposed%C2%A0> (11/1)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/civil-justice-council-shares-recommendations-for-guideline-hourly-rates> (11/1)

Litigation Futures: <https://www.litigationfutures.com/news/lukewarm-response-to-guideline-hourly-rates-reform> (14/1)

Law Society Gazette: <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/law-society-challenge-prompts-laa-to-consult-on-court-assessed-bills/5106998.article> (14/1)

Law Society Gazette: page 10 <https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=af7be704-f42f-42c9-a118-9a35a1c672c3&pnum=1> (18/1)

Law Society Gazette: <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news-focus/news-focus-guideline-hourly-rates-ending-the-big-freeze/5107035.article> (18/1)

Law Society Gazette: page 8 <https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=af7be704-f42f-42c9-a118-9a35a1c672c3&pnum=1> (18/1)

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Business Fast: <https://www.businessfast.co.uk/news-focus-guideline-hourly-rates-ending-the-big-freeze/> (18/1)

Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog: <http://disputeresolutionblog.practicallaw.com/one-third-of-costs-lawyers-busier-than-ever-despite-covid-19/> (21/1)

Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog:

[https://uk.practicallaw.thomsonreuters.com/Document/lc7910fa75ff911ebbea4f0dc9fb69570/View/FullText.html?transitionType=Default&contextData=\(sc.Default\)&firstPage=true](https://uk.practicallaw.thomsonreuters.com/Document/lc7910fa75ff911ebbea4f0dc9fb69570/View/FullText.html?transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)&firstPage=true) (27/1)

Additional activity:

4/1: Agreed topic with *Litigation Funding* for February issue regular column. NR drafted. Sent to publication on 18/1; await February issue.

8/1: Drafted comment in respect of GHR review and sent for sign-off. Updated on 11/1 and distributed to media.

11/1: Drafted article on behalf of CG for *Thomson Reuters* on the last survey and submitted.

12/1: Secured blog with *Law Society Gazette* on GHR; NR drafted in CG's name. Signed-off and sent to the publication on 19/1.

20/1: Edited DC's latest article for *New Law Journal* on *Digby v Melford*.

28/1: Liaised with FK and agreed next topic for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog*, due on 4 Feb.

Planned activity for February:

- Deliver regular articles for *Thomson Reuters*, *New Law Journal* and *Litigation Futures*.

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