

PR update report



Monthly report: May 2017

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Summary:

Our main story this month was on the electronic bill of costs becoming compulsory in October, which attracted strong coverage in *The Times – Brief*, *Law Society Gazette* and *Solicitors Journal*. The annual conference survey was also administered at the Manchester conference with 49 responses collected and a further 25 so far online.

Releases and comment:

Four months to prepare: ACL warns solicitors about electronic bill of costs, release drafted and sent on 25/5.

Coverage achieved:

PI Focus: PDF only (April/May)

Solicitors Journal: PDF only

Litigation Futures: <http://www.litigationfutures.com/news/exclusive-jackson-moving-away-250000-upper-limit-fixed-cost-cases> (23/5)

Solicitors Journal: <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/news/201705/acl-warns-solicitors-prepare-electronic-bill-costs> (25/5)

Litigation Funding: <http://www.litigationfutures.com/news/electronic-bill-costs-become-compulsory-1-october> (25/5)

The Times – Brief: <https://www.thetimesbrief.co.uk/users/39175-the-brief-team/posts/17202-solicitors-flying-in-dark-with-electronic-bills-industry-warns> (26/5)

Law Society Gazette: https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/law/electronic-bill-of-costs-compulsory-from-october/5061274.article?utm_source=dispatch&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%20GAZ141016 (26/5)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/what-counts-unreasonable-behaviour-small-claims-court> (31/5)

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Additional activity:

- NR drafted article on Merrix for *PI Focus* on behalf of FK, sent on 17/3; see coverage above.
- NR drafted SD's article for *Solicitors Journal* and sent to publication on 20/4; see coverage above.
- NR drafted IS's article for *New Law Journal* and sent to publication on 28/4 in FK's name; see coverage above.
- Edited PB's article for *Solicitors Journal* and sent on 25/5; publication due on 6/6.
- NR editing FK's latest article for *New Law Journal*, received on 30/5.
- Annual conference survey drafted and distributed at Manchester conference. 49 response collected at the conference. Questionnaire also uploaded online and promoted in weekly ebuletin. Currently at 25 responses and will close on 5/6.
- Confirmed IS's subject topic for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog*. Blog due on 5/6.

Planned activity for June:

- Submit articles for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution*, *Solicitors Journal* and *New Law Journal*.
- Analyse and present Manchester conference survey results.

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