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PR update report

Monthly report: February 2024

Two pages

Summary:

An active month working across ACL and ACLT with two comments sent out on behalf of ACL and a press release for ACLT on apprenticeships to coincide with National Apprenticeships Week. Coverage was achieved for all these stories with 11 pieces achieved in February.

Separate meetings were held with Council and ACLT, with activities arising from both meetings, most notably to progress a judicial roundtable for ACL and a career focused roundtable for ACLT.

Elsewhere, article deadlines have been circulated for the year amongst Council.

Press releases/comment:

Comment drafted in response to MoJ's FRC response and distributed on 1/2.

Comment drafted and distributed in response to the publication of the CPRC minutes regarding extending fixed costs on 7/2.

Work to create Costs Lawyer Apprenticeship advances rapidly, release drafted and distributed on 9/2.

Coverage achieved:

Solicitors Journal: <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/sjarticle/association-of-costs-lawyers-discontented-with-ministry-of-justices-response-on-fixed-recoverable-costs?pass=881275> (1/2)

Legal Futures: <https://www.legalfutures.co.uk/latest-news/moj-to-press-ahead-with-fixed-costs-changes-amid-jr-threat> (2/2)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/fixed-costs-result-delights-barristers-but-dismays-costs-lawyers> (5/2)

Insurance Claims: <https://claimsmag.co.uk/2024/02/ministry-of-justice-faces-backlash-for-proposed-fixed-costs/> (6/2)

Solicitors Journal: <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/sjarticle/civil-procedure-rule-committee-meeting--fixed-recoverable-costs-frc?pass=720207> (7/2)

The Legal Diary: <https://www.thelegaldiary.co.uk/edward-fennells-legal-diary-126/> (9/2)



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Solicitors Journal: <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/sjarticle/costs-lawyer-apprenticeship-development-is-progressing-swiftly?pass=786652> (9/2)

Legal Futures: <https://www.legalfutures.co.uk/latest-news/rule-committee-opposed-elements-of-frc-reforms-minutes-show> (12/2)

Legal Futures: <https://www.legalfutures.co.uk/latest-news/employers-join-forces-to-develop-costs-lawyer-apprenticeship> (19/2)

Law Careers: <https://www.lawcareers.net/Explore/News/Costs-lawyer-apprenticeship-on-the-horizon-28022024> (28/2)

Additional activity:

7/2: Call with ACLT re: upcoming PR support.

14/2: Collated 2024 article deadlines and circulated around Council.

21/2: Sent AD questions to answer for short website and social media videos.

23/2: Liaised with *Litigation Funding* re: next article. Agreed that NR would draft a piece on *Woolley v Ministry of Justice* for 11/3.

26/2: Drafted synopsis re: proposed ACLT roundtable and sent to MR/SC for comments.

27/2: Attended and presented at Council meeting in Cardiff.

27/2: Interviewed and filmed AD for website and social media videos. KJ reviewing before circulating.

29/2: Contacted LR re: next *New Law Journal* article for topic ideas.

29/2: Contacted JR re: dates for May annual roundtable.

Planned activity for March:

- Draft and submit article for *Litigation Funding*.
- Agree article topic with *New Law Journal* ahead of 22/3 deadline.
- Liaise with ACLT to agree roundtable.
- Follow-up with JR re: roundtable for May and send invites out.

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