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PR update report

Monthly report: October 2024

Three pages

Summary:

A busy month resulted in 13 pieces of coverage, the majority of which came from two comments, one in response to Master McCloud's final judgment and the second in response to the Oakwood v Menzies Supreme Court judgment.

Elsewhere, we have been coordinating with Carol Calver on the social media calendar and have shared posts about the upcoming Costs Lawyer awards with Lexis Nexis and Modern Law. Additionally, we have reported back to PRAM following discussions with the CLSB about how we can gather data on the costs associated with a Costs Lawyer and charge out rates.

Press releases/Comments:

ACL welcomes landmark ruling that that parties must engage in ADR over costs, release drafted and distributed on 15/10.

Comment drafted and distributed in response to *Oakwood Solicitors v Menzies* Supreme Court decision on 23/10.

Coverage:

New Law Journal: <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/nlj-career-profile--dr-victoria-mccloud> (10/10)

Solicitors Journal: <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/sjarticle/adr-ruling-hailed-as-costs-breakthrough?pass=333300> (15/10)

Legal Futures: <https://www.legalfutures.co.uk/latest-news/court-orders-parties-to-engage-in-adr-over-costs> (15/10)

Litigation Funding: PDF only (Oct)

Association of District Judges Newsletter: (Oct)

CDR News: <https://www.cdr-news.com/categories/arbitration-and-adr/21707-judge-warns-of-costs-implications-for-snubbing-adr> (18/10)

Lawyer Monthly: <https://www.lawyer-monthly.com/2024/10/court-mandates-alternative-dispute-resolution-a-landmark-decision-in-legal-cost-disputes/> (18/10)

Insurance Claims: <https://claimsmag.co.uk/2024/10/landmark-alternative-dispute-resolution-ruling-signals-new-era-for-costs-disputes/> (22/10)



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Legal Futures: <https://www.legalfutures.co.uk/latest-news/supreme-court-clients-must-agree-specific-costs-deductions> (23/10)

Law Society Gazette: <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/firms-told-not-to-fear-post-menzies-flood-of-costs-claims/5121293.article> (24/10)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/specifics-matter-when-billing-clients> (24/10)

New Law Journal: PDF only (25/10)

New Law Journal: [https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/content/client-consent-needed-on-solicitors--bills](https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/client-consent-needed-on-solicitors--bills) (30/10)

Additional activity:

2/10: Requested subject topics from *Thomson Reuters* for AD's next blog.

3/10: Drafted survey questionnaire and sent to JR for sign-off. Signed-off.

4/10: Liaised with *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution* blog regarding topic and confirmed with AD.

8/10: Submitted article from JR on costs in case for the *Association of District Judges Newsletter*.

9/10: Pitched comment piece from ACL on latest Wagatha Christie hearing but editor wanted us to be highly critical of solicitors, so we declined.

11/10: Attended annual conference.

14/10: PRAM meeting.

15/10: Drafted LinkedIn posts re: awards (Modern Law / Lexis Nexis).

21/10: Edited and submitted AD's blog for *Thomson Reuters* and sent to publication.

22/10: Liaised with KK re: next topic for *Litigation Funding* and agreed on McCloud's last judgment.

24/10: Call with CC to discuss social media outreach, In Conversation event, survey and CLSB data. Agreed for NR/CC to meet once a week for 10 mins to plan socials a week ahead.

25/10: Contacted CLSB re: proposed data set. Awaiting response.

30/10: Secured small extension for DVB for his *New Law Journal* article, now due on 4/11.

31/10: Call with CLSB re: data capture. Drafted note to PRAM to update on discussion and will add to agenda for next PRAM meeting.

Planned activity for November:

- Agree ACL In Conversation event.
- Draft conference survey press release.



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- Deliver copy for *Litigation Funding* and *New Law Journal* on next articles.
- Liaise with KK re: comms for Precedent G.
- Meeting with ACLT on 7/11.

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