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PR update report

Monthly report: December 2024

Two pages

Summary:

Coverage this month came from the announcement that ACL is providing scholarships for two students each year, which was featured in *The Times* and from the annual survey. This month we also completed work on the latest batch of ACLT case studies, having interviewed, drafted and delivered a further four.

Press releases/Comments:

Little reduction in solicitor-client disputes, Costs Lawyers say, release drafted and distributed on 3/12.

ACL to provide aspiring Costs Lawyers with fully funded scholarships, release drafted and sent to client on 4/12 for sign-off.

Coverage:

Solicitors Journal: <https://www.solicitorsjournal.com/sjarticle/solicitor-client-disputes-remain-largely-unresolved?pass=912r2qvu2v> (3/12)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/cost-complaints-persist-post-belsner> (4/12)

New Law Journal: PDF only (6/12)

The Times: email only (12/12)

Insurance Claims: <https://claimsmag.co.uk/2024/12/solicitor-client-disputes-persist-despite-belsner-ruling-say-costs-lawyers/> (16/12)

Legal Futures: <https://www.legalfutures.co.uk/latest-news/little-sign-of-slowdown-in-solicitor-client-costs-disputes> (17/12)

Litigation Funding: PDF only (Dec)

Yorkshire Legal: <https://www.yorkshirelegalnews.co.uk/westwood-mediation-launches-offering-cost-saving-alternative-to-court-disputes/> (19/12)

Additional activity:

4/12: Liaised with *New Law Journal* re: next blog to be submitted by JR. Topic agreed.

10/12: Interviewed and drafted the following student case studies for ACLT and sent to them for posting:



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16/12: Edited JR's article for *New Law Journal* and sent to the publication.

17/12: Liaising with *Litigation Funding* re deadlines for 2025 and the first copy to be submitted in January. NR to draft a piece in JR's name on *Kapoor v Johal*, 900 words by 15/1.

Planned activity for January:

- Finalise ACL In Conversation event.
- Deliver *Litigation Funding* article.
- Distribute Council article writing deadlines.

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