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PR update report

Monthly report: February 2025

Two pages

Summary:

February saw Black Letter confirm the annual roundtable for 14 May, again securing Birss, LJ as a participant. Elsewhere, the article schedule for 2025 was distributed to all of Council and a press release announcement of DVB's election to Chair was drafted and distributed.

Press releases/Comments:

Association of Costs Lawyers announces David Bailey-Vella as new chair, release drafted and distributed on 28/2.

Coverage:

[Law Society Gazette](#) (4/2)

[Australasian Lawyer](#) (4/2)

[NZ Lawyer](#) (4/2)

[New Law Journal](#) (7/2)

New Law Journal (7/2) – PDF only

Litigation Funding (Feb) – PDF only

[Solicitors Journal](#) (28/2)

[Legal Futures](#) (28/2)

Additional activity:

7/2: Agreed topic with DVB for next *Thomson Reuters* blog.

10/2: Synopsis and invitees for annual roundtable sent to PRAM for comments and approval.

11/2: Above synopsis approved with some additional invitees agreed.

11/2: Agreed topic with *Litigation Funding* for next blog. AD drafting.



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11/2: Submitted article for next *Association of District Judges Newsletter* in JR's name.

12/2: Invites to roundtable sent to the following:

Lord Justice Birss
Costs Judge Jason Rowley
Master David Cook
Erica Bedford, Kings Chambers
Sukhjit Dhadwal, DLA Piper
Brett Dixon, APIL
Susan Dunn, Harbour
Steven Green, Irwin Mitchell
Roger Mallalieu KC, 4 New Square
Victoria Morrison Hughes, ACL
Simon Murray, DWF
Natalie Swales, Masters
Andy Ellis, Practico
Charlotte Wilk, Gatehouse Law
Mersedeh Safa, Clyde & Co
Joanne Powell, GLD

19/2: Article scheduled finalised and distributed to Council.

24/2: Chasing final attendees to roundtable.

27/2: Confirmed date to all attendees as 14 May.

28/2: Sent edited version of DVB's *Thomson Reuters* article back to him for additional commentary.

Planned activity for March:

- Confirm roundtable event host venue and advise all participants.
- Deliver article copy for *Litigation Funding* and *New Law Journal*.

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