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PR update report

Monthly report: April 2026

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Summary:

The beginning of the month was dominated by reaction to the *Mazur* ruling, with outlets picking up David Bailey-Vella's comments on how the result will “calm” the legal market.

A press release following the *In Conversation* with Lady Justice Cockerill's focused on her comments about the success of the costs budgeting 'lite' pilot and was picked up by various legal trade press.

DVB's comments on the latest CJC consultation and interim report were picked up by the legal press and will now be expanded into an article for *Law Society Gazette* this May.

Also, following extensive work and interviews with VMH and her client Simon Hodgson, we are expecting a news story in the *Daily Mail's* Money section, which will touch upon the role of Costs Lawyers.

Releases/comments:

Costs budgeting 'lite' pilots set for expansion after positive feedback, Deputy Head of Civil Justice reveals, release drafted and sent to DHCJ for sign-off on 27/3. Issued to press on 1/4.

ACL response to CJC's interim report and consultation paper on reforms to part III of the Solicitors Act 1974, release drafted and sent for sign-off on 23/4. Issued to press on 23/4.

Coverage:

Association of District Judges newsletter – NL article about the fate of a £1m solicitors' costs bill due to a terminated CFA (April)

[New Law Journal](#) (1/4) - Mazur ruling

[Solicitors Journal](#) (2/4)

[Edward Fennell's Legal Diary](#) (3/4)

[Law Society Gazette](#) (7/4)

[Legal Futures](#) (8/4)

[Law Society Gazette](#) (10/4) – In Focus, DVB comments on Mazur

[Law Society Gazette](#) (10/4) – In Conversation event write-up



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[Litigation Funding](#) (April 2026) - Article by Nicholas Lee

[Legal Futures](#) (23/4) - DVB comments on CJC consultation

[Global Legal Post](#) (29/4) - DVB comments on CJC consultation

[New Law Journal](#) (29/4) - DVB comments on CJC consultation

Additional activity:

8/4: Confirmed topic and deadline for KK's April article for *New Law Journal*. BLC liaised with KK and sent author guidelines.

8/4: BLC sent article ideas to DBV for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution blog*. DBV has selected his chosen article idea and the editor has been notified.

13/4: *Daily Mail (This is Money)* to interview case study Simon Hodgson and Victoria Morrison-Hughes (15 April), via Teams. BLC will join call.

14/4: Confirmed DBV's article topic for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution* blog with editor.

15/4: KJ sent article for the *Association of District Judges* newsletter, originally written by NL. The next article will be filed in July.

15/4: Simon Hodgson case study interview conducted with *Mail on Sunday* journalist, Simon Hodgson, VMH and BLC (KJ/AM). Follow-up emails sent after.

17/4: Follow-up correspondence for Simon Hodgson case study. VMH has provided documents and answered clarifying questions. BLC had a brief phone conversation with Simon Hodgson and updated journalist.

20/4: Phone conversation with *Mail* journalist for Simon Hodgson case study. Awaiting news from editor on whether story will be taken forward.

22/4: Preparing KK's article for *NLJ*. Have sent edits to KK and communicated with editor re: deadline. Followed up with KK about edits on 23/4. Sent KK expected final version on 27/4.

27/4: *Law Society Gazette* commissioned 800 words on CJC consultation following pitch made by BLC. 800 words is being drafted by NR for w/c 4/5.

27/4: Filed KK article for *NLJ*. Editor has acknowledged draft. KK will shortly be leaving the ACL Council.

27/4: Contacted Adam Luck (*Mail* journalist) re: Simon Hodgson case study.



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Planned activity for May:

- Draft synopsis for ACL roundtable in September and draw up invite list.
- Draft and submit *Law Society Gazette* article from DVB.
- Edit and submit *Thomson Reuters DR* article from DVB.
- Edit and submit *Litigation Funding* article from NC.
- KJ/NR to attend Manchester conference.

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