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PR update report

Monthly report: May 2026

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Summary:

The stand-out piece of coverage this month came from Victoria Morrison-Hughes' costs case study case (regarding her former client Peter Hodgson) which was published in *The Daily Mail* print edition and online.

The piece was a full-page spread that both name-checked ACL and told readers about the work that Costs Lawyers do, with tips from VMH on how to get the best from a no-win, no-fee agreement. BLC has worked on this story since November. We interviewed the client and successfully pitched the story. BLC arranged and attended several interviews between the *Mail*, VMH and her client, and managed follow-up questions from the journalist.

Elsewhere, an opinion piece by David Bailey-Vella on the recent CJC consultation on the *Solicitors Act* appeared in the *Law Society Gazette's* magazine, as well as online.

As part of our regular article schedule, pieces by Kris Kilsby (for *New Law Journal*), Nathan Cameron (for *Litigation Funding*) and David Bailey-Vella (for *Thomson Reuters' Dispute Resolution* blog) were edited and submitted. Further article topics and deadlines were confirmed for June/July.

Releases/comments:

Coverage:

[Kerry Underwood Blog](#) (4/5) – Cockerill LJ, In Conversation

[Peter hired a 'no win, no fee lawyer' after a row with a neighbour turned ugly... then faced a shock £52,000 bill when he lost](#) (5/5) - *Daily Mail/This Is Money*. Also appears in:

The Daily Mail print edition (5/5)

The Scottish Daily Mail (5/5)

[Law Society Gazette](#) (8/5) – magazine, DVB's article on CJC consultation

[Costs: the final battleground?](#) (15/5) - *New Law Journal* article by KK



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Additional activity:

5/5: Drafted 800-word article on behalf of DVB for *Law Society Gazette* on CJC consultation. Signed-off by DVB and sent to publication.

5/5: Contacted AD to confirm article idea for *New Law Journal*. Followed up on 11/5.

11/5: Edited NC's article for *Litigation Funding* and followed up on 12/5 and 13/5 for updates.

11/5: Reviewed proofs of KK's article for *New Law Journal* and corresponded with editor.

12/5: Corresponded with Adam Luck at the *Daily Mail/This Is Money* re: follow-up idea about Express Solicitors.

13/5: Sent NC's article to *Litigation Funding*.

14/5: Pitched AD's preferred article idea to *New Law Journal* and advised her that we will be in touch once confirmed.

18/5: Sent reminder to DVB about his upcoming article, due on 22/5.

18/5: Passed on *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution* column commission to new Council member Hannah Buswell (HB) and NL. HB will draft article for 15 June deadline. NL will provide comments and possibly co-author article.

19/5: Sent new article ideas for AD to *New Law Journal*. AD's prior preferred idea has already been commissioned.

20/5: *New Law Journal* has confirmed AD's article idea. Have informed AD and given notice of upcoming deadline.

20/5: Edited DVB's May article for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution* blog and sent tracked changes.

22/5: Submitted DVB's article to *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution* blog.

26/5: Sent copy-edits for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution* blog to DVB for final approval.

27/5: Confirmed topic for JC's July article for *Litigation Funding*.

27/5: Coordinating diaries for next PRAM meeting.

28/5: Submitted article (by NC) for June edition of Association of District Judges' newsletter.

Planned activity for June:

- Edit and submit AD's article for *New Law Journal*.
- Edit and submit JC's article for *Litigation Funding*.
- Edit and submit HB's article for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution* column.
- Schedule out further PRAM meetings, in line with ACL Council meetings for the rest of 2026.
- Start planning and invites for ACL roundtable.