

LAW AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM SPEAKERS



David Allen Green, of counsel and head of media, Preiskel & Co

David is a well-known lawyer and writer on commercial, media, and technology law, and he advises on both contentious and non-contentious matters. He was recently selected by The Lawyer as [one of the Hot 100 lawyers of 2011](#). David's media law practice includes defamation, copyright, confidentiality and privacy, pre-publication risk management, and other forms of content liability.

David is an experienced and innovative technology lawyer, and he regularly acts for both suppliers and purchasers. He provides practical advice in negotiating complex development and outsourcing contracts. He frequently advises contentious technology matters (including contractual and copyright disputes) which require a solid grasp of the relevant technical and commercial issues.



Ajaz Ahmed, founder, LEGAL365

Ajaz is best known for being the founder of Freeserve, UK's largest Internet service provider, now known as Orange broadband. He came up with the idea when he bought a computer and nobody in the store could tell him how to get into the internet. Freeserve was eventually sold for £1.6bn to France Telecom. His latest venture is Legal365.com; he also sits on the advisory board at the University of Huddersfield Business School and regional development agency Yorkshire Forward.



Grainne Brankin, international legal director, CBS Outdoor International

Grainne has been International Legal Director at CBS Outdoor since May 2011. As well as sitting on and advising the International Executive Committee she coordinates legal strategy and teams for the international business and liaises with CBS Corp legal department in New York. Prior to joining CBS, Grainne was at Yahoo!. She qualified at Clifford Chance and worked at Bird & Bird. She has undertaken a broad range of corporate and commercial work within the media, advertising and technology industries.

Karl Chapman, CEO, LawVest

Having read law at Birmingham University, Karl joined Guinness Mahon Investment Management (GMIM) in 1985. In 1987 he was Money Observer's top performing UK unit trust fund manager. He left GMIM in 1989 to set up CRT Group plc ('CRT'), a consultancy, recruitment and training business. Under his leadership his team grew CRT, both organically and by acquisition, to a market capitalisation of over £600 million, sales in excess of £400 million with 2,500 employees operating from over 200 locations. Karl left CRT and in 2001 set-up AdviserPlus Business Solutions - a leading advisory outsourcing organisation providing HR, employment law and H&S solutions to organisations. Karl joined LawVest with effect from 1 June 2011.



Elisabeth Davies, chair, Legal Services Consumer Panel

Elisabeth is Director of Partner Relations at Age UK, where she works closely with over 160 local Age UKs across England and supports the work of Age Cymru, Age Northern Ireland and Age Scotland. She was previously Deputy Chair of Wandsworth Primary Care Trust and is the former Chair of Wandsworth Citizens Advice Bureaux. Her career includes a series of senior roles in the health arena including at the National Patient Safety Agency, the UK Breast Cancer Coalition, the Patients Association and the World Cancer Research Fund. She was also previously Director of Policy at the Refugee Council



Dr. Sam De Silva, Partner - Head of IT & Outsourcing, Manches LLP

Sam specialises in technology projects including outsourcing (IT, BPO and off-shoring), system development and supply, system integration, software licensing and support and services agreements. He also has specific experience in public sector transformation projects and has excellent knowledge of the OGC IT model contracts. He advises clients in both the public and private sector and has acted for both suppliers and users of technology. Sam has had experience and is admitted to practice law in New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom and over the years has been involved in some of the leading technology and outsourcing projects in

those countries



Suzanne Dibble, consultant with Virtual Law

Suzanne is a pioneer in legal services, championing flexible working using a virtual model and constantly innovating in client services. She is one of the most influential lawyers in the UK on twitter and uses it to keep highly engaged with her rapidly growing client base. Suzanne was awarded Highly Commended in the Solicitor of the Year category at the Law Society Awards 2011 for her remarkable success in building her practice to 100+ clients within less than 2 years of working part time.



John Flood, professor of law and sociology, University of Westminster

John studied law and sociology in both the UK and the USA and teaches in both countries. He has held a number of research positions and visiting professorships in Europe and the USA. He is one of the founders of the Centre for Legal Profession and Legal Services Studies. He is a member of the Research Strategy Group of the Legal Services Board.



Nick Fluck, Deputy vice president, The Law Society

Nick is a partner in Stapleton & Son, a two-partner traditional general practice and High Street firm, in Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Nick was elected to the Law Society Council in 2005, to the Commercial Property constituency and also serves on the Management Board, Conveyancing and Land Law Committee, Property Section executive and is currently the chair of the Technology and Law Reference Group.

Nick was elected as deputy vice president of the Law Society on 12 April 2011.



Michael Garson, chair of the Regulatory Affairs Board, The Law Society

Michael has long experience in property work of all types, including as an estate agent, financial adviser and home inspector. His practice includes property litigation, probate and regulatory advice. Michael is a council member of the Law Society, current chair of the Regulatory Affairs Board and sits on a number of other boards and committees including the Rules and Ethics Committee.



Melanie Hatton, general counsel, Latitude

Melanie successfully established the first in-house legal function for Latitude, carried the role of company secretary for over two years and established and led the company's business support team comprising the legal, HR, training and development, and office services functions. She is a Legal Week Tech Savvy Lawyer, and a Times Law Top 10 Legal Tweeter.



Eyal Iffergan, CIO, Clearspire

Eyal is responsible for overseeing legal management systems for Clearspire, an entirely new model for the practice of law. He has over 15 years of experience consulting to the legal and intellectual property business communities and establishing himself as a leading expert in operational, process, organisation and technology management issues. He takes a holistic approach to data management, implementing dynamic business strategies and systems to align process with business objectives, manage intellectual assets, formalize and codify workflow, and create collaborative work environments.



Brian Inkster, founder and solicitor, Inksters Solicitors

Brian is the founder of Inksters. He was named Solicitor of the Year at the Law Awards of Scotland in 2006. Brian obtained the distinction of being named [Solicitor of the Year](#) at the Law Awards of Scotland in 2006.

His long running, ground breaking, legal case involving the question of a servitude right to park, [Moncrieff -v- Jamieson](#), came to a successful conclusion for our clients in the House of Lords in 2007.

Brian has an active interest in technology, social media and Web 2.0 in relation to running a law firm. He blogs on the past, present and future practice of law at The Time Blawg. Inksters was the first law firm in Scotland to join Twitter.



David Laud, CEO, Samuel Phillips

David Laud is a Chartered Marketer and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. His career began with international financial services marketing with Thomas Cook and moved on to head the marketing department for US technology company AT&T before re-locating with his family to the North East in 1996.

David is the Chief Executive of Newcastle law firm Samuel Phillips and works with a number of practices on a consultative basis across the UK. Since 2010 David has created market leading apps for a number of UK law firms and is a registered Apple developer. In 2011 David wrote and published his first book Social Media Marketing for Law Firms.



Jonathan Lea, corporate and commercial solicitor, Crawford Solicitors

Jonathan specialises in the representation of digital entrepreneurs and their backers. He trained with Clyde & Co before being employed by other City and regional firms, and now works on a contract and freelance basis.



Robert Madelin, Director General for the Information Society and Media, European Commission

Robert was educated in England at the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe and at Magdalen College, Oxford. He has also studied at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris.

Born in 1957, a British civil servant since 1979, Robert has served in the Commission since 1993: as Director General for Health and Consumer Policies from 2004 to 2010, as a Director in DG Trade, and in the Cabinet of Sir Leon (now Lord) Brittan, European Commission Vice-President.



Charley Moore, founder and chairman, Rocket Lawyer

Charley's experience as a lawyer working with consumer services, start-ups, and small law firms taught him that something was missing – a simple, easy to use platform where legal documents could be created and shared by everyone. That's why he started RocketLawyer.com.

Prior to founding Rocket Lawyer, Mr. Moore advised both early stage companies, large enterprises and their investors on strategic partnering and corporate development strategy. Rocket Lawyer corporate partners include LexisNexis, Google, TransUnion, Avanquest Software and many other leading companies.



Chas Rampenthal, general counsel and VP of product development, LegalZoom

Chas brings experience in general corporate, partnership, venture capital and securities law to the LegalZoom Team. Before joining LegalZoom, he was a founding partner of Belanger and Rampenthal LLC and was an associate at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP of Boston, Massachusetts and the Los Angeles office of Thelen Reid & Priest LLP. Prior to that, Chas gained significant leadership and management experience as an officer and aviator in the United States Navy.

Mike Semple Piggot, Editor of [Insite Law Magazine](#) and the author of the [Charon QC blog](#)

Mike has been an academic lawyer for thirty years. Founder of BPP Law School in the early 1990s, he is now a freelance consultant and commentator. He awarded himself the title QC when the Lord Chancellor suspended the award for real lawyers. Mike is passionate about blogging and is the author of a popular CharonQC blog.



Joe Simpson, CEO, Strategic Client Relationships, Irwin Mitchell

Joe was recognised as one of the leaders in his field after being named in the 'Hot 100' lawyers for 2011 by The Lawyer, and praised for his work in developing "pioneering legal products". These products include a 24/7 Legal Advice Helpline, and Law Support, which enables companies to provide legal advice either as an employee benefit or as extension of the services it provides to customers. He has a particular interest in the changing legal services marketplace.



Chris Sherliker, partner, Silverman Sherliker

Chris has particular expertise in the fields of company and commercial law. He gained an Open Scholarship to read Law at Cambridge University, from which he graduated with Honours in 1977. After qualifying as a solicitor, he worked in Brussels with the Directorate-General IV of the European Commission, specialising in legal aspects of joint ventures.



Jonathan Silverman, partner, Silverman Sherliker

In addition to practising law, Jonathan has held a number of non-executive directorships in both the service and software industries. He set up the practice in 1981 and within 18 months, the firm handled a public offering. He has been an adviser to the London Enterprise Agency and Hoxton Bibliotech, which assists start-up businesses in the technology sector. He is actively involved in developing Fidelis, an association of independent law firms worldwide.



Lucy Scott- Moncrieff, VP, The Law Society

Lucy is a mental health and human rights lawyer, and managing partner of Scott-Moncrieff Associates LLP, a virtual law firm which operates online and acts for legally-aided and privately paying clients. Lucy was elected to the Law Society Council in the summer of 2002, and also sits on the Society's Regulatory Affairs Board, Access to Justice, and Education and Training Committees.



Saimina Virmani, founder, Joseph Frasier Solicitors

Saimina is the Founding Member of Joseph Frasier Solicitors, the only firm in the UK which offers complete legal services to the deaf and hard of hearing. Her consistent success has made her indispensable to injured claimants nationwide. Saimina was shortlisted for The Association of Women Solicitors Best Female Solicitor in Small Practice Award 2009.



Jeff Wright, partner, facilities & IT director, Morgan Cole

Jeff is responsible for IT services, e-business and knowledge management at Morgan Cole. He has led the development of a multimedia e-learning product aimed at improving managers' HR skills called @once. Jeff and the I&T group are engaged in other similar projects that assist in differentiating Morgan Cole by combining the firm's legal expertise and use of technology to deliver legal services in an innovative way.