

March (date tba)	Junior Site visit Further details will be announced in due course Organiser: rbailey@fenwickelliott.co.uk	
Tuesday, 3 March	(Speaker and talk title tba) Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1	6.15pm
Friday, 6 March	SCL Annual Conference in partnership with RICS and Leeds Metropolitan University “Resolving disputes in construction through Adjudication” Speakers: The Hon Mr Justice Ramsey, The Hon Mr Justice Akenhead, Nerys Jefford QC, Franco Mastrandrea and Ronan Champion Chairman: Barry Milton Venue: The Royal Armouries, Leeds Organiser: jhawkswell@thkp.co.uk	8.15am
Monday, 30 March	Joint SCL/Society of Chartered Surveyors meeting “Construction insolvency in Ireland – practical issues” Speaker: Dennis O’Driscoll Chairman: John Lyden Venue: Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown Road, Douglas, Cork Organiser: johnlyden@eircom.net	6.30pm

London Speaker Programme

Feedback and suggestions for speakers and topics continue to be gratefully received by the organising committee: njefford@keatingchambers.com PMcKinley@trowers.com and julian.bailey@cms-cmck.com

Renewal of Membership – 10% reduction for early online payments!

Membership subscriptions for 2009 are due for renewal on 1 January and we are delighted to report that, for the sixth consecutive year, the fee will remain at £100.

Payment online is the most cost effective method of payment for the Society and so, to encourage early online payments, there will be a reduction of £10 for online payments made before the end of January.

The Renewal of Membership invoices will be posted to full members during December (with the exception of those members who have joined the Society since 1 October).

Overseas e-members will receive an email reminder giving instructions on how to pay their subscriptions online. The fee for overseas e-membership will remain at £15.

Advocacy

The recent SCL Advocacy Course was very successful. This popular course gives solicitors (who are members of the SCL), the opportunity to practice and develop their budding advocacy skills during weekly evening sessions.

We would like to thank Mr Justice Ramsey and HHJ Wilcox who kindly acted as judges for the course and Vicky Lee, of Dundas and Wilson, who administered the course and acted as the highly efficient clerk to the Court. Thanks also go to the attendees of the course: Emily Busby, Emily Monastiriotis, Mark Lawrence, Lauren Becker, Dee James, Victoria Tyson, Triada Kalymnios and Alex Underwood. We have received excellent feedback on the course, details of how to apply for the 2009 course will follow later in the year.

SCL International Conference: Bar CPD points

We are pleased to confirm that, as anticipated, the SCL International Conference held on 6th and 7th October has been accredited for 12 Bar CPD points."

SCL Hudson Prize 2008 – increased prize money!

Entries are now invited for the 2008 Competition from all entrants with an interest in construction law and an idea which they wish to share. The length of essay is a maximum of 5,000 words and the judging panel places emphasis upon originality of thought and approach.

Eligible subjects can be drawn from any part of construction law widely defined, including (but not restricted to) construction and engineering contracts, contract administration, claims, arbitration and dispute resolution, construction litigation, the law of torts, company law, property law, taxation (although this must be related to construction) and any other aspect of law or procedure relevant to the construction industry. **First prize has been increased to £2,000 and the second prize has been increased to £1,000.** Entrants can also be highly commended or commended. All who are awarded prizes or commendations receive a year's free membership of the Society.

Past winners have included members of almost all the disciplines relating to construction law including barristers, solicitors (including a trainee) quantity surveyors, engineers, academics, architects, and several hybrids qualified in more than one discipline.

Further details of the competition, the closing date for which is Friday, 2nd January 2009, can be obtained from the website. Any queries can be referred to me via Jackie Morris in the first instance at admin@scl.org.uk Good luck to all entrants.

Anthony Lavers
Chair of the Judging Panel

Lunch at the Brewery

Members and their guests are invited to the Society's annual lunch at The Brewery, Chiswell Street on Friday, 13 February 2009. We are delighted to announce that the speaker at the event will be Gavin Esler: writer, broadcaster and presenter of BBC's Newsnight. The ticket price is £70 and the King George III room has been booked for post dinner drinks.

Please note that only paid up members can make bookings and that all places will be allocated on a first paid, first served basis. Block bookings by firms will be limited to 2 tables each (tables can seat 10 people). The booking form is enclosed with this newsletter and bookings can also be made on the website.

Ethics

The latest newsletter from the UK Anti-Corruption Forum is now available on their website at www.anticorruptionforum.org.uk

Junior SCL

Booking preference for any of the organised Junior events is always given to those who are registered as Junior Members. If you are new to the world of construction law, then you can register as a junior member, which is easy to do, as follows:

Log onto the SCL website www.scl.org.uk using your username and password (if you have forgotten what they are, Admin can help). Click on 'Members' and then click the 'Junior members' link on the left. You will find an explanation of Junior Membership, and a simple form to register. You do not need to enter your name/details – these are already recognised by the website after you logged in; you only need to confirm your eligibility by stating that you are junior in your area of expertise.

How to register on the website as a member

In order to get members' access to the website you must register online as a member. Registration is easy.

Go to the website homepage www.scl.org.uk click Member Registration (listed below the Member Login box on the right hand side of the homepage) and enter your details and a username and password of your own choosing. Your membership number is also asked for (if you don't know it, then admin can tell you).

Thereafter, you can simply log onto the website using your username and password. When you log in you will see a navigation link to 'Members' which is where you can update your contact details, email subscriptions and data protection information – and where you can choose to have the newsletter emailed to you instead of (or as well as) receiving it by post. This is where you can also search for information about other SCL members who have agreed for their data to be accessible to other members on the website – the total of those who have given permission is now nearly 1,000 members.

Fourth International Conference on Forensic Engineering

The 4th International Conference on Forensic Engineering entitled "From failure to understanding" will be held at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London from 2nd to 4 December 2008. For more details please visit www.forensicengineering2008.com

New Members

Finally, we are delighted to welcome the new members who joined the Society in November:

Janine Alexander, London
Pam Allardice, Leicester
Paul Armarego, Canberra, Australia
John Back, Doha, Qatar
Ria Blowers, Ipswich
Oliver Chapman, London
Daniel Cheung, London
Annette Collins, London
Joseph Dalby, Dublin, Ireland
Paul Darby, Stavanger, Norway
Kevan Da'Bell, Dubai, UAE
David Entwisle, Frome, Somerset
Anthony Fields, Colchester
Peter Gracia, Merthyr Tydfil
Hamish Gray, Oxford
Ian Insley, London
Roger Jewell, Birmingham
Paul Killian, Washington, USA
Peter Land, London
David Lee, Warrington, Cheshire
Vivian Llywellyn-Evans, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Clive Luck, Perth, Australia
Muhammad Asim Malik, Dubai, UAE
Robin Marriott, Sutton
David Marsh, Perth, Australia
Luke McCosker, London
Emmanuel Ninos, Reigate
Andrew Parry, Morpeth
Frances Pigott, Birmingham
Peter Roscoe, Johannesburg, South Africa
Kenneth Tallant, Wolvey
Julie Taylor, London
David Wheeler, Norway
Steven Williams, Solihull
Mark Woodward-Smith, London
Ian Wright, London