



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2007

Programme of Events

Unless marked otherwise, the following meetings are free to members and guests.

Location maps are now always available on the website.

All are welcome but for those meetings where the organiser's telephone or email is given, it would be helpful if you could please let them know of your intention to attend.

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| Tuesday,
4 September | "The demand for ethical standards: the construction - and other - professions' responses"
Speaker: Peter Higgins & Philip Britton
Chairman: John Burgess
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 | 6.15pm |
| Thursday
13 September | "Junior SCL Site Visit"
Venue: Allied London's Project Office, 200 Aldersgate Street, London, EC1A
Organiser: richard.bailey@scl.org.uk | 5.00pm |
| <i>A site visit will take place at the redevelopment of 200 Aldersgate Street. There is no charge for attendance but places are limited to 30 and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note preference is given to Junior SCL Members.</i> | | |
| Tuesday,
25 September | "Repudiation, termination and quantum meruit"
Speaker: Julian Bailey
Chairman: Martin Green
Venue: Lecture Theatre 118, The Northern Terrace, Civic Quarter, Leeds LS1
Organiser: jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk | 6.15pm |
| Tuesday,
2 October | "New suites of construction contracts : the Irish Experience"
Speaker: Tim Bouchier Hayes
Chairman: tba
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 | 6.15pm |
| Wednesday,
3 October | "NEC Programme"
Speaker: Keith Pickavance
Chairman: Simon Goss
Venue: Bristol University, The Hawthorns, Woodland Road, Bristol BS8
Organiser: simon.goss@scl.org.uk | 6.00pm |

- Tuesday,
9 October “JCT Constructing Excellence Contract”
Speaker: Martin Howe
Chairman: Alan Jenkins
Venue: Hambledon Suite 1, The Rose Bowl, Southampton SO306.00pm
Organiser: marian.harris-deans@scl.org.uk
- Thursday,
11 October “The designer’s duty – a time for review”
Speaker: Alexander Nissen QC
Chairman: Nerys Jefford
Venue: Eversheds LLP, 115, Colmore Rd, Birmingham B3 6.00pm
Organiser: arul.selvaratnam@scl.org.uk
- Thursday,
11 October “Construction Act Review”
Speaker: Professor Rudi Klein
Chairman: Jo Rees
Venue: Morgan Cole Solicitors, Bradley Court, Park Place
Cardiff CF10 6.15pm
Organiser: alison.short@scl.org.uk
- Tuesday,
30 October *Joint SCL/TECBAR Lecture*
Speaker & Chairman tba
Venue: Inner Temple Parliament Chamber 5.30pm
- Thursday,
1 November “The new CIC conditions and Scopes of Services - what you need to know”
Speaker: Frances Paterson MBE
Chairman tba
Venue: RICS, Manor Place, Edinburgh EH3 5.45 for 6.00pm
Organiser: lindy.patterson@scl.org.uk
- Friday,
2 November “SCL/CI Arb/RICS Conference”
Speakers: Nerys Jefford, Professor Rudi Klein and Keith Pickavance
Chairman: Her Honour Judge Frances Kirkham
Venue: Derby County Football Club, Pride Park Stadium,
Pride Park, Derby DE24
Organiser: jocelyn.taylor@scl.org.uk 12.00 noon
- Tuesday,
6 November Speaker: John Tackaberry QC (*Talk tbc*)
Chairman tba
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.30pm
- Tuesday,
13 November “One hundred adjudication appointments later”
Speaker: Tony Bingham
Chairman: Bob Davis
Venue: Lecture Theatre 118, The Northern Terrace, Civic Quarter,
Leeds LS1 6.15pm
Organiser: jonathan.hawkswell@scl.org.uk
- Monday,
3 December *Joint TECBAR/SCL meeting*
Speaker tba
Chairman: Colin Reese QC
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.15pm

Opportunities for Sponsorship - SCL International Conference 2008

As previously reported, the Society of Construction Law is delighted to be hosting the 2008 International Construction Law Conference in London. The conference will be held between 5th and 7th October 2008 with a welcoming event on the Sunday evening, a gala dinner on the Monday evening and the President's reception on the Tuesday evening so please make a note in your diaries.

This event will attract many high profile speakers and SCL members and delegates from around the world. In order to ensure its success the SCL will be making available a limited number of elite sponsorship packages. If any of you would be interested in discussing sponsorship packages for this prestigious event please contact Frances Whitehead at franceswhitehead@scl.org.uk

SCL Hudson Prize 2007

Entries are now invited for the 2007 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 is £1,500, second prize is £750. 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 4th January 2008, 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

Advocacy Course 2007

The Society is pleased to announce that it will be holding its Advocacy Training Course again this autumn. It will be run at a location in central London over five evening sessions between 13th November and 13th December. The course is open only to SCL members who are solicitors and will entitle each advocate to claim 12.5 CPD hours. The course is now fully subscribed but will be run again in autumn 2008. For further details, contract vicky.lee@dundas-wilson.com

Junior SCL

A site visit has been arranged at 5pm on Thursday, 13 September at the redevelopment of 200 Aldersgate Street (formerly the offices of Clifford Chance). A flyer giving full details has already been circulated to members by email and is available on the website. Places are limited so if you wish to attend, contact Frances Whitehead as soon as possible at frances.whitehead@scl.org.uk

If you are new to the world of construction law, then you can register as a junior member. The junior committee arranges site visits, conferences with King's College London and social events such as the annual summer Boat Trip on the Thames.

Booking preference for any of the organised Junior events is always given to those who are registered as Junior Members. To register as a Junior Member is easy. Simply log in to the SCL website (www.scl.org.uk) using your username and password. Click on 'Members' and then 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 log in; you only need to confirm your eligibility by stating that you are junior in your area of expertise. For further details, contact either Nicholas Gould nicholas.gould@scl.org.uk or Richard Bailey richard.bailey@scl.org.uk

Papers

The papers mentioned in the August Newsletter have all now been published, and others as well -

Judge Anthony Thornton's tribute to Ian Duncan Wallace "The Inclusive Price Principle" and Hamish Lal's paper "The Rise and Rise of Time-bar Clauses" (which won the Society of Construction Arbitrators' Norman Royce prize) have both been published and will be circulated to members.

Three web only papers have also been published: D82 a short commentary on the Protocol by Jim Garner, "A South African view on float and other aspects of the Delay and Disruption Protocol", D83 Jonathan Hosie's paper "Turnkey Contracting under the FIDIC Silver Book: What do owners want? What do they get?" and D84 Nicholas Gould's paper (given to the international conference in Singapore in February) "NEC3: Construction contract of the future?".

Autumn/Winter Diary 2007

Enclosed with this newsletter (full members only) is a copy of the Autumn/Winter Diary 2007. The details listed are those available when going to press. For further details, please see the constantly updated Programme section of the SCL website.

Ethics

The UK Anti-Corruption Forum has announced details of a conference entitled "Preventing Corruption in Infrastructure" to be held at the ICE in London on Tuesday, 2 October 2007. The programme for the conference, and the registration form, can be found on the Ethics section of the SCL website.

Centre of Construction Law, King's College London

Certificate in Construction Adjudication

New post-experience part-time taught programme: first intake September 2007

- New eight-month (September-April) Certificate programme, for existing and would-be adjudicators and advisers to parties to adjudications – qualified lawyers and construction professionals
- Four taught modules, covering the basic legal principles applicable to construction, the special features of construction law and adjudication procedure
- Includes a mock adjudication and decision-drafting exercises
- Tuition in London on ten to twelve full days each term, mostly Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays – accessible to those outside London
- Academic staff led by Professor Phillip Capper, Nicholas Gould and John Barber, supported by other leading practitioners
- Unique specialist library; online facilities also available to students
- Most teaching shared with the prestigious London MSc in Construction Law & Dispute Resolution: credits can later be used towards the MSc
- Discount on fees for SCL and Adjudication Society members

Applicants must have a degree and/or acceptable professional qualifications, plus significant relevant experience.

For further information, contact Sue Hart on 020 7848 2643 or email susan.hart@kcl.ac.uk or Linda Jones on 020 7848 268 or email linda.jones@kcl.ac.uk

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.

The website is constantly being improved. If you have any questions, problems or suggestions, please contact our webmaster, Edward Peters, at webmaster@scl.org.uk

New Members

Finally, we are pleased to welcome the new members who joined the Society during August:

Mashaël Alhajeri, Kuwait	Michael J Coyle, Leatherhead, Surrey
Dirk Haire, Washington, USA	Haramrita Glazebrook, Gerrards Cross, Bucks
Troy Harris, Atlanta, USA	Neelesh Hirani, London
David Howell, London	Richard Howell, Bristol
Mohammad Asif Jan, Dubai, UAE	Turlough Johnston, Carlow, Ireland
Jason Kallis, London	Michael Kerrigan, London
Emma Laverty, London	Andrew Lindsay, London
Kevin Matthews, London	Matthew Meakin, Narraweena, Australia
Stuart Murphy, Belfast	Richard Musgrave, Bungay, Suffolk
Matthew Olorenshaw, London	Paolo Pacifico, Bra, Italy
Graham Riley, Southport	Michael Seckelmann, Rees, Germany
Jay Singh, London	Keith Skelton, Rajawella, Sri Lanka
David Snape, London	Bola Sotuminu, London
Marc Sukkar, London	Suresh Kumar Swarnamalayil, Dubai, UAE