

Monday,
3 December *Joint TECBAR/SCL meeting*
 Speaker: Mr Justice Akenhead
 Chairman: Colin Reese QC
 Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.15pm
Please note: refreshments will be provided after the meeting

2008 Dates for your Diary

(details of the following meetings are those known at present; further details will be announced in due course)

Tuesday,
5 February “Compound Interest and Financing Claims – the Sempra Metals revolution”
 Speaker: His Honour Judge Anthony Thornton QC
 Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.30pm

Friday,
22 February *The Society's Annual Lunch at the Brewery*
 (name of speaker and booking details to follow)
 Venue: The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London 12.30pm

Tuesday,
4 March Speaker: Sarah Hannaford
 Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.15pm

Tuesday,
8 April Speaker: Ben Legg
 Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.15pm

Tuesday,
6 May *Presentation of the winning 2007 SCL Hudson Prize Paper*
 Winner to be announced
 Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.15pm

Wednesday,
14 May AGM & Annual Dinner (SCL members only)
 Venue: Middle Temple Hall, London EC4 6.30pm

Tuesday,
3 June 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

Junior SCL

The Society is pleased to announce its inaugural Christmas Lecture to be given by Tony Bingham on 22 November 2007 at the Punch Tavern, 99 Fleet Street. Places are limited so preference will be given to Junior members however all members are welcome. Places are going fast – contact Frances Whitehead 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 (most recently to the redevelopment of 200 Aldersgate Street – formerly the offices of Clifford Chance), 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

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

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 many new members who joined the Society during October:

Al-Suwaidi Atif, Ras Tanoura, Saudi Arabia

Valmai Barclay, London

Tutu Bashorun, London

Jeffrey Brown, Birmingham

Linda Clink, Dubai, UAE

Anthony J Da Silva, St. Michael, Barbados

Marcus Drewelus, London

Rachel Garnon, Newcastle Upon Tyne

Scott Greer, Houston, United States

Sook Chin Ho, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

Mark Jones, Leicester

Martin King, Basingstoke, Hampshire

Peter Lowe, London

Mammen Mathew, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Niall McGuinness, Belfast

Ejikeme Fabian Okoro, Oldbury, West Midlands

Patrizia Palmitessa-Savric, Gaborone, Botswana

Emma Robbins, London

Gavin Sayers, Cross in Hand, East Sussex

Jennifer Scott-Russell, London

Kok Phan Tan, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

Tom Trevorrow, London

Chris Atkinson, Edinburgh

William Baron, London

Lisa Brew, London

Rangan Chatterjee, London

Colin Cooil, Mold, Flintshire

Julia Davenport-Cooper, London

Ashvin Krishna Dwarka, Port Louis, Mauritius

Stephen Gee, Manama, Bahrain

Gabriel Hamard, Champs sur Marne, France

Hayley Johnson, London

Andrew Keeley, Guildford, Surrey

Gary Kitt, London

Martin Lucas, London

John McAlister, Glasgow

Harshad Muhammed, Dubai, UAE

Claire Packman, London

Michelle Rice, Bristol

Kim Rosenberg, London

Andrew Schild, Billericay, Essex

Elizabeth Swinton, London

Kevin Trash, Seaford, East Sussex

Anthony Ward, West Sussex