



Tuesday,  
4 June “Economic torts and construction disputes”  
Speaker: Andrew Singer QC  
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.30pm  
Organisers: [london@scl.org.uk](mailto:london@scl.org.uk)

*(Please note that bookings must be made online for this event, and SCL will not take bookings by email)*

Tuesday,  
6 August “SCL Networking Event”  
Venue: The Yacht London, Temple Pier, Victoria Embankment,  
London WC2R 2PN 5.00pm

**Please note:** Cost £18 incl VAT per person. Numbers are limited and tickets will be sold on a first paid, first served basis.

Thursday,  
19 September “The SCL Autumn Conference”  
Speakers: Lord Justice Coulson, Dr. Franco Mastrandrea, David Barry,  
Shy Jackson, Christopher Miers, Mark Wheeler, Hannah Wennell, Richard  
Wilmot-Smith QC, Karen Gough, Ellis Baker, John Hughes D'aeth, Alistair  
McLean, Victoria Peckett, Sir Rupert Jackson, Gwyn Owen, Alexander  
Nissen QC, Garry Borland QC, Katie Powell, Fiona Sinclair QC, Robert  
Stevenson, Paul Battrick, Craig Arnott, Nicholas Bacon QC, Robert Hanna,  
Yasmin Mohammad, Mrs Justice Cockerill DBE, Jonathan Cope  
Chair: Hamish Lal, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld  
Venue: IET, 2 Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL 9.30am

**Please note:** Cost £195 including VAT and tickets will be sold on a first paid, first served basis.

### Cardiff

Wednesday,  
1 May “Adjudication of construction professional negligence claims”  
Speaker: Ebony Alleyne  
Venue: Blake Morgan, One Central Square,  
Cardiff CF10 1FS 5.30 for 6.00pm  
Organisers: [rachel.gwilliam@blakemorgan.co.uk](mailto:rachel.gwilliam@blakemorgan.co.uk) &  
[sean.gibbs@hanscombintercontinental.co.uk](mailto:sean.gibbs@hanscombintercontinental.co.uk)

### Eastern

Wednesday,  
22 May “Mission Impossible? Dealing with witness and expert evidence”  
Speakers: Marion Smith QC and Melissa Shipley  
Venue: Birketts LLP, Providence House, 141-145 Princes Street,  
Ipswich IP1 1QJ 5.30 for 6.00pm  
Organiser: [hanna-mcnab@birketts.co.uk](mailto:hanna-mcnab@birketts.co.uk)

Monday,  
7 October “Professional Advice and Administration in Construction Projects: Scope of Duty and  
Scope of Responsibility”  
Speakers: Patrick Clarke and Marc Lixemberg  
Venue: Mills & Reeve LLP, Botanic House, 100 Hills Road  
Cambridge CB2 1PH 6.00pm  
Organisers: [alison.garrett@mills-reeve.com](mailto:alison.garrett@mills-reeve.com), [colinjones@hewitsons.com](mailto:colinjones@hewitsons.com) &  
[alister.cull@drivertrett.com](mailto:alister.cull@drivertrett.com)

### Ireland

Thursday,  
11 April “Dilapidations: An Update and Public Procurement Challenges Post-Brexit”  
Speakers: The Hon Mr Justice Huddleston, Aaron Moore, James Turner  
Chair: Michael Humphreys QC  
Venue: Law Society of Northern Ireland, 96 Victoria Street,  
Belfast BT1 3GN 6.00pm  
Organiser: [Christinabingham@oreillystewart.com](mailto:Christinabingham@oreillystewart.com)

Thursday,  
30 April “The New Silk Road: Belt and Road dispute: a view from Hong Kong”  
Speakers: Jern-Fei Ng QC  
Chair: Darren Lehane B.L  
Venue: Gaffney Room, Law Library Distillery Building, 145-151 Church Street,  
Dublin 7, DO7 WDX8 4.30 for 5.30pm  
Link to Book <https://ti.to/arbitration-ireland/the-new-silk-road-a-view-from-hong-kong>

Thursday,  
16 May “Why do large construction projects take too long and cost too much?”  
Speaker: Dermot Flanagan SC, James Turner  
Venue: Mason Hayes & Curran, South Bank House, Barrow St,  
Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 4 6.00pm  
Organiser: [adhussey@lawlibrary.ie](mailto:adhussey@lawlibrary.ie)

Wednesday,  
19 June “Economic torts and construction disputes”  
Speaker: Andrew Singer QC, William Binchy Barrister  
Chair: Martin Cooney  
Venue: 88 Harcourt St, Saint Kevin's, Dublin, D02 DK18 6.00pm  
Organiser: [adhussey@lawlibrary.ie](mailto:adhussey@lawlibrary.ie)

Tuesday,  
2 July “Construction law: regulatory compliance Some thoughts on present data, health and  
safety and building regulations”  
Speakers: Robert Rooney & Charlotte Woolven-Brown  
Venue: A & L Goodbody, North Wall Quay N Wall Quay, North Wall, Dublin 1,  
D01 H104 6.00pm  
Organiser: [adhussey@lawlibrary.ie](mailto:adhussey@lawlibrary.ie)

Thursday,  
26 September “Public works contract users: ADR strategies and tactics”  
Speaker: James O'Donoghue  
Chair: Arran Dowling-Hussey  
Venue: RIAI, 8 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, D02 YE68 6.00pm  
Organiser: [adhussey@lawlibrary.ie](mailto:adhussey@lawlibrary.ie)

## **Kent**

Wednesday,  
3 April “How to Keep Your Adjudicator Happy”  
Speakers: Jane Ryland & John Wright  
Chair: Rebecca Shorter  
Venue: Brachers, Somerfield House, 59 London Rd,  
Maidstone ME16 8JH 6 for 6.30pm  
Organisers: [jonathanbowcott@mbmconsult.com](mailto:jonathanbowcott@mbmconsult.com), [nitej.davda@cripps.co.uk](mailto:nitej.davda@cripps.co.uk) &  
[JaneRyland@brachers.co.uk](mailto:JaneRyland@brachers.co.uk)

Tuesday,  
4 June “The Rise of the Machines”  
Speaker: Richard Begbey, FTI Consulting  
Chair: Nitej Davda  
Venue: Cripps LLP, 22 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells.  
Kent TN4 8AS 6.00 for 6.30pm  
Organisers: [jonathanbowcott@mbmconsult.com](mailto:jonathanbowcott@mbmconsult.com), [nitej.davda@cripps.co.uk](mailto:nitej.davda@cripps.co.uk) &  
[JaneRyland@brachers.co.uk](mailto:JaneRyland@brachers.co.uk)

## **Leeds**

Thursday,  
25 April “Northern Powerhouse Ball”  
*SCL Astra Leeds & SCL Astra Manchester*  
Venue: The Tetley, Hunslet Road, Leeds, LS10 1JQ 6.30pm  
Organiser: [jennifer.laws@addleshawgoddard.com](mailto:jennifer.laws@addleshawgoddard.com)

**Please note:** Cost £56 per head. Numbers are limited and all places will be allocated on a first paid, first served basis.

Friday,  
6 September “The SCL Lunch in Leeds”  
Speaker: Sir Rupert Jackson  
Venue: Leeds Marriott Hotel, 4 Trevelyan Square, Boar Lane,  
Leeds LS1 6ET 12.15 for 1.00pm  
Organiser: [jhawkswell@hklegal.co.uk](mailto:jhawkswell@hklegal.co.uk)

**Please note:** Cost £75 per person incl VAT. Block bookings by firms will be limited to 2 tables each. All places will be allocated on a first paid, first served basis.

### Manchester

Friday,  
21 June “The Society of Construction Law Manchester Summer Lunch”  
Venue: The Lowry Hotel, 50 Dearmans Place, Chapel Wharf, Salford,  
Manchester M3 5LH 12.30 for 1.00pm  
Organisers: [fraser.askham@cms-cmno.com](mailto:fraser.askham@cms-cmno.com) & [LOsborne@ridge.co.uk](mailto:LOsborne@ridge.co.uk)

**Please note:** Cost £75 per person incl VAT which includes a glass of prosecco. Block bookings by firms will be limited to 2 tables each. All places will be allocated on a first paid, first served basis.

### Scotland

Friday,  
1 November “The SCL Lunch in Scotland”  
Venue: The Supper Club, 29 Royal Exchange Square,  
Glasgow G1 3AJ 12 for 12.30pm  
Organisers: [louise.shiels@brodies.com](mailto:louise.shiels@brodies.com) & [andrew.groom@brodies.com](mailto:andrew.groom@brodies.com)

### Southern

Friday,  
17 May “The SCL Southern Lunch”  
Speaker: Amy Williams, *The winner of Team GB’s only Gold medal at the  
2010 Winter Olympic games*  
Venue: Southampton Harbour Hotel, 5 Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton,  
SO14 3QT 12 for 1.00pm  
Organiser: [Jessica.Tresham@blakemorgan.co.uk](mailto:Jessica.Tresham@blakemorgan.co.uk)

**Please note:** Cost £81 pp including VAT. All places will be allocated on a first paid, first served basis.

### South West

Tuesday,  
7 May “Professional Advice and Administration in Construction Projects: Scope of Duty and  
Scope of Responsibility”  
Speakers: Patrick Clarke and Marc Lixenberg  
Chair: Jonathan Spencer  
Venue: The Bristol Hotel, Prince Street, Bristol BS1 4QF 6.15pm  
Organiser: [Jonathan.Spencer@simmons-simmons.com](mailto:Jonathan.Spencer@simmons-simmons.com)

Friday,  
11 October “The SCL Lunch in Bristol”  
Venue: Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel, College Green,  
Bristol BS1 5TA 12 for 1.00pm  
Organiser: [Jonathan.Spencer@simmons-simmons.com](mailto:Jonathan.Spencer@simmons-simmons.com)

Further events are listed at [www.scl.org.uk](http://www.scl.org.uk)

***We are keen to receive suggestions for speakers and topics both for the London and the Regional programmes. If you have any suggestions please send your ideas to: Keith Kirkwood ([keithkirkwood@benningtongreen.co.uk](mailto:keithkirkwood@benningtongreen.co.uk)); Ronan Champion ([rchampion@championpearce.com](mailto:rchampion@championpearce.com)); Jonathan Cope ([jonathan.cope@mcms.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.cope@mcms.co.uk)) or Hamish Lal ([hlal@akingump.com](mailto:hlal@akingump.com))***

## From the Chair

Dear SCL Members

March has been another busy month in the Society's calendar, with the highlight being the Annual Spring Conference in Leeds. As usual it did not disappoint, with an outstanding range of speakers and topics.

This is my penultimate column for this SCL year, as we will soon be holding our 2019 AGM. You will see that there is quite a collection of attachments with this month's newsletter - I won't go into the detail of all of them, but I'd like to highlight a few of the events.

One of the attachments is the flyer for the Society's Annual Dinner, which will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at Drapers' Hall in the City of London. The evening will commence with a drinks reception which, weather permitting, will be served in the garden and courtyard. An excellent dinner will follow in the magnificent Livery Hall, with a selection of wines included in the price of £126.00 (inc VAT). We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us and support this dinner. We particularly encourage those new to the Society, or those of you who have never been before, to come along to this very friendly function and meet your fellow members in these historic and beautiful surroundings.

The Annual Dinner will be preceded by the Society's AGM at 6.30pm at Drapers' Hall. Amongst other things Members will be able to vote in the Council elections, although I would urge you to consider voting beforehand online or by post if you are able to (election statements are attached for all of the candidates). It is encouraging to see that we once again have a contested election for Council, and I firmly believe that this level of interest is an indicator of the good health of the Society.

At the AGM we will also be asking Members to pass a resolution for the amendment of the Constitution, and a copy of the notice of the resolution and the proposed amended Constitution are attached to this newsletter. The initial driver behind the amendment was the need to implement changes arising out of the Society's Equality and Diversity Policy which was introduced in 2018. However, we have also taken the opportunity to make amendments to areas such as the election of Officers, as well as addressing other minor matters. You can vote for the resolution at the AGM, or online or by post beforehand, and I do hope that you will vote to accept these changes.

Before the AGM and Annual Dinner in May, there are plenty of events to look forward to in April, including lectures in London, Maidstone, Belfast and Dublin, an Astra site visit to the new Google HQ in Kings Cross, and the Astra Northern Powerhouse Ball in Leeds.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that the Society has made a donation of £3,000.00 to BAILII. The Society had previously supported BAILII albeit not for some years, and Council considered that it remains a very worthwhile cause given the invaluable free access to case law it provides. I was also pleased to see so many of our members' firms donating, and a full list can be found by following this link: <https://www.bailii.org/support/donors.html>.

I look forward to seeing you at a Society event soon.

Jonathan Cope – Chair  
[jonathan.cope@mcms.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.cope@mcms.co.uk)

## SCL Council Elections

SCL council elections will now take place up to and ending with the Society's AGM on 1 May 2019. There are 5 positions on council available, and 6 candidates for those positions. Details of the candidates and their election statements accompany this newsletter.

## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

As many of our members will know, the GDPR came into effect on 25 May 2018 and are aimed at improving data protection for individuals. The SCL takes data protection seriously and we refer you to the SCL Privacy Policy which can be found at <https://www.scl.org.uk/privacy-policy>.

In order to ensure that we can still keep in touch with members and let you have information about the SCL including details of events and published papers, we require members' consent for SCL to process their data. We would therefore be grateful if you would log on to your account and confirm agreement to being contacted. To do this, visit your Profile page (Profile tab on your user account page), tick the 'Data consent' box in the 'Region, mailing & data preferences' section near the bottom of the form, and save the form." If you prefer to provide confirmation by post, please fill in the details below and post it to SCL. If you fail to do so we may not be able to contact you.

Data Consent – In confirm that the SCL can manage my data and contact me in accordance with the SCL Privacy Policy

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Society of Construction Law North America

First Regional Event launching 25<sup>th</sup> March in Washington DC (please refer to the attached flyer). Free to attend, please register your interest by email Suzanne Hope. RSVP Suzanne Hope at: [shope@watttieder.com](mailto:shope@watttieder.com)

## ESCL Thesis Prize 2019 - entries invited

The ESCL invites all students who submitted their construction law-related Master thesis in the period from the 1st of June 2017 on to the 30th of May 2019 to take part in a paper competition and win the "Master Thesis Prize 2019" of the ESCL.

The first prize will be awarded with € 2,500.00 plus the possibility to publish in the International Construction Law Review. The second prize will be awarded with € 1,000.00.

Submission deadline is 30th of May 2019 (before 17.00 h). If interested, please read all submission requirements in the attached PDF documents entitled "ESCL Master Thesis Prize - Regulations November 2018", "ESCL Master Thesis Prize 2019 - Announcement" and "ESCL Master Thesis Prize 2019 - General Information".

Please also note that the 2018 Jury Report is available for download on the ESCL website under the menu point "ESCL Prize 2018". We look forward to receiving interesting theses!

If you have any question, please contact dr. Evelien Bruggeman, secretary of the ESCL Master Thesis Prize: [embruggeman@ibr.nl](mailto:embruggeman@ibr.nl) and [info@ibr.nl](mailto:info@ibr.nl).

## FRANCES PATERSON SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.scl.org.uk/resources/news/frances-paterson-scholarships>

### SCL awards for Ph.D candidates in Construction Law

As a tribute to her distinguished contribution to construction law, and to the work of SCL, the Society has decided to offer a scholarship bearing Frances Paterson's name. The purpose of the scholarship is to support doctoral research in the field of construction law at a UK university.

1. The Scholarship is intended to assist with the payment of university fees for the duration of a Doctorate and has therefore been set at 50% of the annual course fee, up to a maximum of £2,500 per year (£1,250 for a part-time candidate).
2. Applicants must be registered for a Doctorate, or for a Master's leading to transfer to a Doctorate, at a university in Great Britain or Northern Ireland, undertaking research in construction law, within the broad definition given in the SCL Hudson Prize guidance.
3. The intention is that the award will be renewed annually, based on confirmation of satisfactory progress being provided by the holder's supervisor. Subject to this, it is intended that the award will be for 3 years for a full-time candidate and for 4 years for a part-time candidate.
4. No extension of the duration of the award is envisaged. An application for an extension would only be considered if the candidate's supervisor could demonstrate exceptional circumstances which the University Liaison and Grants Sub-Committee regarded as justifying an extension.
5. Applications for award (and renewal of an existing award) must be made at least eight working weeks before the start of the term of the year of the award.
6. Applications must be on the pro-forma available on the SCL web-site, or from the SCL Administrators, Jill Ward and Frances Whitehead. Applications must be accompanied by a reference from the university supervisor, or prospective supervisor of the candidate as to: a) the academic record and quality of the candidate; b) the value of the research, including prospects for publication; and c) the prospects of completion within 3 years (full-time) and 4 years (part-time).
7. All decisions on awards, and renewal of awards, will be at the absolute discretion of SCL Council, on the recommendation of the University Liaison and Grants Sub-Committee. An independent academic reviewer may be used in the initial award process. The Society cannot enter into communication with applicants regarding the merits of decisions on applications and/or renewals.
8. On successful completion of the Doctorate, the holder of the award may be invited to make a presentation to a meeting of SCL and will be required to provide a written summary of the results within the format of a SCL paper.

To mark the launch of the scholarships, the Society proposes to offer TWO full-time awards (or part-time equivalents) for doctorates commencing in 2019. In future years, ONE further full-time award (or part-time equivalents) is intended, subject to suitable applications being received.

### Papers

*When the Walls Come Tumbling Down: Fraud in Adjudication, Arbitration and Mediation* by **Matthew Molloy** (D217) is available online. The paper was presented to the SCL at a meeting in London on 4th September 2018. Matthew Molloy writes from his personal experience of disputes in which allegations of fraud or criminal activity were made or implied or where he suspected that fraud or criminal activity was present. The paper examines the concept of fraud and its impact on adjudication, arbitration and mediation proceedings. It considers the jurisdiction of the arbitrator or adjudicator to deal with fraud, the effect of fraud on an arbitrator or adjudicator's appointment and on the corresponding award or decision and the effect of fraud on a mediated settlement agreement. The paper also looks at issues of evidence and confidentiality in the context of allegations of fraud.

### SCL Astra London breakfast seminar host venues

SCL Astra's London breakfast seminar series is made possible by kind participation of members and their organisations. If your organisation would be interested in hosting SCL Astra for a breakfast seminar, or for more details of what hosting entails, please contact:- [swilliams@keatingchambers.com](mailto:swilliams@keatingchambers.com), [rebecca.shorter@whitecase.com](mailto:rebecca.shorter@whitecase.com) and [ladams@atkinchambers.com](mailto:ladams@atkinchambers.com) for further details.

## SCL Astra

Two important qualities are required to succeed in the construction legal market (apart from avoiding hard hat hair):

1. Knowledge / an understanding of the wonderful world of construction law
2. A wide and varied network of contacts to assist in generating business and satisfying client demands

With that in mind, SCL Astra (formerly Junior SCL) was established to provide tailored opportunities to develop these qualities for SCL members who fall within one of the following categories:

- Up to 10 years post-qualification experience
- Recently moved or returned to the construction legal industry
- Young at heart

We organise a range of activities for our members, including seminars, social events, site visits and our bi-annual international conference. Previous conferences have taken place in Paris, Madrid and Dubai; the next is planned for mid-2020. We adopt the mantra that there are no stupid questions and foster an environment of learning and development. We also maintain strong links with RICS Matrics and CIOB Novus which permits the sharing of insights into various aspects of the construction industry. There is no additional cost to be part of SCL Astra – once you are an SCL member and meet one of the above criteria; we welcome you to our ranks!

If you are interested in registering as an Astra member, please sign up on the Astra page of the SCL website (note that you need to opt-in to receive communications regarding Astra events). Otherwise, watch out for upcoming Astra events in the SCL newsletter, on the website or SCL Astra Twitter handle (@SCLAstra).

Finally, if you are interested in being part of the Astra committee in your region, we would love to hear from you. Please email [swilliams@keatingchambers.com](mailto:swilliams@keatingchambers.com); [Rebecca.shorter@whitecase.com](mailto:Rebecca.shorter@whitecase.com) or [ladams@atkinchambers.com](mailto:ladams@atkinchambers.com).

## Social Media, E-mail and Keeping You Informed

In addition to keeping up to date via email, the newsletter and the website, the SCL has a presence on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook where you can find information, news and events:

LinkedIn group 'Society of Construction Law UK'

Facebook page 'Society of Construction Law UK'

Twitter name '@SCL\_UK' SCL Astra Twitter handle (@SCLAstra)

We always welcome feedback and comments, including via tweets and postings on how we can improve the service the SCL provides to its members. Contact details for all Council members can be found on the SCL's website. We would also take this opportunity to remind all members to update their online details and preferences to ensure you only receive the information you want from the SCL.

## New Members

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

Mark Bond, Manchester  
Jaskiran Chahal, London  
Matthew Cutting, USA  
Peter Dornan, London  
David Greenwood, London  
Rob Hubbard, Leeds  
Daniel Macey, London  
Rebecca May, London  
Akash Paunikar, UAE  
Marc Sukkar, Australia  
Max Twivy, London

Louise Brazier, London  
Yuen Phing Choo, London  
Kathryn Davies, Portsmouth  
Charbel Gharios, Lebanon  
Andrew Groom, Edinburgh  
John Jessup, London  
Anirudh Mandagere, London  
Michael McDaid, UAE  
Ram Perumal, Qatar  
Thomas Sutherland, Chile  
Rowland Ward, London

Robert Cavoto, United States  
Robert Colvin, London  
Alex Delin, London  
Samuel Gitoho, Kenya  
Daniel Holding, Nottingham  
Ruth Leake, London  
Anique Mawa, London  
Stephanie Panzic, London  
Graham Riley, Southport  
Natalie Taylor, Cardiff  
David Young, London