



NEWSLETTER : JUNE 2019

Programme

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

Location maps are now available on the website.

To register for an event, please go to the SCL website (www.scl.org.uk) (under the tab “Participate” – “Meeting and events”) and where online booking is not available please contact the organiser directly.

London

Tuesday,
4 June “Economic torts and construction disputes”
Speaker: Andrew Singer QC and Kelly Pennifer
Chair: Jonathan Pawlowski, SCL Vice-Chair
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.30pm
Organisers: london@scl.org.uk

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

Tuesday,
25 June “An Introduction to Offshore Wind”
SCL Astra Breakfast Seminar
Speakers: Richard Booth – Partner, HFW, Adam Constable QC – Keating Chambers &
 Andrew Norris – Senior Engineering Underwriter, Swiss Re
Venue: Keating Chambers, 15 Essex Street, London WC2 8.00 for 8.30am
Organiser: joanne.button@hfw.com

The event is open to **SCL members only**. Numbers are limited, and all places will be booked on a first come first served basis.

Tuesday,
2 July Joint Society of Construction Law/Society of Construction Arbitrators Event
 “Conflicts of Interest in the Spotlight”
Speaker: Calum Lamont
Chair: Mr Justice Waksman
Venue: National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 6.30pm
Organisers: london@scl.org.uk

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

Thursday,
25 July “Joint Organisations' Summer Boat Trip”
Venue: Festival Pier, River Thames, London 6.30pm
Organisers: ladams@atkinchambers.com, karim.mariey@whitecase.com &
 dcoyne@blackrockx.com

SCL Astra, ICE London G&S, & CIOB Novus present The Joint Organisations’ Summer Boat Trip on the Thames. This event provides all members an opportunity to attend a fun networking evening and build relationships with fellow industry members. Please note numbers are limited and places will be allocated on a first paid first served basis. Cost £40 including VAT.

Tuesday, “SCL Networking Event”
6 August 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, “The Society of Construction Law London Conference”
19 September Speakers: Lord Justice Coulson, Dr. Franco Mastrandrea, HKA, David Barry, Blackrock Expert Services; Shy Jackson, Pinsent Masons; Christopher Miers, Probyn Miers; Mark Wheeler, Diales; Hannah Wennell, Morgan Sindall; Richard Wilmot-Smith QC, 39 Essex Chambers, Karen Gough, 39 Essex Chambers, Ellis Baker, White & Case; John Hughes D'aeth, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner; Alistair McLean, Brodies; Victoria Peckett, CMS, Sir Rupert Jackson, 4 New Square Gwyn Owen, Chartered Arbitrator, Alexander Nissen QC, Keating Chambers Garry Borland QC, Axiom Associates, Katie Powell, Atkin Chambers Fiona Sinclair QC, 4 Pump Court Robert Stevenson, BLM, Paul Battrick, Diales, Craig Arnott, Managing Director Burford Capital; Nicholas Bacon QC, 4 New Square; Robert Hanna, Augusta Ventures Limited; Yasmin Mohammad, Head of International Arbitration Vannin Capital, Mrs Justice Cockerill DBE
Chair: Hamish Lal, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
Venue: IET, 2 Savoy Pl, London WC2R 0BL Registration 8.30am

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

Birmingham

Wednesday, “What does the contract provide? Recent developments in interpretation of contracts”
19 June Speaker: Isabel Hitching QC, Crown Office Chambers
Chair: Michael O’Shea
Venue: Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP, 134 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2ES 5.30 for 6.00pm
Organiser: ian.yule@shoosmiths.co.uk
For further enquiries please contact Grace.Sparkes@shoosmiths.co.uk

Eastern

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

Ireland

Wednesday, “Economic torts and construction disputes”
19 June 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

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

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

Friday,
29 November “SCL Lunch in Dublin”
Speaker: Marion Smith QC
Venue: Guinness Storehouse, The Arrol Suite, St James's Gate, Dublin 8 12 noon for 1.00pm
Organiser: adhussey@lawlibrary.ie

Kent

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, nitej.davda@cripps.co.uk & JaneRyland@brachers.co.uk

Leeds

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

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 & 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 & andrew.groom@brodies.com

South West

Friday, 11 October “The SCL Lunch in Bristol”
Speaker: Paul ‘Mungo’ Mungeam (Bear Grylls’ Cameraman)
Venue: Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel, College Green,
Bristol BS1 5TA 12 for 1.00pm
Organiser: Jonathan.Spencer@simmons-simmons.com

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

Further events are listed at 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); Ronan Champion (rchampion@championpearce.com); Jonathan Cope (jonathan.cope@mcms.co.uk) or Hamish Lal (hlal@akingump.com)

From the Chair

Dear SCL Members

Last month I set out my update on the activities of the Society over the past 12 months and I mentioned the Annual Dinner. The first thing I must do this month is to congratulate those who were elected or re-elected to Council at the AGM the same evening, Chris Ennis, Anthony Lavers, Peter Phillippo, Rebecca Shorter and Jessica Tresham. I would also like to thank everyone who stood in the election, and I hope that we have another contested election next year as it demonstrates the appetite of members to become involved and help to build a better Society for the future.

Over the past month we’ve had lectures throughout the UK and Ireland, and I enjoyed attending the second Southern Lunch in Southampton. Amy Williams MBE gave an inspiring after lunch talk, and guests also got to see and hold her gold meal.

Although the summer is fast approaching, there are still lots of events over the next few months, including talks in Kent, London, Birmingham and Dublin in June. We also have the Manchester Summer lunch on Friday 21st June 2019 at the Lowry Hotel in Manchester with surprise entertainment (it will be a surprise to me too!). If you’re as intrigued as I am, why not book a place or even a table; tickets are selling fast though, so I would recommend booking soon.

Looking beyond June, a key highlight is the Joint Organisations Boat Trip on 25th July 2019. The Boat Trip is a joint event organised by SCL Astra, ICE London G&S and CIOB Novus, and provides a fantastic opportunity to attend a fun networking evening and build relationships with fellow industry members, as well as seeing the sights of London from the River Thames. It is open to all members to book, and, given that the ticket price of £40.00 includes a buffet and a selection of draft beer, cider, spirits, house wine and non-alcoholic drinks, it offers great value for money.

After the summer break we will be holding the first SCL Autumn conference on 19th September 2019 in London, which has an outstanding line-up of speakers and topics.

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

Jonathan Cope – Chair
jonathan.cope@mcms.co.uk

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, rebecca.shorter@whitecase.com and ladams@atkinchambers.com for further details.

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.

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; Rebecca.shorter@whitecase.com or ladams@atkinchambers.com.

SoCLA National Conference 2019

The Society of Construction Law Australia and the Conference Organising Committee are pleased to invite you to be part of the National Conference for 2019.

The National Conference will be held from 1 – 3 August 2019 in Perth, Western Australia.

The theme for the National Conference 2019 is *“Doing it Overseas - the legal tips and tricks for taking Construction Smarts to foreign jurisdictions”*.

The Organising Committee is planning an excellent program over the three days.

The Conference will kick off on Thursday 1st August 2019 with welcome drinks for all of our delegates to the conference. The welcome drinks will be held at Revelry – located on the Eastern Promenade of Elizabeth Quay overlooking Perth’s beautiful riverfront.

Our Patron, Justice Peter Vickery has been invited to present a welcome address. We are also currently investigating a keynote speaker to join us for the evening of the welcome function.

The Westin Hotel, Perth will be a fantastic setting for the formal conference program which will commence on Friday 2 August with a full day of presentations from our speakers who are eminent national practitioners in the construction industry who have been invited because of their knowledge, experience, reputation and their ability to cover the breadth of issues in the program. The Conference presents an ideal opportunity to learn of current trends and issues, and network with some of the nation’s leading industry practitioners. The conference format will continue through to Saturday 3 August with a morning of sessions and then networking drinks to conclude the program.

On the evening of Friday 2 August, we will be hosting the Conference Gala Dinner at the University Club of Western Australia. The evening will involve a spirited and entertaining debate by leading professionals, as well as a delicious meal.

Further details on all speakers and presentations is available for download from the [conference website](#).

Registration to the conference and social events are now open – [REGISTER NOW!](#)

9th International Society of Construction Law Conference 2020 4-6 November 2020

SCL (New Zealand) welcomes the opportunity to host the 9th International Society of Construction Law Conference in Auckland New Zealand.

We invite you to register for updates at <http://www.constructionlaw2020.com/sc120>

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 and LinkedIn where you can find information, news and events:

LinkedIn group '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:

Felix Ambrosio, Germany

Iain Benson, Middlesex

Steve Cooper, London

Pedro Freitag Basso, London

Ben Grunberger-Kirsh, London

Jonathan Law, Hitchin

Vimal Menon, UAE

Joao Vitor Rosalem, London

Michael Schofield, London

Wendy Louise Trainor, Cheshire

Lucinda Baker, Cheltenham

Lance Buchanan, London

Wijitha Fernando, Sri Lanka

Nicholas Godfrey, UAE

Desmond Hughes, Thailand

Matthew Lindsay, Essex

Albert Murwira, Zimbabwe

Dhananjay Sadavarte, UAE

Jonathan Taft, USA

Kirstin Bardel, London

Jonathan Chambers, Bristol

Marcus Harling, Bristol

Sarah Harvie, London

Ivana Kocheva, UAE

William Mahood, Canada

Shane O'Neill, London

Dr. Shyam Saraswat, India

Alexander Webster, London