

Welcome to the autumn edition of the St Ives Chambers newsletter

In this edition of the newsletter, we have new faces to introduce to you to as we welcome Priya Tromans, George Smith, Holly Hilbourne-Gollop and Harry Marriott to Chambers and are delighted to announce that Eleanor Lake has accepted Tenancy.

Within this newsletter you will find more details about our recent conferences, future training seminars and news from the groups at St Ives Chambers.



We have recently held the Annual Housing Conference and the Child Care Conferences (pictured)

Continuing Competence: Training materials now available from the website

As part of our support for our clients' CPD commitments and Continuing Competence requirements, we have uploaded a number of training materials from recent seminars and events to our website (www.stiveschambers.co.uk/legal-training-materials).

Online visitors can download presentations and/or notes from the Family Finance seminars 'Representing Children and Appeals' from the 21st March, 'Challenging Section 7 reports and Fact Finding Hearings' from 9th May and three presentations from the Junior Property Litigation Seminar in July.

Other training materials, including some of the presentations from the Annual Housing Conference and Child Care Conference, will be uploaded soon. To access the presentations, please log on to our website [here](#).

Follow us on Twitter (@StIvesChambers) or keep an eye on our website for information about future uploads.

Eleanor Lake accepts Tenancy



We are delighted to announce that Eleanor Lake has accepted an offer of tenancy at the end of her Pupillage. She has already started developing a multi-disciplinary practice and is available for instruction.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Eleanor's legal experience focused on trading standards at Warwickshire County Trading Standards Service. Within her role she advised and enforced upon a range of legal issues. To find out more about Eleanor's practice, click [here](#).

Priya Tromans joins Business & Property Team



We are pleased to welcome Priya Tromans to Chambers. Priya joins our Business & Property team having practised litigation for over seven years, with experience in a wide range of commercial and individual disputes at both County Court and High Court level.

"I am delighted that Priya is joining St Ives Chambers," commented Jeremy Weston QC, Head of Chambers *"Her background as a medical doctor has given her an understanding of the challenges facing those involved in the healthcare sector. She has significant experience of advising in GP, Dental and Veterinary disputes, CQC challenges and disputes between local authorities and private healthcare providers."*

Priya is happy to accept instructions on all types of Business & Property disputes. She also has a number of years' experience in contentious probate matters and has represented clients from all backgrounds in relation to Wills and Estate disputes. Priya was previously appointed as President of the Worcestershire Law Society. To find out more, click [here](#).

Welcome to our new Pupils

As the new legal year begins, we were delighted to welcome three new Pupils to Chambers at the beginning of October.

George Smith, a scholar from Middle Temple, joins us from the University of Birmingham and begins his first six under the supervision of Timothy Bowe.

Holly Hilbourne-Gollop received an Outstanding in her Bar exam this year and conducted her law degree at Bournemouth University. Holly begins her first six under the supervision of Julie Slater.

Harry Marriott also joins us straight from Bar school after receiving an Outstanding in his Bar exam and undertaking his law degree at the University of Bristol. Harry will be supervised by Stuart Clarkson in his first six.



Creating a new specialist Private Law Family Group

St Ives Chambers is thrilled to report that 2018 has so far been yet another vintage year for its Family Law practitioners, culminating in the creation of a specialist Private Law Family Group. The Private Law Group consists of dedicated, passionate and award-winning specialist private law practitioners.

The St Ives Family Group, described as a “*leading family law set*” in the 2018 edition of Chambers and Partners and ‘*one of the best in the region*’, with ‘*high-calibre advocates*’ in The Legal 500, is immensely proud of the recent achievements of its private law practitioners, particular highlights this year include the following:

- Jeremy Weston QC, Head of Chambers and Head of the Family Team, was named ‘Barrister of the Year’ at the prestigious Birmingham Law Society Legal Awards.
- Elizabeth Isaacs QC (described in The Legal 500 as a ‘*titan in Children’s work*’) led specialist private law practitioner, Adem Muzaffer in a landmark surrogacy case that led to a change in the law. As a result of their stellar work on this case, Elizabeth Isaacs QC was named Silk of the Year (Regions) at the Legal 500 Awards 2018 and Adem Muzaffer was short-listed in the junior of the year category (Regions).
- The Private Law Group has welcomed a number of exceptional practitioners, adding further to its strength in depth and the broad range of expertise its members provide in every aspect of private law proceedings.
- The Private Law Group launched its annual Private Law Spring Seminar Programme designed to address specialist topics which often arise in Private Law proceedings. The seminars were an unrivalled success and hugely informative.
- David Walters, the Private Law Group’s Assistant Practice Manager, was short-listed in the ‘Legal Futures’ category at the Birmingham Future Faces awards in recognition of the outstanding contribution he has made to the Private Law Group.

The Private Law Group is immensely proud of the above achievements and is confident that its recent success will provide a sound basis for the future growth and development of the group. Indeed, the Private Law Group is thoroughly looking forward to hosting its ‘Modern Families’ Seminar on 10th May 2019. The seminar will be the first of its kind in the Midlands, further cementing the Family Group’s reputation as the market leader when it comes to tackling niche areas of private family law and the ever-developing legal landscape.



For more details of the team, click [here](#).

Annual Housing Conference 2018



Our ninth annual housing conference was held in September with a record number of delegates attending. The conference was an ideal opportunity to meet with members of the Housing team and receive updates on the latest changes to Housing law.

The day began with Anya Newman and Alexander Pritchard-Jones focusing on updates in injunctions and committals with Anya highlighting the amendments to anti-social injunctions and committals and Alex reviewing disrepair and s.17 injunctions.

Head of Housing Group and conference chairman, Michael Singleton, presented the latest amendments around the subjects of unlawful eviction, harassment and privacy which included reference to findings from Worthington and Parkin v MHT [2018] EWCA Civ 1125.

Jane Talbot provided a useful summary on the latest updates regarding SPOs, s21 and domestic violence in particular focusing on the new section 21 Housing Act 1988 rules. Within which, from the 1st October 2018, further provisions of the Deregulation Act 2015 come in to force.

Using a legal version of snakes and ladders (known as Wigs and Ladders), Tom Harrill led a session on Section 21 notices. After which, William Douglas-Jones provided an update on GDPR and how it may impact on housing providers with additional advice on breaches, security and storage limitations.

The final session of the day was led by Lucinda Wilmott-Lascelles and Eleanor Lake focusing on challenging hearsay using a case study.

Feedback from delegates included “... I couldn't afford to miss today because the topics are all so relevant to current matters.” “Engaging conference and topics. Well presented and organised as ever. Thank you”, and “This is the only dedicated housing conference that my team attends due to being targeted to housing practitioners”.



The presentations from Michael Singleton and Jane Talbot are now available on the Legal Training Materials page on our website – www.stiveschambers.co.uk.

Annual Child Care Conference 2018



Our annual Child Care Conference took place on Friday 12th October. With over 120 delegates attending, the one-day conference included updates on the latest news and views within Family Law.

Chaired by our Head of Chambers, Jeremy Weston QC, the day began with a keynote speech from The Honourable Mr Justice Keehan, details of which are due to be published on Family Law Week soon.

Dr Anand Saggar (Consultant in Clinical Genetics) provided an update 'Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes: The Modern Hydra'. His talk included examples of the genetic conditions under the Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS) umbrella including Classic EDS, Vascular EDS, Kyphoscoliotic EDS and Arthrochalasia EDS. He spoke further about the causes and treatments now available and the approaches to genetic testing.

Tracy Lakin presented the implications of *Re P-S (Children) [2018]* during which she covered the strands of the appeal, the key issues agreed by all parties and the decision of the Court of Appeal. She concluded with the lessons to be learned from the case.

Kirstie Danton's presentation focused on fact finding hearings and parallel criminal proceedings. Within the 40 minute presentation, she covered the 2013 protocol and good practice model (including the local model for Birmingham). Kirstie referred to *Lancashire County Council v A, B and Z (A Child: Fact Finding Hearing: Police Disclosure) [2018] EWHC 1819 (fam)* and *R (Children) [2018] EWCA Civ 198*.

Matthew Maynard provided an insightful talk in to technology within the Family Court, how he uses it within his practice and what he believes is needed for the future.

The conference was drawn to a close by Timothy Bowe delivering the Case Law Update.

Comments and feedback from delegates included *"Particularly interesting keynote speaker – directly relevant to recent cases on which I've acted... all areas very interesting and helpful"*, *"All of it really useful, informative and entertaining"* and *"...found the entire day useful."*

Further details of the presentations provided will be included in the next edition of the Child Care Newsletter due for distribution at the beginning of November. If you wish to be added to the mailing list, please email marketing@stiveschambers.co.uk.





Junior Property Litigation Seminar: Foundations of Commercial Property

Tuesday 20th November | 5.30pm | St Ives Chambers

Join the juniors at St Ives Chambers for a series of short talks on some of the key foundations of commercial property, with a particular focus on practical steps to be taken in commonly encountered awkward situations.

This seminar will take place at our Chambers on Tuesday 20th November at 6pm, with welcome drinks, refreshments and networking from 5:30pm.

The following areas will be covered:

- Commercial Leases—Are they Protected? (David Nuttall)
- Service of Notices (Jane Talbot)
- Procedure on Seeking or Opposing Lease Renewal (Priya Tromans)
- Bringing non-protected tenancies to an end—NTQs, effluxion of time and break notices (Alex Pritchard-Jones)

Chaired by David Nuttall and presented by Jane Talbot, Alexander Pritchard-Jones and Priya Tromans, this seminar will touch on some of the awkward, but common, situations faced by landlords and tenants and the best ways to approach them. We will be looking at the practical steps involved with notices, how to serve them, and what happens when the relevant parties change.

Family Finance Seminar: A spotlight on spousal maintenance, non-matrimonial property and short marriages

Thursday 22nd November | 5.30pm | Aston University Business School

The seminar will begin at 6pm, with welcome drinks, refreshments and networking beforehand from 5:30pm. The evening will conclude by 7:30pm.

The programme for the evening is:

- Meal tickets or basic needs? Spousal maintenance in the current climate
- Contributions at the Sharp end: how to approach short marriage cases
- What's mine is mine: the latest decisions in respect of non-matrimonial property

Presented by Matthew Maynard, James Picken and Rebecca Cross, our aim is to provide useful, practical assistance to all of those who undertake financial proceedings following relationship breakdown. Parking is available for a small fee.

To book a place at these events, please email marketing@stiveschambers.co.uk