

## Welcome to the Spring Newsletter from St Ives Chambers

### Nicholas Starks awarded Barrister of the Year 2019 at the Worcestershire Law Society Legal Awards

Many congratulations from all of us to Nicholas Starks who was awarded Barrister of the Year 2019 at the Worcestershire Law Society Legal Awards in April.

Nicholas was called to the Bar in 1989. He has over 25 years' experience, specialising in family financial provision, principally upon divorce but also under ToLATA, IPFDA, Schedule 1 Children Act and civil partnership proceedings. To view his profile, click [here](#).



Nicholas Starks

### Charmian Jackson and Sarah Fahy appointed as Deputy District Judges

In March we were delighted to announce that family team members Charmian Jackson and Sarah Fahy have both been appointed as Deputy District Judges on the Midland Circuit.

Charmian Jackson is a barrister specialising in Financial Remedy and Private Law Children matters. She is a member of the Management Committee and Complaints Panel. She is an experienced and tenacious advocate who regularly appears for applicants, respondents and interveners at all stages of proceedings, including multi-day final hearings, both in the Family Court, and in the County Court when dealing with claims under ToLATA. To view her profile, click [here](#).



Charmian Jackson

Sarah Fahy

Sarah Fahy is a specialist family law practitioner with a diverse public and private law practice. She regularly appears at all stages of both public and private law proceedings at all levels within the Family Court. Sarah's tutelage in family law was under Jeremy Weston QC and as a result, Sarah has a passion for representing particularly vulnerable parties within proceedings. Sarah is also known for her ability to relate to her clients whilst always getting swiftly to the crux of the issue in any case. To view her profile, click [here](#).

### FGM: The facts and is the law fit for purpose? Jeremy Weston QC

Wednesday 10th July at 5.30pm

Venue: St Ives Chambers, 1—3 Whittall Street, Birmingham B4 6DH

To mark the UN's 'International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)', Jeremy Weston QC published an article to provide clarity for healthcare professionals, teachers and social care professionals on the law as it relates to child FGM. To read the article click [here](#).

On 10th July, he will be presenting a seminar 'FGM: The facts and is the law fit for purpose?' as a follow up to his article. This seminar is the ideal opportunity for those working in Family Law and wish to develop their understanding of the law surrounding FGM.



Jeremy Weston QC

To book your place please email [ayka.ali@stiveschambers.co.uk](mailto:ayka.ali@stiveschambers.co.uk) or [david.walters@stiveschambers.co.uk](mailto:david.walters@stiveschambers.co.uk)

### Annual Property Conference 2019

Friday 12th July from 9am to 4.30pm

Venue: De Vere Colmore Gate, 6 Colmore Gate, Birmingham, B3 2QD

Cost: £125

Join the members of the St Ives Chambers Business and Property team for a one-day conference focusing on property litigation.

Attracting 6 CPD points, the conference will feature a number of topical talks in the field of property litigation and will conclude with an interactive Case Study drawing on topics throughout the day. The topics our specialist speakers will be covering include:

- Discharging or Modifying Restrictive Covenants (Anya Newman)
- Professional Negligence in a Property Context: Traps for the Unwary (Michelle Caney)
- Practice Updates, including the Disclosure Pilot for the Business and Property Courts (Jane Talbot and Martin Langston)
- Dilapidations: Construing Repairing Covenants (David Nuttall)
- An Expert Perspective on Section 18 Valuations (Guest Speaker: Neil Burrige)
- Case Study (drawing on topics throughout the day) (Alexander Pritchard-Jones and Priya Tromans)

To book your place at this conference, please email: [ayka.ali@stiveschambers.co.uk](mailto:ayka.ali@stiveschambers.co.uk) or simply complete the booking form ([here](#)) and return it to us.



Michelle Caney



Anya Newman



David Nuttall



Martin Langston



Jane Talbot



Alexander  
Pritchard-Jones



Priya Tromans

### Annual Housing Conference 2019

Friday 27th September 2019  
Venue TBC

Join our Housing team at our 10th Anniversary Annual Housing Conference.

Further details will be available on our website soon.



### Annual Child Care Conference 2019

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Park Regus Hotel, 160 Broad Street, Birmingham, B15 1DT

Our Annual Child Care Conference is a firm fixture in the legal year.

Further details will be available on our website soon.



## Charity events

### The Family Group's Annual Charity Challenge Cup Quiz 2019

7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 5.30pm

Venue: The Studio, 7 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EP

The Family Group's Annual Charity Challenge Cup Quiz will be taking place in memory of Her Honour Judge Hindley QC. All funds raised will support Birmingham St Mary's Hospice.

This annual quiz will include the usual refreshments, raffle prizes and the opportunity to enjoy time with your team mates and members and staff of St Ives Chambers Family Group.

We welcome teams of up to six people, to book your team please visit our website, use the [booking form](#) or contact Sarah Robinson (sarah.robinson@stiveschambers.co.uk).



### St Ives Chambers v Warwickshire Law Society Charity Cricket Match 2019

2nd July 2019 at 5.30pm

Venue: Coventry and North Warwickshire Cricket Club, Binley Road, Coventry, CV3 1HB

Come along and join us as our cricket XI take on the Warwickshire Law Society – all funds raised will be divided between DACS (Domestic Abuse Counselling Service) and Winston's Wish (a charity for bereaved children).



### Birmingham Legal Walk - please sponsor our team

There is a group from St Ives Chambers taking part in the annual Birmingham Legal Walk to raise funds for the Midland Legal Support Trust. Please sponsor us, to donate click [here](#).

### Graeme Simpson joins the Criminal Group

Earlier in the year, we were delighted to welcome Graeme Simpson to the Criminal Group. Graeme has wide-ranging experience in all types of criminal work for both defence and prosecution in the most serious criminal matters. Graeme has defended cases of murder, manslaughter and attempted murder without Leading Counsel and has frequently led for both the prosecution and defence.

Graeme prosecutes at 'Level 4' and is included on the CPS panel of advocates dealing with rape and other serious sexual offences. He has extensive experience in dealing with young and vulnerable witnesses, and defendants. To view his profile, click [here](#).



*Graeme Simpson*

### Priya Tromans accepts Tenancy and joins the Business and Property Team

Back in January, we were delighted to offer Priya Tromans tenancy. Priya has 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.

Priya's background as a medical doctor has given her an understanding of the challenges facing those involved in the healthcare sector and 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 contractual disputes but has a particular interest in healthcare disputes and disciplinary tribunals of the GMC or GDC. 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. Outside these two main areas, Priya accepts instructions from interested parties in inquests and those seeking representation at mediations. To view her profile, click [here](#).

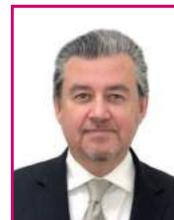


*Priya Tromans*

### Dafydd Enoch QC joins the Crime and Regulatory teams as Door Tenant

In March, Dafydd Enoch QC joined the Crime and Regulatory teams as a Door Tenant. He has appeared for the defence and Crown in many very serious criminal cases. He has particular experience in the field of organised crime involving murder, drug trafficking, all types of fraud, money laundering, and associated confiscation proceedings as well as cases involving serious sexual allegations.

Dafydd regularly undertakes Very High Cost Cases (VHCCs). He is "a stand out Silk" (Legal 500) and "is extremely approachable and loves to get involved with a case at an early stage in proceedings" (Chambers & Partners). He also has a particular interest in the representation of doctors and other healthcare professionals both in the criminal context and the disciplinary context and has had many years' experience of appearing before the GMC and the GDC. To view his profile, click [here](#).



*Dafydd Enoch QC*

## Our Pupils have now been on their feet for a month

Our pupil's George Smith, Harry Marriott and Holly Hilbourne-Gollop have now been on their feet for a month and are available for instruction.

Terri Mason, a former solicitor with over 14 years experience practising as a Children Law Solicitor, is also now available for instruction. Terri is undertaking a reduced pupilage.



George Smith



Harry Marriott



Holly Hilbourne-Gollop



Terri Mason

## St Ives Chambers awarded the Certificate of Recognition of Wellbeing at the Bar

We are delighted to have been awarded the Certificate of Recognition for our work surrounding Wellbeing at the Bar.

*Wellbeing at the Bar Working Group* commented - "It is great to see St Ives' showcasing their wellbeing work through a 'Wellbeing Week' but we are really delighted to see this is backed up by investment in mental health training for members and staff and the introduction of a mentoring programme. It is important any chambers establishes a wellbeing programme having focussed first on the basics."

This recognises the efforts of our Health and Wellbeing Committee, which was formed at the beginning of 2018 and comprises of members and staff. To read our case study, click [here](#).



## Elizabeth Isaacs QC: Encouraging more female barristers to apply for silk - a proposal for change to tackle the confidence gender gap.

Following the headlines stating that fewer female barristers were applying for silk, Elizabeth Isaacs QC provides her thoughts on how the Bar can improve the balance in the gender gap.

*".....statistics show that women still fall far behind men in relation to silk. It is not just that fewer women achieve silk (just 27% of successful candidates in 2016/2017), but also that women are disproportionately represented in even applying - the percentage of women applicants was still only 22% of total applications in 2016/2017. There is still an obvious trend of gender imbalance in applications to reach the very top of the profession leading to unfulfilled personal potential as well as perpetuating inequality at the Bar....."*



Elizabeth Isaacs QC

To read the article click [here](#).

In the past few months we have published the following legal updates and articles. To find out more click on the links below or visit our website [www.stiveschambers.co.uk](http://www.stiveschambers.co.uk).

## Housing Law

**Legal Update: Housing Allocation Schemes - Indirect Discrimination** by Michelle Caney, click [here](#) to read more

**Powell v Dacorum BC – no breach of the PSED at the warrant stage when it was not raised in the possession proceedings [2019] EWCA Civ 23** by Jane Talbot, click [here](#) to read more.

**Housing Update: “Right to Rent” scheme declared incompatible with the European Convention of Human Rights** by Michelle Caney, click [here](#) to read more.

**Housing Update: Steven Forward v Aldwyck Housing Group LTD (2019)** by Lucinda Wilmott-Lascelles, click [here](#) to read more.

**Housing Update: Homelessness and the need to consider a “foreseeable future” (Safi v Sandwell Borough Council [2018] EWCA Civ 2876)** by Aadhithya Anbahan, click [here](#) to read more.

## Family Law

We publish our Family Group Newsletter regularly throughout the year. In the last edition (published in February), members of our Family team covered the following subjects:

- 'Emergency Out of Hours Appeal Applications' by Tracy Lakin.
- 'ICOs: fair hearings and the status of findings' by Matthew Maynard.
- 'Settlement Conferences' by Ann Chavasse.
- 'In the matter of X (A Child) (No 5)' by Angela Houston.
- 'When is it necessary for a Local Authority to notify a father about the birth of his child? Re C [2018] EWHC 3332 (Fam)' by Eleanor Marsh.

To view the newsletter, click [here](#).

## Criminal Law

**Legal Update: 'Adjournments in the Magistrates Court: the new R v Picton'** by Alexander Pritchard-Jones, click [here](#) to read more.

## Business and Property Law

**Legal Update: 'Discharging or Modifying Restrictive Covenants'** by Anya Newman, click [here](#) to read more.