

The City of London Law Society: Litigation Sub Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 17:30 on 18 September 2023 virtually and at Macfarlanes LLP, 20 Cursitor Street, EC4A 1LT.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Kevin Hart (City of London Law Society);
Gavin Foggo (Fox Williams LLP);
Mark Lim (Lewis Silkin LLP);
Jan-Jaap Baer (Travers Smith LLP);
Julian Copeman (Herbert Smith Freehills LLP);
Andrew Denny (Allen & Overy LLP);
Richard Dickman (Pinsent Masons LLP);
Geraldine Elliott (RPC LLP);
Lois Horne (Macfarlanes LLP);
Richard Jeens (Slaughter and May);
Jeremy Kosky (Clifford Chance LLP);
James Levy (Ashurst LLP);
Daniel Spendlove (Signature Litigation);
Samantha Trevan (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP).

Apologies

Patrick Swain (Debevoise & Plimpton LLP);
Angela Dinsdale-Gill (Hogan Lovells LLP);
Daniel Hayward (Fieldfisher LLP).

MATTERS ARISING

- 1 *Change of Chair*
 - 1.1 Members thanked the Chair for his contribution to the Committee.
 - 1.2 Lois Horne will take over the role of Chair following the meeting.
- 2 *COMBAR terms*
 - 2.1 Members discussed and agreed upon certain of the Committee's proposed updates to the COMBAR terms.

2.2 Members noted further amendments were required to the proposed updates. Specifically, in relation to data protection and sanctions.

3 *Composition of Committee*

3.1 Members discussed increasing the number of Committee members with a view to increasing diversity of the Committee in particular.

3.2 This would be reflected in an updated advertisement for applications to the Committee.

4 *Sub-Committees*

4.1 The Members considered changes to the Committee's Sub-Committees, including whether there is any need to disband any of the current Sub-Committees or create new Sub-Committees (for instance, a Sub-Committee which may consider ESG topics).

4.2 The Members would continue to consider such changes.

5 *Committee meetings*

5.1 The Members considered the frequency with which Committee meetings should take place.

5.2 The Members agreed three Committee meetings should be scheduled in advance, with a view to securing the greatest number of attendees possible, as well as leaving sufficient room for Sub-Committees to meet.

5.3 The Members acknowledged that certain of the Committee meetings may need to be moved to account for consultation papers.

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6 *CLLS updates*

6.1 Kevin Hart gave a general update on the events hosted by CLLS, including the Annual Lecture at Grays Inn, as well as an update on the revival of the Intellectual Property Committee.

6.2 Kevin Hart updated that the CLLS is considering inviting 'shadow' members (being senior associates) to join its committees, and welcomed views on the same.