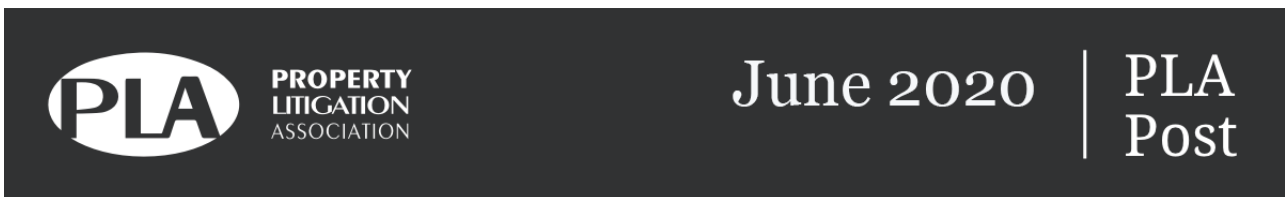


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### Event

It is with regret that we have taken the decision to **CANCEL** the joint **PLA/PBA Summer Party** on **24 September 2020** due to the lack of certainly over large gatherings during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

All those who have booked will be notified.

### Law Reform Committee

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#### COVID-19 and stay of possession proceedings – response from Master of the Rolls

Following the issues raised by the PLA and PBA in a joint letter to the Master of the Rolls and amendment was made on 20 April 2020 to

the Practice Direction 51Z – Stay of Possession Proceedings and Extension of Time Limits – Coronavirus.

Click [here](#) to read more.



## News

### Quarantine Quiz: a JPLA and JPBA joint event

Quiz masters Liberty Chappel (JPLA) and Harriet Holmes (JPBA) put their new found zoom skills to the test by running the first **Quarantine Quiz on Wednesday 6 May**. After a few last minute adjustments, and armed with their drink of choice, 13 teams of 2 took on some very challenging rounds which included naming books from their maps and a Never Mind the Buzzcocks inspired intros round.

It was a close run thing but after four tense rounds and a tight race to first place Kishan Parshotam (Clifford Chance) and Paul Pinder (Ronald Fletcher Baker) took the title of the first winners of the Quarantine Quiz.

### PLA questions Government on the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill

The Law Reform Committee of the PLA has put a number of questions and requests for clarification to the Insolvency Service regarding the new Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill published on 20 May 2020. In particular, concerns have been raised about potential uncertainties, unfairness and unintended consequences for property owners arising out of provisions relating to winding-up petitions, the moratorium, termination clauses in supply contracts and arrangements for companies in financial difficulty. Click [here](#) for a copy of the PLA's questions.

### PLA in the News

#### EG news story: PLA/PBA secure rethink on 'licence to trespass' during pandemic.

The PLA and PBA have successfully secured a rewrite of the court direction that effectively prevented the eviction of squatters from property during the Covid-19 pandemic. They jointly wrote to the Master of the Rolls seeking clarification and, in response, the Practice Direction has been amended to exclude possession claims against "persons unknown" who are trespassing on property, which could include travellers,

Given the success of the event, a second Quarantine Quiz was run on Thursday 21 May 2020.

## Speakers' Corner

### Tristan Salter and Tiernan Fitzgibbon (Five Paper) – Guaranteeing enforcement of guarantees

Tristan Salter and Tiernan Fitzgibbon consider the recent decision of *Signature Living Hotel Limited v (1) Sulyok & (2) Cocarla* [2020] EWHC 257 (Ch).

Click [here](#) to read the article.



## Event

### 1954 ACT LEASE RENEWALS: How the Court Decides the Terms of the New Lease

This webinar from [Matthew Hall](#) and [Geraint Wheatley](#) of Kings Chambers is designed to be a practical guide to the basis upon which the Court sets the terms of new business leases upon renewal under the 1954 Act. The webinar will be held on **Wednesday 10 June 2020 4-5pm**.

protestors or others squatting in commercial or residential property who are not known to the owner.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

## PLA in the News

### EG article: How are the Law Commission's proposals on leasehold enfranchisement affecting the market? By Natasha Rees

The Property Litigation Association has been instrumental in providing a comprehensive response to the Law Commission's consultation on making enfranchisement easier, quicker and cheaper. Natasha Rees, a member of the PLA's law reform committee, teamed up with Charlie Coombs of Gerald Eve and Henrietta Hammonds of Beckett and Kay to consider the main proposals and to address some of the more common questions vexing landlords and tenants.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

Click [here](#) for more information and to book.



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## Speakers' Corner - Covid-19

Due to the large number of articles submitted for Speakers' Corner around the subject of Covid-19, we will be sending a summary of these in a special Speakers' Corner - Covid-19 mailing to follow after this issue of the PLA Post.

## Member profiles

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## Diary

**Wednesday 10 June 2020** *via Zoom* - [1954 ACT LEASE RENEWALS: How the Court Decides the Terms of the New Lease](#)

**Tuesday 22 September 2020** - *Leeds* - [North JPLA: Exchange Chambers - Challenges Facing the High Street](#)

**Wednesday 23 September 2020** - *Manchester* - [North JPLA: Exchange Chambers - Challenges Facing the High Street](#)

**Thursday 24 September 2020** - *London* - **Joint PLA/PBA Summer Party 2020 CANCELLED**

**Friday 2 October 2020** - *Oxford* - [2020 PLA Annual Conference](#)

**Thursday 12 November 2020** - *London* - **PLA Autumn Training Day SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday 19 November 2020** - London - PLA Annual Dinner SAVE THE DATE



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