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Blog

Blog from Mathew Ditchburn, Chair of the PLA

This is my first blog as chair of the Property Litigation Association. I must begin by thanking my predecessor, Gary Lawrenson, for his service this past year as PLA chair. Gary's enthusiasm, encouragement and relentless positivity have seen us through the darkest days of the COVID-19 pandemic and not only survive but thrive. [Read more](#)

[EG: Ditchburn takes chair at PLA](#)



Event

PLA 2021 Autumn Training Day

The PLA 2021 Autumn Training Day took place as a hybrid event on 17 November.

Click [here](#) to watch the livestream recording.

News

Comments and submissions on the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill from PLA & PBA

The PLA and PBA have both provided submissions to the Government committee on the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill. Click [here](#) read the submissions.



PLA in the News

The EG Interview: New PLA chair Mathew Ditchburn on the task ahead in 2022

“On taking the reins as chair of the Property Litigation Association, the professional body that represents



News

Meaningful appointed as new PLA PR agency

The PLA has appointed PR and communications specialist [Meaningful](#) to advise on a broad communications remit including media relations, wider stakeholder relations and assisting in positioning and message development. Paul Browne, managing director of Meaningful said, “It’s a great privilege to be working with the PLA. The organisation does really valuable work for its members and the wider legal profession, and we are looking forward to playing our part in making sure the PLA is well-positioned to make a difference for litigators and the clients they represent.”



Blog

Back to the basics - Insolvency and Rights of Light: Blog by Kim Clifford on behalf of the JPLA Committee

On 4 November 2021, the JPLA were delighted to host a junior “nuts

1,400 of his peers, last month Mathew Ditchburn proclaimed there has been “no more important time in recent memory to be a property litigator”...[Read more](#)

PLA in the News

EG: A call for reform in the Landlord and Tenant Act

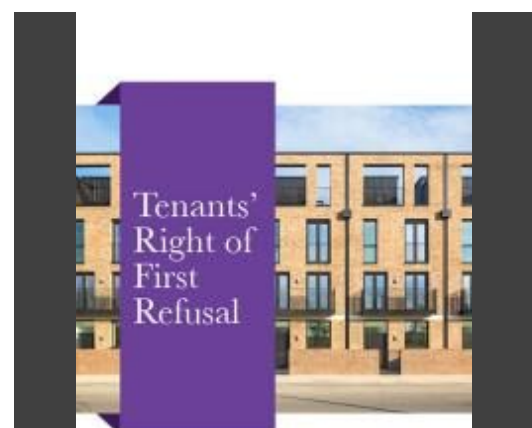
Law Reform Committee member, Paul Tonkin’ sets out the case for arguably long-overdue reform of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 Act, especially in an era of increased mixed use building and development. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Events

Recent webinar recordings

[Break clauses in commercial leases – pain relief! – webinar recording](#)

[Rowland v Blades: Holiday homes and rebutting the presumption of joint ownership – webinar recording](#)



and bolts” training session with Evie Barden of Landmark Chambers and Kester Lees and Michael Ranson of Falcon Chambers. Both sessions were 45 minutes in length (quite a challenge given the size of the topics!) and attendees were also given the opportunity to ask any questions in advance and live in the session. [Read more](#)

PLA in the News

The Times: The tenancies bill could create more problems than it solves

Law Reform Committee Chair, Peter Bourke, comments on the reform of the law of forfeiture following the recent PLA survey which showed members had little support for the draft bill. [Click here](#) to read the article.



Membership renewal

The new PLA membership year started on 1st September which means that invoices for the subscription fee of £90 are on the way.

A new membership benefit is that your subscription will automatically entitle you to free access to the PLA's livestream training events and after the event recordings throughout the year.

We are moving towards a system of online payments and there will be a link included in your invoice which will take you to a secure online payment platform.



Book review

Tenants' Right of First Refusal

LexisNexis fourth edition of Anthony Radevsky and Wayne Clark's (Falcon Chambers) [Tenants' Right of First Refusal](#) is the "most authoritative text on the subject by some distance – invaluable to all practising in the area", Mark Reading, PLA Website & Marketing Committee Chair.

Directions/Protocols

New edition of Guide to Business and Property Work at Central London

His Honour Judge Johns QC at the HM Courts and Tribunals Services has provided the new edition of the [Guide to Business and Property Work at Central London](#) be circulated to PLA members.

Prompt payment is always appreciated as this helps save on the cost of overheads and will ensure that your membership fee is put to better use than sending out reminders!

If you have any questions regarding your membership or payment, please do get in contact with Jo by emailing admin@pla.org.uk.



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