



THE e-REPORT

CITY OF WESTMINSTER AND HOLBORN LAW SOCIETY NEWS

In This Issue

[Nigel Mayhew Memorial Lecture](#)

[Society's AGM & Dinner](#)

[Law Society launches insurance helpline](#)

[Wig & Pen Prize nomination deadline looming](#)

[Forthcoming Events](#)

Quick Links

[CW HLS Web Site](#)

[Law Society Web Site](#)

[SRA Web Site](#)

Issue: 6

September 2009

It looks like Autumn is upon us, as the weather once more becomes unpredictable, and umbrellas become essential accessories. I do hope you managed a break over the summer.



This issue of the e-Report gives details of the forthcoming Nigel Mayhew Memorial Lecture, which will be given by Robert Lewis of Radcliffe Chambers. The lecture commemorates the life of our former colleague, Nigel Mayhew, who was for a number of years Chair of the Society's Education and Training committee. For me, however, Nigel will forever be the nice lawyer on the other side (at the Department for Transport) in one of my first post-qualification cases. I hope you will join us in our mark of respect, and come along to the lecture to find out about the influence of human rights on town and country planning.

Our Annual General Meeting, next month, will mark the end of my year as President. Time has really flown by, and it seems like only yesterday that I was planning what I wanted to achieve this year. I hope the introduction of these e-Report e-mails has gone a long way to keeping you in touch with what we're doing on your behalf. We didn't quite manage the number of networking events I had hoped for, but I know my successor is equally as keen to make those happen. If you have any other ideas for things the Society can do for you, please drop a line to our Administrator.

As always, if you enjoy the e-Report, please do feel free to forward on your copy to others who you think may also enjoy it, using this link (which allows them to sign up for their own copy):

 Forward to a Friend

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian A. Barham
President

[Nigel Mayhew Memorial Lecture](#)

Nigel Mayhew Memorial Lecture

We are once again holding our annual lecture in memory of Nigel Mayhew who died on 8th March 2007 following a short illness. Nigel Mayhew, who served on the Society's Main Committee for many years, chaired the Education and Training Committee from 1998 and was responsible for the Society's lecture programme.



Nigel attended Exeter University where he obtained an LLB and he subsequently did a Master's in Planning Law at University College London. After serving his articles with Norton Rose, he joined the Government Legal Service. He started in the then Department of the Environment in 1988 where, apart from a short period doing environmental law, his first ten years were devoted to planning law work, which was always to be his favourite branch of the law.

It is fitting, therefore, that our memorial lecture is on the subject of planning law and, in particular, the influence of human rights on town and country planning. The lecture will be given by Robert Lewis of Radcliffe Chambers.

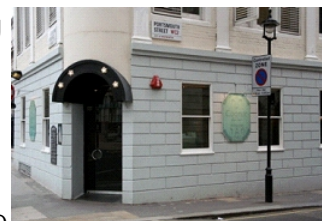
Robert Lewis qualified as a solicitor in 1977 before being called to the Bar in 1996. He practises in the fields of planning, environmental, highways, compulsory purchase and general local government law. He has a wide-ranging practice, advising and acting for planning authorities, developers, financial bodies and local residents in relation to planning matters including appearing at planning appeal and other inquiries, in court and the Lands Tribunal. Human Rights are an important aspect of his practice.

[Book a ticket for the lecture](#)

Society's Annual General Meeting & Dinner

The Society's Annual General Meeting will once again be held at The Law Society on Chancery Lane, this year on Tuesday 13th October at 6.15pm.

Notice of the meeting has been given on the Society's web site and with the September / October edition of the Report. It can be downloaded [here](#).



As always, the AGM marks the end of one Presidential year and the commencement of the next. It is also the point at which new members are elected to the main Committee of the Society. If you are interested in playing a greater role in your Society, either on the main Committee or on one of the specialist sub-committees, please contact us at admin@cwhls.org.uk

The AGM will be followed by an informal dinner at Coopers Restaurant on the South side of Lincoln's Inn Fields, and all members are cordially invited to attend. Tickets cost £40 each (which includes wine) and are available from the Society's Administrator.

[Book dinner tickets](#)

Law Society launches insurance helpline

The Law Society has launched a new dedicated helpline to provide information to firms facing difficulties obtaining quotes for professional indemnity insurance (PII).

This free helpline has been set up to support solicitors in the lead up to the renewal period of professional indemnity insurance and to answer other general PII questions.



The move comes as some solicitors face difficulties in obtaining cover and a significant increase in the cost of that cover, due to the increased threat of negligence cases arising from the recession.

Law Society Chief Executive, Desmond Hudson, said, "*The Law Society is anxious to assist members who are facing difficulties obtaining PI cover. Small practices and practices that specialise in high risk areas, such as conveyancing are experiencing particular difficulties, which has prompted the Law Society to create a suite of advice products for solicitors and address some of the issues surrounding Professional Indemnity Insurance.*"

The helpline is free and available to all firms and will be especially helpful for those encountering problems obtaining a quote for professional indemnity insurance.

The helpline - on 0207 320 9545 - is open 08.00-18.00 Monday-Friday. Alternatively you can e-mail PII@lawsociety.org.uk

PII@lawsociety.org.uk

Wig & Pen Prize nomination deadline looming

Nominations for the 2009 Wig & Pen Prize, which is offered by the City of Westminster and Holborn Law Society and City of London Law Society to students, trainee solicitors and solicitors up to five years qualified involved in pro-bono initiatives, close at the end of this week.



The Wig & Pen prize - a silver quill and ink stand - is awarded as part of the Law Society Junior Lawyers Division's Pro Bono Awards, and provides an opportunity for this Society to give public recognition to the invaluable pro bono work undertaken by Junior lawyers in our area. The prize will be awarded at a ceremony at the Law Society on Thursday 12th November, as part of National Pro Bono Week.

Nominations for projects undertaken by individuals between 20th September 2008 and 11th September 2009 **will close this Friday, 18th September 2009.**

[Download nomination form](#)

Forthcoming Events

September

Wednesday 30th

Lecture - Nigel Mayhew Memorial Lecture

Robert Lewis of Radcliffe Chambers talks about the influence of human rights on town and country planning. (1 hour CPD)

October

Tuesday 13th

Annual General Meeting & Informal Dinner

The Society's Annual General Meeting, held at The Law

The Society's Annual General Meeting, held at The Law Society on Chancery Lane, at 6.15pm. Followed by an informal dinner at Coopers Restaurant, Lincoln's Inn Fields. (Tickets £40 each)

Monday 26th

Lecture - Costs Update

Costs Master Campbell talks about topical costs issues, including the recent case on terminating retainers. (1 hour CPD)

[More information & booking forms](#)

How to Contact Us

Administrator: Mrs Elizabeth Beesley

Phone / Fax: 020 8209 1039 **E-mail:** admin@cwhls.org.uk

City of Westminster & Holborn Law Society

A company limited by guarantee

Registered in England and Wales number 5467334

Registered office: 25 Rotherwick Road, London NW11 7DG