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Notice of LAPG's AGM – 7 June 2022



We would like to invite all LAPG members to our Annual General Meeting on 7 June 2022, from 13.00-13.30 on Zoom. The Agenda will cover:

- Minutes of and matters arising from the Annual General Meeting held on 24

February 2021

- Co-Chairs' report
- Treasurer's report and presentation of the 2020 Audited Accounts
- Director's report
- Election of the Board of Directors
- Any other proper business of the Annual General Meeting

If you would like to attend this online meeting, which will review our work over 2021/22 and our plans for the future, please use the joining instructions below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83259820317?pwd=wEBT004NWt0apwL5PY0Ymbc6o9w45f.1>

Meeting ID: 832 5982 0317

Passcode: 352361

Members are welcome to contact us if they are interested in supporting LAPG by applying to become a member of either our Board of Directors (which is responsible for governance) or our Advisory Committee (which contributes to a wide range of our policy, training and influencing activities). If you would like to know more about these two groups and how they support our work, [please get in touch](#).

Crime news: duty rotas under 2022 crime contract and verification

From the LAA 17 May 2022:

Requests are being sent through the tender message board asking for duty solicitor details to be returned by 31 May 2022 so we can prepare the October rotas.

We are contacting providers to request duty solicitor details are returned to us so we can start building rotas starting on 1 October 2022.

Duty solicitor CRM12 forms

All providers who engaged with the verification process will receive a CRM12 form to complete together with confirmation of whether they have finished verification.

Deadline change to 31 May



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All forms need to be completed with duty solicitor details and returned by 11.59pm on 31 May 2022. This is a change from the deadline given in the 'Information for Applicants' document.

Verification

The majority of providers hearing from us will be told that they have completed verification. If you are told that you have not completed verification, then we will continue to work with you.

The aim will be to help you to complete verification for the earliest rota possible. Most providers in this position should still be able to join the October rota.

Details of the outstanding requirements will be sent shortly to relevant providers after all forms are sent out through the message boards.

Verification deadline

A small number of providers, who did not provide any verification information by the deadline, will be contacted. We will explain that they will be unable to join the October rota but that we will work with them if they still wish to participate in the process. The aim will be to help them join the next rota starting in January 2023.

Timing of message board requests

If you have not received a message by close of play on 20 May 2022 you should contact us through the tender message board.

Further information

[Crime contract 2022 tender](#)
[Standard Crime Contract 2022](#)

Notice of extension to the 2018 Standard Civil Contract to 31 August 2023

In LAPG Update 9 (12 April 2022) we passed on news from the LAA that they were notifying providers of an extension to the 2018 Civil Contract to 31 August 2023. The LAA informed us that all providers had been notified but a number of members got in touch to say that they had not heard from the LAA. One provider clarified to us recently that the LAA now intends to notify all providers by the end of May 2022. If you are concerned that you are yet to receive notification from the LAA please get in touch with your

Guidance
Standard civil contract 2018

The 2018 Standard Civil Contract governs the provision of face-to-face legal aid services in all civil categories.

EHRC survey on the Legal Support Scheme service



Last year the EHRC launched a landmark fund to help victims of race discrimination access justice – part of their long-standing [Legal Support Scheme](#).

Legal practitioners can still apply for funding towards their clients' cases.

To increase applications, and reach more claimants in need of help, the EHRC is keen to understand your awareness and experience of the fund and they are asking practitioners to answer a few short questions to help them plan future activities around the fund.

[Please complete the survey here](#)

Law Society survey on criminal law as a long term career option



As part of their ongoing campaign about reforming criminal legal aid and the Criminal Legal Aid Review, The Law Society has launched a short survey aimed at junior practitioners, asking their views on criminal law as a long term career option. Please circulate this survey as widely as possible within your organisation and across your local networks:

<https://email.lawsociety.org.uk/s/03d11771450fe5853bb4ab7b8fd0410012a5992b>

Sector News and Events

PLP event: How to do Judicial Review – 14 June 2022



An intensive one-day, in-person course covering the basics of judicial review from introductory principles and grounds, to the practical steps in a JR claim, funding, costs, interventions and finishing with an interactive case study.

Who this event is for:

- Junior and trainee lawyers, advisers, advocates and anyone likely to be involved in judicial review claims, especially those representing or advising marginalised groups
- Anyone responsible for legal policy in NGOs or Government, or those tasked with Government decision making
- Those working in campaigning organisations with a legal strategy

Please note that this is an in-person event, delivered at Allen and Overy's office in London.

[Further information and booking process here](#)

LAPG Training & Support

The LAPG Certificate in Practice Management



Register for the entire 5-session course, or book for the sessions that best meet your training needs

We have now opened the booking process for the full CPM course. At just £499 for LAPG Members (£649 for non-members) this course is incredible value for legal aid practitioners. We are able to heavily discount this course thanks to the generous support of The Legal Education Foundation and the Community Justice Fund. Each sessions can be attended as a discrete training course. Or you can work towards the full Certificate over a number of years by attending sessions that span more than one course.

Focussed primarily on the needs of managers and supervisors in private practice, the LAPG CPM covers key strategic and management issues over

5 full-day online workshops:

Please note that the course dates have changes from previous LAPG updates

- 6 June 2022 - Session 1: Time Management & Strategic Planning [BOOK HERE](#)
- 14 July 2022 - Session 2: Financial Management [BOOK HERE](#)
- 8 September 2022 - Session 3: People Management [BOOK HERE](#)
- 6 October 2022 - Session 4: Policies and Compliance (including Diversity and Inclusion) [BOOK HERE](#)
- 3 November 2022 - Session 5: Communications (a.m.) & Legal Aid Contracting (p.m.) [BOOK HERE](#)

More information about this course is [available on our website here](#).

A recent graduate of the 2021 CPM course said:

"I would highly recommend the LAPG Certificate in Practice Management course for all partners and managers in legal aid firms. It is the only law management course I know of aimed exclusively at helping legal aid firms to manage their businesses – good management is so essential for delivering access to justice to all. The course is full of practical tips and over 5 sessions gives you get a very good overview of all the key aspects of running a legal aid practice."

Managing Partner of a large legal aid firm

If you would like to know more about this course, or to reserve your place, contact [Andrea Shumaker](#).

Supervision Courses and Introduction to Legal Aid online training module



Supervision Courses

Our next online Supervision Course takes place on 10 and 17 June 2022. Designed for new LAA Supervisors or those wishing to refresh their supervisory skills. Our course helps you meet a key component in securing and then effectively operating your legal aid contract and meeting the

LAA's supervisor standards.

[JUNE 2022 COURSE - BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE](#)

We have also scheduled two Supervision Courses for 25 August 2022 and 12 September 2022. We have reformatted the course so that we are covering all of the same content across one day rather than two days. These course have been scheduled in August and September to ensure there is capacity to meet any additional training needs for crime practitioners who need to confirm their supervisor status ahead of the commencement of the next Crime Contract. However the content is relevant for both crime and civil practitioners.

[AUGUST 2022 COURSE - BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE](#)

[SEPTEMBER 2022 COURSE - BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE](#)

Online Introduction to Civil Legal Aid Course

The Civil Legal Aid scheme is incredibly complex and the consequences of getting something wrong can be damaging to a client's case or financially damaging to the organisation doing the work – sometimes both. We have therefore developed the first module in a series which provides a general introduction to the civil legal aid scheme aimed at trainees, paralegals, junior lawyers and those that wish to refresh their knowledge having worked in the sector for some time.

To subscribe for just £99 please email [Anna Neira Quesada](mailto:Anna.Neira@lapg.org.uk).



2022 LAPG Membership

A huge thank you to all of the organisations that have renewed membership for 2022. Your support ensures that we can maintain a strong and independent voice to advocate for legal aid practitioners and access to justice at the highest levels of political influencing and push for operational improvements to the legal aid scheme with the LAA.

LAPG Membership runs from January to December so there is still time to refresh your LAPG Member status.

Number of fee earners	Standard Fee
1 – 5 fee earners	£175.00
6 – 10 fee earners	£265.00
11 – 20 fee earners	£380.00
21 – 30 fee earners	£520.00
31 – 50 fee earners	£605.00
51+ fee earners	£700.00
Non-contract holding rate	£315.00

To download the membership renewal form or for more information on the renewal process please [visit the Membership page of our website](#).

If you have any queries about LAPG membership or the renewal process, please contact our ever-helpful Operations Officer, [Anna Neira Quesada](#).

Please look out for two more Updates over the course of the next week or so. We plan to release our draft consultation responses on both the Means Test Review and Criminal Legal Aid Review proposals for your comments and feedback. We will also be announcing the shortlist for this year's Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year awards. Once again we were bowled away, and not a little humbled, by the quality of the nominations and by the incredible, life-changing impact of the work being carried out across the sector. Watch this space for more details!

Take care one and all,

Chris Minnoch, CEO [@ChrisLAPG](#)

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Would you like to contribute to our Member Updates and share news and information with other members? If so, just email us and we can discuss how you can best contribute.

Thank you for being brave enough to be part of the LAPG community!

LEGAL AID LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



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