

# DONCASTER AND DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY

SPRING/SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

---

ISSUE 1 FOR DONCASTER AND DISTRICT LAWYERS

---

## MARCH: ANNUAL LAW SOCIETY BALL 2018



In March the Society held another successful and well recieved Annual Ball at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park - despite the weather! Sarah Theide, Social Officer, who organised the ball commented "in my first year as Social Officer for Doncaster Law Society, I knew that organising the Annual Ball would be a mighty task. I was so pleased with the amazing response of our members and supporters, particularly given the unseasonal snow!

It was fantastic to see that despite these conditions, we had a sell out event and a night to remember." We are very grateful to all of the guests who attended, the live performer, Alexandra Parker, our guest speaker, Laura Cassidy and to the Doncaster Law Society President and Commitee for making the night such a huge success. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

### WHAT'S IN STORE THIS YEAR

- 27.09.18 AGM: 12 noon at the Mecure Hotel

### EVENTS TO KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR

- August - President's Coffee Morning
- September - DDLS Quiz Night
- November - Quiz Night in aid of the Access to Justice Foundation
- December - DDLS Christmas Social and Wreath Making Workshop

### UPCOMING TRAINING

- 12.07.18: Criminal Law Update by St Johns Building

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram: doncasterlawsociety
- Twitter: @doncasterlawsoc
- Facebook: Doncaster Law Society

## Promoting awareness of oesophageal cancer

### THE PRESIDENT'S CHOSEN CHARITY: OCHRE

Ochre promotes awareness of oesophageal cancer and raises funds for new research and treatment. President Sarah Naylor said that she chose the charity as "not many people realise that it is one of the most common cancers" and she has a close family member currently battling the disease. To find out more visit: [www.ochrecharity.org.uk](http://www.ochrecharity.org.uk)



### IN THE NEWS...

- The Civil Liability Bill had its first reading in the House of Commons on 27 June. The latest version of the Bill can be read here: <https://bit.ly/2yThOrl>
- The Law Society are campaigning to bring back Legal Aid for early advice. Join the Thunderclap here: <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/70708-legal-aid-for-early-advice>
- On 27 June the Supreme Court found that a couple's rights under the ECHR had been breached by not allowing them to enter into a Civil Partnership.

### JUNE: ROUNDERS AND THE LABYRINTH CHALLENGE

The month of June was an athletic one with members of Doncaster Law Society taking part in a friendly game of rounders and members from Malcolm C Foy and Quality Solicitors Jordans taking on the giant inflatables in the Labyrinth Challenge at Doncaster Racecourse. The Rounders was a fierce contest between Malcolm C Foy and Keebles LLP which saw Keebles LLP take home the trophy!







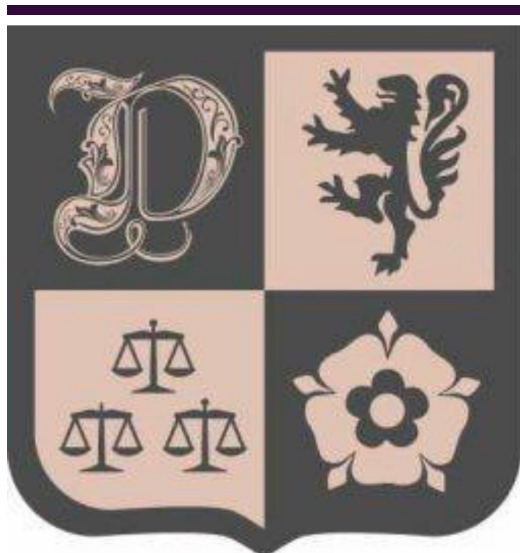
## HUMAN RIGHTS ACT CLAIMS AND CARE PROCEEDINGS: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND AW V THE LORD CHANCELLOR

The Judgment of Mr Justice Francis in the case of Northamptonshire County Council and AW v The Lord Chancellor has made fundamental amendments which now means that, if guidance is followed, the Legal Aid Agency should no longer apply the statutory charge that arises from care proceedings to Human Rights Act damages thus, allowing the wronged person to be in full receipt of their damages. Angela Sandhal, Public Law and Human Rights Solicitor at Atherton Godfrey LLP, and Membership Officer at DDLS acted for the second applicant and said of the case: "The case

marks a significant shift in the position of the Legal Aid Agency which previously had applied different approaches in different cases, posing a great deal of difficulty for solicitors seeking to advise their clients. The guidance now in the public domain is clear that the statutory charge will not be applied in freestanding claims brought alongside the care proceedings".

You can read the Judgment here:

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Fam/2018/1628.html>



## NEW SUBSCRIPTION SYSTEM

For new members we now operate a pro-rata fee system depending on the point of year they join the society. This means that new members can join all year round and will pay a discounted rate before the next annual subscription is due! If you know anyone who would like to become a member, direct them to the website for more info on subscription fees and how to join <https://doncasterlawsociety.com/contact-us/join-us/>



## CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Do you have any legal news from your area of expertise? Either local or national? Contact us via social media so that we can feature your comments in the next issue!



## MAY: QUIZ NIGHT

Another fantastic Quiz Night was held on Wednesday 16 May at Lockwood's Gin Bar. As always, there was lots of friendly competition - especially so as a new champion was crowned. The Whingers from Dawson and Burgess took home the trophy! Thank you to everyone who took part. We hope to see lots of you there again next time!

## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: SARAH NAYLOR

What would you be if you weren't a lawyer?

I would own my own Cafe serving amazing coffee and yummy food, as I love to cook in my spare time. I'm vegan which is still considered a bit unusual, though awareness of it is definitely on the rise - you know something is becoming trendy when Beyonce and Jay Z do it!

Where do you work and what do you do?

I am a partner at Atherton Godfrey LLP and am Head of the Commercial & Property Department. My areas of practice are Employment Law and Dispute Resolution.

What made you want a career in Law?

My older cousin did a Law Degree and used to tell me about the things she was studying. I think from about the age of 15 I always thought I would go into law and become a solicitor.

Tell us about your role on the Committee?

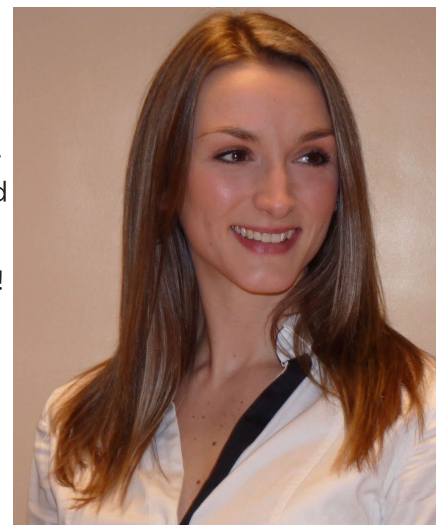
I became Junior Vice President of the Committee 4 years ago at a time when the society almost closed due to lack of participation. I attended a really great AGM where a number of local firms made a passionate plea for the society to be reinvigorated. 2 years later I became President and have thoroughly enjoyed holding the position so far!

Tell us an interesting fact about you?

I'm a very sporty person and I have played Basketball since I was around 6/7 as both my parents played. I was first selected to play for England when I was 14 and continued to play until I was 19. I then moved into the Great Britain team as a senior and had the honour of gaining many caps playing for them. I was part of the London 2012 Olympic squad but just missed the cut for the final 12!

Why do you think #DoncasterIsGreat?

I think many people underestimate Doncaster. I have lived here all my life and feel that we have a lot to offer. We are a historic and powerful town with many great things to our name. We have many things to be proud of and I feel that we are only growing stronger.



## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For more DDLS news visit: <https://doncasterlawsociety.com/>