



The Law Society

The Lawyer of the Future

Speakers:

Dame Janet Gaymer, former Senior Partner of
Simmons & Simmons and Chris Saul,
Senior Partner, Slaughter and May

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8.00 - 10.00am



legal
breakfast series

Venue: Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, 65 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1HS

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This is the fourteenth in a series of legal breakfasts being held by the Law Society to explore the business of law in the new legal services landscape.

In its first year, the legal breakfast series established itself as the leading forum for developing new thinking about the regulatory framework in which law firms do business. The events in 2009-10 examined the opportunities to be found in this post-Legal Services Act environment for the creation of successful business models and strategies for competitiveness in a globalised market for legal services.

The legal breakfast series in 2010-2011 examines the challenges facing the law firm of the future, exploring issues such as law firm management, strategy and valuation, legal education and career progression and the global marketplace.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 am with networking and breakfast until speakers begin at 8.30am. After hearing from the speakers there will be an open debate, under the Chatham House rule, with contributions from delegates.

Speakers

Dame Janet Gaymer is an eminent employment lawyer with both public and private sector experience.

She is currently co chairing the review of the legal education and training requirements of individuals and entities delivering legal services commissioned by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA), the Bar Standards Board (BSB) and the Institute of Legal Executives Professional Standards (IPS). She is one of the independent lay members of the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority and a member of the Board of the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Between 2006 and 2010, she was the Commissioner for Public Appointments in England and Wales and a Civil Service Commissioner. During the previous five years she was the Senior Partner of Simmons & Simmons.

Chris Saul is the Senior Partner of Slaughter and May. He specializes in general corporate work - including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and commercial contracts - private equity and securities transactions.

Throughout his career at Slaughter and May he has been involved in varying kinds of corporate and securities transactions. He has advised on transactions for a range of clients including Unilever, GE, Akzo Nobel, Talisman, First Reserve Corporation, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley.

Chris is listed as a leading individual in both the Capital Markets: Equity and Corporate/M&A: High-end Capability sections of *Chambers UK, 2011* and is listed for Corporate/M&A in *Chambers Europe, 2011*. He is also mentioned for Corporate/M&A and Capital Markets: Equity in *Chambers Global, 2011*.

Issues

- Does the current legal education and training model meet the needs of modern commercial law firms? How will it change? Who will pay for it? How does it compare to international standards of legal education?
- What do current trends in practice development tell us about the role of the lawyer in the longer term? Will lawyers be technical advisers, commercial advisers or both? What about risk management? Project management?
- Is the current model of on-the-job training sustainable in the long term, particularly in the context of increased legal process outsourcing and increased client demand to reform billing models?
- Who should be regarded as a lawyer and will the nature of reserved and non-reserved work change over time?
- Will equality and diversity policies and measures aimed at broadening access to legal education have an impact on the future balance of the profession?



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Who should attend?

- Senior partners, managing partners and practice directors in top 100 law firms
- Banks, venture capital funds and other potential investors
- General counsel and leaders of in-house teams for FTSE100 companies
- Parliamentary spokespeople and senior government officials
- Non-lawyer practice managers and senior practitioners in related professions
- Academics
- Others with an interest in the future development of legal business.

The Law Society's legal breakfast series

This series of discussion events brings together business leaders from the legal profession with potential partners, investors, policy-makers and high-profile speakers to debate the construction of a successful and sustainable legal business sector for the 21st century. The events contribute to an emerging understanding of the public policy and business strategies required for growth in the legal services sector and inform the Law Society's position as the voice of the profession.

The events consider the commercial structures, regulatory environment and global economic framework within which legal business will operate. For more information, e-mail legalbreakfast@lawsociety.org.uk.

After each event, a webcast of the speakers is made available to view at www.lawsociety.org.uk/legalbreakfast. A summary of the proceedings is also posted on the website.