



Improve your advocacy skills

Join the Advocacy Section. This rapidly growing membership community for civil and criminal solicitor advocates will give you the knowledge, skills and information you need to be a successful advocate and prepare for assessment under QASA.





Support to help you succeed

Ensure you have the support you need to stay at the forefront of advocacy and to deal with the challenges faced by solicitor advocates. Our Advocacy Section training programme can help civil, family and criminal advocates to compete successfully with other professional advocates and meet the challenges of daily practice.

We support criminal advocates who, in particular, require preparation for compulsory assessment under QASA. Rolling out in three phases from January 2013, QASA brings new requirements and obligations. Non-compliance with QASA could lead to a regulatory offence.

Find out how the Law Society can support you through these changes. Join the Advocacy Section today.

The Advocacy Section provides guidance, information, and training as well as networking opportunities on a circuit and national level. It was developed in response to feedback from solicitor advocates, and aims to provide support equivalent to that delivered by Inns of Court, creating a supportive community of peers and judges.

Who can join

Advocacy Section membership is open to all solicitors and paralegals employed by solicitor advocates.

How to join

Complete and return the membership form on this leaflet with your payment. You can also download an application form from www.lawsociety.org.uk/advocacy.

Develop your advocacy skills

Criminal advocacy courses

During 2012, the Advocacy Section ran successful pilot criminal advocacy courses pitched at a level equivalent to QASA level 2/Higher Rights. More are planned for 2013. If you are interested in taking part, register your interest by emailing zara.douglas@lawsociety.org.uk. Please remember to quote '**Criminal Advocacy**' in your subject line. Let us know your location and we'll do our best to run a course near you.

Family advocacy courses

In November 2012 we are running foundation family advocacy courses. More are planned for 2013. Register your interest by emailing zara.douglas@lawsociety.org.uk. Please remember to quote '**Family Advocacy**' in your subject line. Let us know your location and we'll do our best to run a course near you.

Membership benefits

Your Advocacy Section membership benefits supplement the support already available to you as a member of the Law Society. Just £100 a year gives you:

- Four webinars worth £140 and accredited for four hours CPD. 2013 webinars include*:
 - Case Construction on 24 January 2013
 - Defence statements (date TBC)
 - Obtaining QASA (date TBC)
 - Top Ten Tips for Mitigation (date TBC)
- Networking events – including 'Coping with QASA' events from January 2013 in London and through England and Wales in line with QASA roll out
- Advocacy Update – a quarterly email featuring news and information from the world of advocacy
- Discounted advocacy training
- An online community just for solicitor advocates (coming in 2013)
- Discounts on related Law Society Publishing books.

*Webinar topics and dates can be subject to change

99%
of delegates

agreed that the 2012
criminal advocacy training
would help them to do
their job better**

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Advocacy Section membership form 2013

To join, please complete the following:

Title: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____

Roll number (if applicable): _____ (number given on practising certificate)

Firm: _____ Address: _____

Postcode: _____ DX: _____

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Status:

- ☐ Holder of higher court rights of audience
- ☐ Advocacy practitioner
- ☐ Supervisor of advocates
- ☐ Solicitors
- ☐ Paralegals employed by solicitors with higher rights of audience
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Type of practice:

- ☐ Sole practitioner
- ☐ 2-4 partner firm
- ☐ 5-10 partner firm
- ☐ 11-19 partner firm
- ☐ 20 plus partner firm
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Areas of interest:

- ☐ Criminal advocacy
- ☐ Civil advocacy
- ☐ Family and Children advocacy
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

- ☐ I enclose a cheque payable to 'The Law Society', for 2013 membership or
- ☐ BACS payment - A/C number: 80567493, Sort Code: 20-32-29. Please e-mail advocacysection@lawsociety.org.uk informing them of the payment and giving the code: PD35-LL119-ADVMEM and
- ☐ For future yearly renewals please complete and return the Direct Debit mandate overleaf.

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Membership fees until January 2014 (please check the fee for the number of members required)

Fee per individual member		Total fee per firm	Fee per individual member		Total fee per firm
1st	£100.00	£100.00	7th	£70.00	£570.00
2nd	£100.00	£200.00	8th	£70.00	£640.00
3rd	£80.00	£280.00	9th	£70.00	£710.00
4th	£80.00	£360.00	10th	£70.00	£780.00
5th	£70.00	£430.00	11th	£50.00	£830.00
6th	£70.00	£500.00	12+ add £50 per additional member		

More information: www.lawsociety.org.uk/advocacy, advocacysection@lawsociety.org.uk or 0207 320 5995.

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