

# Best Practice Programme



The Law Society

## New Solicitor's Code of Conduct – Everything you need to know

A radically simpler and clearer set of professional conduct rules for solicitors will come into force during the first half of 2007. The new rules bring together all the previous sources of professional conduct into a single code.

Written in plain English to benefit both solicitors and clients, they include a set of core duties, such as integrity, independence and the best interests of clients, which form the framework for the rest of the rules.

### This seminar will outline:

- The core duties and how they affect you and your practice.
- The responsibilities and obligations of every solicitor.
- Key changes on client relations, conflict of interest, client confidentiality, supervision and management.

### Who should attend?

- All solicitors in private practice who will need to understand the code.
- Any solicitor responsible for designing and maintaining compliance systems within their firm.

### Dates and Venues :

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> April Cardiff  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> April Shrewsbury  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> April Manchester  
Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May Cambridge  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May Sheffield  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> June London

### Speakers:

**Dr Heather Stewart MBA, Solicitor**  
**Simon Young, Law Society Council Member for the LMS**

**Cost:** £80.00 + VAT (Total £94.00)

**CPD:** 2 Hours

**Details:** All seminars run from 4.30 – 6.30pm (registration from 4pm).  
Full details of the venue and a VAT receipt will be sent prior to the event.

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Dr Heather Stewart MBA**

Heather is a solicitor with considerable experience of private practice at partner level and is now a consultant with Otterburn Legal Consulting undertaking project work for firms and both in house and external training on a wide range of practice management issues. She was principal consultant to the Law Society in the production of "Practice Excellence" – a series of CD ROMs on client service published by the Law Society in 2001. Her book, Excellent Client Service – strategies for success which aims to help practitioners design their services to meet client needs and deliver profits, was published by Law Society Publishing in 2003.

### **Simon Young**

Simon is the Law Society Council member for the LMS and former Managing Partner of an 11 partner West Country firm. He is now a freelance consultant, trainer and author within the legal profession and also acts as Head of LawGroup UK. He has written broadly on management topics, especially on issues of risk and quality management, and has just completed a book for Law Society Publishing on management techniques for new partners. A speciality is partnerships and he has written Tolley's Limited Liability Partnership Handbook (together with standard precedents for LLPs) and is currently re-writing the Partnership title of the Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents. As the Section's representative on the Council of the Law Society, he is involved with such bodies as the Standards Board, which is intimately concerned with current efforts to modernise the profession's rulebook, and the editorial panel which produces the annual guide to software suppliers to the profession.

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