

## Spring Seminar Series

### March 2010

Following the success of the 2009 seminar series, we are delighted to announce the first in this year's events.

The seminar series, running throughout **March** at **The Venue** (former Christophe's restaurant), will cover a range of subjects focusing on the **construction** and **property** sectors. The seminars will be hosted by a panel made up of Collas Day lawyers, together with local and UK experts.

All seminars are free of charge and details can be found below. To book a place, please complete the booking form or email us.

#### **2 March 2010**

### **Commercial Landlord and Tenant**

In any type of relationship, there are times when there is a fallout. Landlords and tenants of commercial premises are no different. This seminar looks at the main areas for discourse - dilapidations and repair; rent review and assignments/underlettings focussing on practical advice from both the angle of the landlord and the tenant, so that whatever your position, you are forewarned and best prepared to deal with the issues likely to present to you. Practical advice and appropriate early action can save in the long run, not only in relation to legal costs but also stress and time.

**Panel:**

Jason Green - Head of Property, Collas Day

Kieran Lee - Surveyor, Dunnell Robertson Partnership

Richard Lloyd - Associate, Collas Day

Chris Bound - Senior Partner, Collas Day

#### **9 March 2010**

### **Construction Projects: Avoiding the pitfalls**

Because of the numbers of parties involved, the specialist nature of the services provided by those parties, the various risks in play, and the consequential complexity of the contractual web, a construction project is by its very essence a dispute waiting to happen. This seminar will cover analysis of common issues/disputes arising out of construction projects; and how those disputes can be avoided before they arise, or resolved when they do arise. We will be looking at key terms in construction contracts for the protection of the various parties' respective interests (i.e. owner/developer, contractor, subcontractor). We will also focus on the various alternative dispute resolution procedures used within the construction industry and analyse their usefulness in terms of maintaining ongoing business relationships and the integrity of the project.

**Panel:**

Christian Hay - Head of Dispute Resolution, Collas Day

Paul Starkey - Head of Legal, Costain Group Plc

Andrew Ozanne - Lovell Ozanne & Partners

**16 March 2010**

### Professional Negligence

In any significant building/construction project there will usually be a number of professionals involved at different stages and whose duties and responsibilities often overlap. This seminar will cover the basic duties owed by a construction professional and the standard of care required; the critical importance of the retainer (the contractual arrangements); the important role of causation in construction negligence claims; developments in relation to concurrent liability and contributory negligence; and an update on recent developments within the field of construction negligence. We will also be looking at key aspects of professional indemnity insurance including market trends, duties of disclosure and the vital importance of complying with warranties and conditions precedent. The emphasis will be on the practical aspects of professional negligence in the building/construction industry for contractors, architects, quantity surveyors, engineers and project managers.

**Panel:**

Gareth Bell - Partner, Collas Day  
Matt Farman - Howden Insurance Brokers Ltd (UK)

**23 March 2010**

### Planning Appeals Regime

The seminar will cover a history/summary of planning appeals under the old regime followed by the position now under the new planning laws and comparison with the old. It will cover provisions of the new law/legal framework, the shift in burden, applications process, the tribunal and its likely attitudes and composition and the potential costs and timeframes. The seminar will discuss whether the chances of success under the new regime are better or worse.

**Panel:**

Patrick Palmer - Head of Private Client, Collas Day  
Paul Nettleship - Advocate, Collas Day  
Jim Rowles - Director of Planning Control Services,  
Environment Dept  
Patrick Russell - Planning Appeals Panel

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