



## Commercial Real Estate Legal Association

### NEWSLETTER – April 2012

Over 100 Members of CRELA attended the first CRELA event of 2012 at the Barbican Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> February, enjoying a fascinating talk on "Architecture in the City" by Sir Nicholas Kenyon, the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre. Mr Peter Rees the City Planning Officer for the City of London also provided his insight into the City's architecture reflecting upon the history of the City and the changes envisaged in the future.

The Association continues to go from strength to strength as it approaches its third year and is keen to encourage expansion outside the London region and across the UK. CRELA's Regional Co-ordinator, Mike Shaw ([Michael.shaw@ssd.com](mailto:Michael.shaw@ssd.com)/0207 6551227) should be contacted by anyone who is interested in participating in regional events or meetings.

One of the previous aims was to provide more training (CPD earning) events and, having listened to some of the feedback from members, we are pleased to announce a number of evening events planned over the coming months resulting in 2012 being the busiest year yet for CRELA events. So put the following dates in your calendar now:-

- 17 May 2012** A training and educational event all about the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA). Paul McDowell, Managing Director of Knight Frank, Ireland and John Hogan of Leman Solicitors, Dublin will present an analysis of their experience of NAMA since its inception, how it has operated to date and provide an insight to practitioners of how NAMA is likely to feature over the coming years.
- 13 June 2012** A training event where Professor Elizabeth Cooke, one of the Law Commissioners, will speak about the recent proposals from the Law Commission to reform the law relating to easements, covenants and profits à prendre.
- 4 July 2012** A Drinks Reception sponsored by Land Securities at The Gallery in Cardinal Place. There will be a short talk from Land Securities about its aims and objectives.
- 12 July 2012** The AGM for any members who wish to attend. Details of venue and time etc. will be posted on the website soon.

**12 September 2012**

Following the successful talk in September 2011 about the Olympic Legacy, Duncan Innes, Executive Director of Real Estate for the Olympic Park Legacy Company will present a "post-Olympics talk on the next steps for the Olympic Park". It is hoped to hold this event at the Olympic Park and confirmation will be posted in due course on the website.

**November/December 2012**

A Drinks Reception with the Chancery Bar Association in a similar format to that of last December. More details will follow once a date has been fixed.

The Association's Practice and Procedure Committee has been active and as well as leading on plans to set up a new website for the Association it has been consulted as one of the six industry bodies (including the BPF and RICS) on the drafting of the forthcoming update of the IPF's 'Readiness for Sale' publication. In addition it has commented on the PLC survey regarding the CPSE suite of documents and has commenced work on positioning the Association generally as a consultee body for relevant publications and legislation. Dialogues with various other commercial real estate organisations, such as the RICS, have been initiated on topical issues (detail to follow on that in due course) and the Committee has been busy in identifying areas of practice/procedure where they believe the Association and its members could influence positive change. The Committee is always interested to hear from members who wish to contribute ideas or comments and they should please contact the Practice and Procedure Committee Chairman Simon Schipper ([simon.schipper@crippslaw.com](mailto:simon.schipper@crippslaw.com) or 01892 506033).

The above events will be for members only so if you are a member who has not renewed, or you are aware of colleagues who may be interested in participating in CRELA, please contact us as soon as possible. Please see the CRELA website at [www.crela.co.uk](http://www.crela.co.uk) for details.

The Association is grateful to its main sponsors PLC Property for hosting its website and for publicising CRELA events, and to Willis for its willingness to host events.

All membership renewals should please be sent to Tim Power at TPS ([booking@tpsfolk.co.uk](mailto:booking@tpsfolk.co.uk)). New membership applications should be sent to the Membership Secretary, John Condliffe ([john.condliffe@hoganlovells.com](mailto:john.condliffe@hoganlovells.com) or 020 7296 5148). An application form may be found on the website.

If anyone has any comments, queries or suggestions or would like to be involved on one of the Committees please would they contact Chairman Robert Highmore ([Robert.highmore@charlesrussell.co.uk](mailto:Robert.highmore@charlesrussell.co.uk) or 020 7203 5201).