



Commercial Real Estate Legal Association

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Members of CRELA and of the Chancery Bar Association enjoyed a Joint Drinks Reception on Tuesday, 6 December at the Lansdowne Club. CRELA Chairman, Robert Highmore, and the Chairman of the Chancery Bar Association, Malcolm Davis White QC, agreed that the two Associations would look at further ways of co-operating in future. Robert Highmore took the opportunity to thank Lord Justice Lewison, who was present, for his willingness to become CRELA's first President.

The CRELA Committee has agreed a provisional timetable for events during 2012.

The first event will be on Monday 6 February 2012 at the Barbican. This will be a talk on Architecture in the City by Sir Nicholas Kenyon, Managing Director of the Barbican Centre, and Peter Rees, the City Planning Officer for the City of London, and will be followed by a drinks reception in the Barbican's conservatory.

Now in its second year, the Association is keen to encourage regional expansion beyond London with proposed events in the regions and in Scotland. With this in mind, informal meetings of commercial real estate lawyers in Birmingham and Manchester will be arranged for January 2012 with a view to hosting events in those cities in April 2012. Anyone interested in participating in these regional meetings, should please contact CRELA Regional Co-ordinator, Mike Shaw (michael.shaw@ssd.com or 020 7655 1227). The same pattern will follow in the other major legal centres.

Allied to this programme, more events are being planned around the country with more training (CPD earning) content but also combined with the social/networking opportunity. The Committee feels that these events should appeal to members of smaller firms that possibly lack in-house training. Feedback would be most welcome as to what topics would be most appropriate.

The Association's AGM will be held in London in early summer, and once again will most likely be combined with a speaker event followed by drinks. London will also see events in May and September.

Finally, the drinks reception will be repeated, in November or December 2012.

The Association is pleased to have had a number of offers of collaboration with training events in London and elsewhere. These are being considered at a committee meeting early in the New Year, and further details will be provided as soon as possible.

If you are a member who has not yet renewed, please will you do so as soon as possible in order that you can participate in these members' events. New members are also very welcome. Please see the CRELA website at www.crela.co.uk for details.

All membership renewals should be sent please to Tim Power at TPS (booking@tpsnorfolk.co.uk). New membership applications should be sent to the Membership Secretary, John Condliffe (john.condliffe@hoganlovells.com or 020 7296 5148).

If anyone has comments, queries or suggestions, or would like to be involved on the Committee, please will they contact Chairman Robert Highmore (robert.highmore@charlesrussell.co.uk or 020 7203 5201).