

# Legal Services Events Update



The following are selection of forthcoming legal services events by suppliers to the current LUPC led national framework agreement ([Legal Services \(National\) PFB5069 LU](#)) that may of interest to your organisation. Please share internally with others who may be interested in these legal events.

Events are listed in date order.

All events are open to the public, organised by the framework supplier as listed, and are independent of LUPC. Unless indicated the events are free to attend. All URLs will direct you to the law firm’s event website.

Please see the registration information for full details of the event, the registration, and any terms and conditions of registering. Events may be postponed or cancelled without notice.

## In this month’s issue:

Autumn Public Procurement Bootcamp .....	2
In-house in Focus: NDAs - do's and don'ts - sharing and restrictions.....	3
Procurement webinar: Five in Twenty Five .....	3
WEBINAR - Sustainable business and supply chain .....	4
COP26 - Reflections and Connections.....	4
Webinar - Managing staff mental health and wellbeing .....	5
Webinar - The student route – what do you need to know and how do you remain compliant? .....	5
How can I use intellectual property (IP) to protect my green innovation? .....	6
Webinar - An introduction to contracts for education institutions.....	6
Employment law update for Schools, Colleges and Universities.....	7
Webinar - Company law refresher for education institutions.....	7
Immigration Review – 1 year on .....	8
Universities & higher education - Student accommodation .....	9
On-Demand Webinar - Force majeure clauses in commercial contracts .....	10
On-Demand Webinar - Procurement in the Green Economy.....	10

## Autumn Public Procurement Bootcamp

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Bevan Brittan LLP
<b>Date</b>	November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

Once again we can't get together in person and we miss meeting up with you for our regular Procurement Updates. As we did in the Summer, we will once again be delivering this Autumn's series in the form of a Public Procurement Bootcamp:

Starting on Wednesday 3 November, we will send you three updates which will be approximately 45 minutes for three weeks in a row to bring you up to speed.

You will be able to email us questions arising from those sessions during the Bootcamp week.

By signing up to The Bootcamp, we will send you the link to that week's Bootcamp event every week for three weeks. If you miss the 11am video, you'll still be able to view each day of Bootcamp 'On Demand' at a suitable time for you.

The following week on 24 November we will send you a pre-recorded Q&A webinar where Emily Heard and Fran Mussellwhite will address the issues raised during the Bootcamp week.

### **Wednesday 3 November – How do you ensure transparency whilst also preserving confidentiality?**

Presented by Emily Heard, Jessica Boardman and Victoria Croshaw, we will cover recent cases on confidentiality and the obligations on you to provide reasons, disclosure and transparency. How can these two opposing principles be reconciled in practice?

### **Wednesday 10 November – Evaluation Decisions: What discretion and flexibility do you have on evaluation and compliance issues in evaluating tenders?**

Presented by Matthew Mo, Scott Couzens and Catherine Maddox

### **Wednesday 17 November – Ironing out glitches in the procurement process**

Fran Mussellwhite, Trevor Watt and Kyle Duggan will discuss some of the recurring tricky issues faced by our clients in the management of public procurement processes and how best to manage them, including:

When is abandonment an option?

When should tenders be verified or investigated?

What do you do with non-compliant and/or late tenders?

### **Wednesday 24 November - Q&A**

## In-house in Focus: NDAs - do's and don'ts - sharing and restrictions

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Mills & Reeve LLP
<b>Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

This session will be chaired by Neil Smyth and he will be joined by Simon Pedley and Mark Pearce. They will run through the consideration of key issues arising in non-disclosure agreements, including a brief review of SRA requirements and expectations of in-house counsel involved in the preparation of such agreements.

## Procurement webinar: Five in Twenty Five

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Mills & Reeve LLP
<b>Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

The new series will cover the whole arc of a procurement process, from pre-procurement, through choice of procedure and advertisement, to selection, evaluation, award and challenges. Look out, too, for a separate series of webinars on the forthcoming changes to the public procurement regime, following the government's consultation earlier this year.

Our next Five in Twenty-Five will focus on the pre-procurement phase. This is often much overlooked - but is usually the key to a successful and timely procurement process. Shailee Howard, Claire Gamage and Jenny Beresford-Jones (all specialist procurement lawyers in our public procurement team) will attempt to answer the following five questions in 25 minutes:

1. We are not sure what we need. How can we use pre-market engagement to help us?
2. Can we ask our incumbent supplier to help us design the re-procurement?
3. How can we create a level playing field when the incumbent supplier clearly has an advantage?
4. What are Prior Information Notices (PINs)? When should we use them, and why?
5. What type of activities can be undertaken as part of pre-market engagement?

## WEBINAR - Sustainable business and supply chain

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Bevan Brittan LLP
<b>Date</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

Ethical business decision making is increasingly at the heart of success for businesses and organisations across all markets. General Counsel are required to not only be aware of the obligations of their organisation, but to also act in a responsible way. When commercial and operational factors and ethical issues are conflicting, we look at the role of the General Counsel and how you can influence the right outcome.

We are running a series of online workshops providing practical advice for senior in-house lawyers, offering guidance to the many considerations which you will face.

In this webinar we will look at how to ensure you are making positive changes, and the increasing procurement focus on not only to proving your own sustainability credentials, but the credentials of your supply chain.

This webinar is suitable for General Counsel, Heads of Legal and Senior In-House Lawyers.

## COP26 - Reflections and Connections

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Browne Jacobson LLP
<b>Date</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

In this webinar, you will hear from Laura Hughes, Jeremy Irving, Ben Standing and Nick Smee about what changes, if any, the Public, Financial, Insurance and Commercial sectors might see as a result of deals done, or agreements reached at COP26 or the related fringe events. Will it change anything for your organisation or sector?

We will then discuss in smaller groups what you think might change for your organisation? Were you already on course to deliver net zero in your organisation, or to create or drive the solutions we need to see? What do you need help with? Can you connect with or offer support to others? You will be able to share ideas, plans and offer help and support to one another, across sectors and specialisms.

The final part of the session will be used to share key themes and commitments arising from the smaller group discussions, and to facilitate connections for those who wish to make them.

This session will be a chance to hear the key themes, and reflect on how the high-level outputs from COP are being used by other organisations to drive action on climate change.

## Webinar - Managing staff mental health and wellbeing

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Eversheds Sutherland
<b>Date</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

There is increasing awareness of the impact of mental health issues on staff in educational establishments.

The pressures created by the health emergency have added further impetus to the need for institutions to have an effective approach.

This session is aimed at managers in universities, colleges and schools and will provide delegates with an overview of the key issues to consider including:

- the duty of care
- the impact of health and safety legislation
- Equality Act obligations
- data protection considerations
- managing absences arising from mental health

## Webinar - The student route – what do you need to know and how do you remain compliant?

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Eversheds Sutherland
<b>Date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

### Who should attend

This training session is aimed at those working in the education sector.

### Synopsis

The replacement of the Tier 4 immigration route with the new Student and Child Student routes has introduced fundamental changes to the recruitment of non-British and Irish students.

In particular, extending the categories of students that institutions need to sponsor to those EEA nationals who have not acquired settled status has increased the number of students for whom institutions will have compliance obligations and who will be taken into account under the basic compliance assessment.

In this webinar we will cover:

- the student sponsorship system and the basic compliance assessment
- sponsoring students
- what has changed
- courses
- English language requirements

- academic progression
- work placements
- maintenance
- working rights
- study under the new short-term study route and the visitor route
- sponsor duties – record keeping and reporting
- compliance action – what are the options and when can your licence be revoked?

## How can I use intellectual property (IP) to protect my green innovation?

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Pinsent Masons LLP
<b>Date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

In this session we will round up the key points from our autumn roadshows for those working in the education sector.

We will be covering amongst other things: diversity and inclusion as we learn and emerge from the pandemic; the rise of compliance obligations for employers – understanding what these are and how they need to be addressed; and the legal and practical considerations around future working models.

We'll provide practical guidance, explaining our views on the changes, based on what we see day to day and where we think things will go, to try and help with strategic planning in an uncertain world.

## Webinar - An introduction to contracts for education institutions

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Eversheds Sutherland
<b>Date</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

### **Who should attend?**

The session is aimed at non legally trained contract managers who are responsible for contract negotiation or those who are legally trained but need a refresher on the contracting process.

### **Synopsis**

In this webinar we will look at : We will look at the legal essentials for contract formation and the meaning of some common clauses found in contracts.

## Employment law update for Schools, Colleges and Universities

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Muckle LLP
<b>Date</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

In this session we will round up the key points from our autumn roadshows for those working in the education sector.

We will be covering amongst other things: diversity and inclusion as we learn and emerge from the pandemic; the rise of compliance obligations for employers – understanding what these are and how they need to be addressed; and the legal and practical considerations around future working models.

We'll provide practical guidance, explaining our views on the changes, based on what we see day to day and where we think things will go, to try and help with strategic planning in an uncertain world.

## Webinar - Company law refresher for education institutions

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Eversheds Sutherland
<b>Date</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

We will provide a refresher on the administration of companies from a company law perspective.

In this webinar we will look at:

- navigation around a company's constitution
- the requirements for keeping statutory registers
- Companies House filings
- disclosure obligations
- member and director appointments and removals
- governance principles for corporate groups including management of conflicts

## Immigration Review – 1 year on

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Capital Law Limited
<b>Date</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

In this session, we will review the UK's new immigration system one year on. We will also look at what has changed in the world of business immigration over the past 12 months. It is vital that businesses keep on top of these changes as the consequences of not complying with the immigration rules can be serious.

Much has happened since the new immigration system first launched in December 2020 – new routes have been introduced, the shortage occupation list was updated, and the EU Settlement Scheme closed, leading to revised guidance on right to work checks. Concessions to the immigration rules, introduced to combat the effects of COVID-19, have also slowly fallen away. Many businesses will have become sponsor licence holders during this time to ensure that they can continue to recruit from outside the UK for skilled positions.

Over the course of this breakfast briefing, we will give an overview of these changes and what businesses should be doing to stay compliant. We will also explore what is on the horizon for the next 12 months.

### Who should attend?

HR Directors  
HR personnel  
Those responsible for recruitment  
Key personnel (for sponsor licence holders)

### What will be included in the session

In this session we will discuss:

- An overview of the current immigration system including
  - A recap of the Skilled Worker route
  - What sponsorship means
  - Changes to the shortage occupation list
  - What you need to know about the COVID-19 concessions to the immigration rules
- The latest on the EU Settlement Scheme, is it really closed?
- Right to work checks, specifically how to approach checks for EU nationals and the COVID-19 concession to these checks
- New routes to work in the UK such as:
  - The new Graduate route
  - Frontier worker permits
- Other routes to employing non-UK nationals such as
  - Tier 5 Government Authorised Exchange
  - Tier 5 International Agreement Work Visa
  - The rise of the investor, business development, and talent visas
- What is on the horizon for the next 12 months



## Universities & higher education - Student accommodation

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Pinsent Masons LLP
<b>Date</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

Models for funding expansion / replacement of student accommodation.

A session on the options available with guidance on:-

1. the pitfalls to avoid;
2. how to keep the transaction off balance sheet;
3. how to achieve success.

### **Who should attend?**

Professionals in the Universities & Higher Education sector with a responsibility or interest in student accommodation.

## On-Demand Webinar - Force majeure clauses in commercial contracts

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Addleshaw Goddard LLP
<b>Date</b>	ON DEMAND
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

Watch on-demand a 30-minute webinar session which looks at force majeure clauses in commercial contracts, as a result of the coronavirus (covid-19) pandemic.

## On-Demand Webinar - Procurement in the Green Economy

<b>Framework Supplier</b>	Clyde & Co LLP
<b>Date</b>	ON DEMAND
<b>Registration and Information</b>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Cost</b>	Free

As governments and organisations progress investment in green projects around the world, they are encountering a fresh set of challenges relating to procurement.

In this on-demand webinar jointly delivered with Turner & Townsend, our panel of experts provides key insights and understandings into how projects can overcome challenges including:

- First of a kind technology
- Price point
- Scalability of the technical solution
- Lack of a mature supply chain
- Slow transition of people and skills from traditional economies
- Funding (private and public)

We were delighted to have David Hansom, Partner at Clyde & Co, and Francisco del Rey, Director of Contract Services at Turner & Townsend, chairing the discussions and to be joined by our panel of legal and project delivery experts:

- David Armstrong, Procurement Manager at BP NetZero Teesside project
- Feargal Brennan, Professor and expert in offshore wind developments at University of Strathclyde
- Richard McWilliams, Director of Sustainability at Turner & Townsend; and
- Mary Anne Roff, Partner at Clyde & Co.

This webinar is tailored for C-Suite / Board members, in-house counsel, contract managers and commercial managers in the projects and construction sector interested in learning more about these issues.