

**CITY OF LONDON LAW SOCIETY – CONSTRUCTION LAW COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022**  
**via video conference**

<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Apologies/Unable to attend</b>
Matthew Jones (Chair)	Gillian Thomas
Francis Ho (Vice-Chair)	Richard Ceeney
Eleanor Milne (Secretary)	David Metzger
Kevin Hart (CLLS)	John Woolley
Ryan Fordham	Stephanie Canham
Paul Cowan	Richard Hill
James Pratt	Marc Hanson
Angus Dawson	Alex Cunliffe
Ben Patton	Nicholas Downing
Fiona Edmond	Victoria Peckett
Julia Court	Drew Norman
Louise Mercer	

### **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022 were approved and will be uploaded to the CLLS website

### **Membership of the Committee**

The Committee welcomed Ryan Fordham of Shoemiths to his first Committee meeting. It was confirmed that Hugh Morgan of Veale Wasborough is no longer a member of the Committee.

### **CLLS Update**

K Hart informed the Committee that the CLLS is establishing 2 new Committees; an ESG Committee and an Arbitration Committee. If members have colleagues who may be interested in joining or chairing please let Kevin know.

The Chair reported that in the recent CLLS Chairs breakfast meeting, there are proposals being put in place for the CLLS to undertake a web site refresh that is capable of hosting more work products of the committees and in particular this Committee. University outreach was also discussed and is to be a priority in the upcoming months.

### **New Initiatives**

The Committee continued to discuss the 3 potential new initiatives:

- a work stream on which entity owns the intellectual property in SMART reporting systems;
- a thought leadership piece on first of a kind projects; and
- the application of territorial laws in the EEC.

It was decided that the first of a kind ('FOAK') Working Group should become a work stream and the Chair discuss the way forward with David and Alex.

### **Update on current activities**

**CLLS CoFT 8th Edition:** This work stream is on-going.

**Update to Guidance to Reporting:** The marked up draft is currently being reviewed.

**Update to Novation Agreement:** The sub-group is continuing to progress this work stream.

**Land Committee Guidance on Insurance for Tenants Rights:** No further updates on the current status of the note from the Land Law Committee.

**Update to Third party rights guidance:** The sub-group is continuing to progress this work stream and is currently arranging another meeting to discuss the note further.

**Update to Letter of Intent:** The sub-group is continuing to progress this work stream.

**Innovation Working Group:** Members will consider on an ongoing basis if there are any new areas that should be considered by the Committee. The group will concentrate on ESG matters in general given its ever increasing importance to clients.

**Associate Initiative:** An associate initiative was discussed and it was decided that a group of 3 to 5 Committee members who can co-ordinate an event of for colleagues and team members over the summer at one of the member firms. This would be a knowledge based event with an informal social/networking event following it.

#### **Other business**

**Insurance market update:** The insurance market continues to be challenging and to contract with increased premia and greater policy restrictions.

**Building Safety Bill 2021:** This is currently under consultation and Stephanie Canham will put together a thought piece on the practicalities and realities of the Bill so that the Committee is prepared to respond on the consultation.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Taylor Wessing (5 New Square) and via video conference on 15 June 2022.