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CLLS launches new specialist ESG Committee

The City of London Law Society (CLLS) has launched its newest Specialist Committee, focused on Environmental, Social & Governance. The committee is chaired by Roger Leese, Partner at Clifford Chance, co-head of the firm's Global Business and Human Rights practice, and a founding member of Clifford Chance's ESG Board.

Roger is joined on the new committee by sixteen leading ESG lawyers from a range of City firms and experience from boutique to international level. The Committee, whose members possess a wide array of expertise across all three ESG criteria, represents a new and significant commitment of leading legal practitioners in this field.

The ESG Committee was founded on a collective belief among CLLS members that ESG is important, relevant to firms' clients, and increasingly likely to impact the business of law in the City of London. The Committee's work will reflect the wide range of issues that businesses need to consider in today's operating environment, and will meet regularly to discuss pending legislation, law reform, and practice issues in the ESG field. The Committee agreed that the cross-cutting nature of ESG factors necessitates close coordination and collaboration with other CLLS specialist committees and other stakeholders.

Some of the initial topics the Committee agreed to work on include the recently issued Law Society Guidance on Climate Change and the UK Treasury's consultation on the regulation of ESG ratings. The Committee will also pick up the issue of the visibility of those who are disabled, and their access to employment, particularly given the forthcoming 30th anniversary of the Disability Discrimination Act in 2025.

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