



New Chair of Planning and Environmental Law specialist Committee.

The City of London Law Society (“CLLS”) is delighted to announce the appointment of Matthew White, partner at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, as the new Chair of its Planning and Environmental Law specialist Committee. He succeeds Stephen Webb.

Matthew is a partner in Herbert Smith Freehills' Real Estate division and is Head of Planning in London. He is also joint lead partner for the EMEA Real Estate sector at the firm. He has more than 25 years of experience across all aspects of contentious and non-contentious planning and development law and has acted on many high-profile projects throughout his career. Prior to his appointment as Chair, Matthew has been a member of the CLLS Planning and Environmental Law Committee for 18 years.

Matthew said: “I am delighted to follow in Stephen’s footsteps and to take up the leadership of the Planning and Environmental Law Committee of the CLLS. The challenges presented by climate change, and the contribution made by the built environment to the vitality and wellbeing of local communities, are fundamental issues for the real estate sector. Developments in these areas of law are closely scrutinised by our clients and those they represent. The CLLS has signalled that this is of key importance to its work in the next few years and I look forward to leading this area of law for the CLLS.”

The CLLS thanks Stephen Webb, former Chair, for his inspired leadership of the committee. It welcomes Matthew’s appointment and looks forward to his steering of the committee in the future in these vital areas of law.