

Meet the NJLD Committee 2011/2012

Chair



Will Reynolds

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“As Chair it’s my job to promote the NJLD across Nottinghamshire and make sure that it builds on the success of last year. This not only involves managing the committee, but also acting as an ambassador for the NJLD. During the year I plan on further developing our relationships with sponsors to make sure you get the most out of your membership through great, well organised and subsidised events. If you have any thoughts on what you would like from the NJLD as a member or if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.”

Vice-Chair



Vicky Gaskell

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“My main role as Vice-Chair is to continue to run the NJLD discount scheme and I hope to get some fantastic discounts for our members this year. I am looking forward to working with the new committee and supporting Will in his role as Chair.”

Treasurer



Dave Drew

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Dave’s job as treasurer is to manage the NJLD’s finances, ensure we stick to the budget and make money available for the Annual Ball, the Summer Soiree and the many other events we hold throughout the year. He also ensures that there is enough money in the budget for all the sporting events and activities that Nottingham’s junior lawyers get involved in. Dave provides the committee with a monthly update on how it’s doing financially and helps Will (the chair) with getting sponsorship from local and national organisations.

Secretary



Naomi DeSilva

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"I cross qualified from the Bar last year and have been a member of the NJLD since I joined Cartwright King Solicitors in 2009 (after some promotion by Laura Pinkney) and have enjoyed all of the events attended. The NJLD presents a great opportunity to make friends/network with fellow young lawyers across Nottingham who are undoubtedly experiencing similar trials and tribulations in the early part of their career.

This year I would like to see a greater incentive to recruit members from the smaller firms; to gather those trainees/paralegals who may be more isolated and would benefit from the great social/networking opportunities that the NJLD presents."

Membership Secretary



Katherine Beggs

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"As Membership Secretary I will be responsible for catching junior lawyers when they first arrive and/or qualify in Nottinghamshire and giving them the opportunity of becoming involved with the NJLD and its many events. I trained at Ashton Bond Gigg before qualifying in 2008 as a Solicitor within the Firm's Private Client Group. When I am not at my desk you will find me at most NJLD events taking advantage of the generous bar tab and any food on offer!"

Marketing Secretary Natalie Barnes



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"I'm a second year Trainee Solicitor at Fraser Brown. I have attended as many NJLD events as I have been able to in the past year and I'm really excited to be able to play a role in this year's committee. My role, along with Rhianne, is to market the NJLD to keep members up to date with recent activities and upcoming events. We will also be responsible for producing the monthly newsletter to keep everyone in the know.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone, both the old and new faces, and making this year another success for the NJLD."

Marketing Secretary Rhianne Bennett



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"I'm a first year trainee at Geldards. Working with Natalie, I will be making sure NJLD members are kept in the loop with all things NJLD and generally making things look pretty! We'll be updating all NJLD's social media sites and making sure the newsletter keeps you all entertained."

Feel free to drop me an email if you have any suggestions for the newsletter or anything else marketing related!"

Events Secretary Sophie Thring



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"My name is Sophie Thring and I am a second year trainee at Shakespeares. I am currently in my third seat in the Commercial Litigation team. This is my second year on the committee as Events Secretary and I hope we can make this coming year a great year packed full of events. I am working with Jenny this year and together, we want to hold lots of different events to help young lawyers in Nottingham mix both professionally and socially to ensure members get the most they can from their membership. We have lots of exciting events in the pipeline - watch this space!"

Events Secretary Jenny Barker



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"My name is Jenny Barker and I am a Chartered Town Planner at Freeth Cartwright LLP. I will be working alongside Sophie Thring in the role of Events Secretary for the Committee this year."

As a Town Planner, there are not many opportunities within Nottingham for me to mix with other professionals and I really feel that being a member of the the NJLD over the past year has helped me get to know a lot more people. This is why I chose to stand for Events Secretary as I think it is really important for people to connect not just within the professional environment but socially too. Consequently, we hope to hold as many events as possible this year with generous bar tabs so that member's get their money's worth! Some of the events to watch out for are pirate/sailor parties, karaoke, cocktail making, pamper parties and poker nights."

Ball Secretary



Rachel Davey

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"Hi I'm Rachael, a second-year trainee at Browne Jacobson, and I have lived in Nottingham since completing my law degree at the University of Nottingham. I am looking forward to being a member of the NJLD committee and hope to help build on the great work of last year's committee. Laura and I are in charge of organising the Ball - a challenge we have accepted with gusto! I hope that we can follow in the footsteps of previous secretaries and organise a successful and fun event."

Ball Secretary



Laura Richards

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"Hi all, I'm Laura and I am a second-year trainee at Browne Jacobson based here in Nottingham. I am very excited to be part of your NJLD committee for this coming year and being one of the Ball Secretaries, organising the highlight event of the NJLD calendar for this year. Rachael and I hope to bring you the best ball yet building on this year's brilliant event. We already have plenty of ideas so watch this space!"

Sports Secretary



Lee Harris

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My name's Lee, and my job is to organise a variety of sports events for the coming year. We have a number of teams already up and running including football, touch rugby, indoor cricket and netball to name a few. I hope to continue and build upon the good work of our previous Sports Secretary Kassra, introduce more opportunities for members to take part in other sports (ultimate Frisbee anyone?) and arrange "something" to see in next year's summer of massive sporting events!

Academic and CSR Secretary



Helen Webster

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Helen will be responsible for organising the NJLD's annual advocacy competition (the Hammond Cup), liaising with the Nottinghamshire Law Society's Education and Training Committee to publicise The President's Cup and organising the Judicial shadowing scheme with Nottingham County Court. She will also organise Corporate Social Responsibility events (CSRs). If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact Helen.

**Student
Representative**



Waqas Tariq

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“I am currently studying my LPC at Nottingham Law School. My role as student representative is to encourage both LPC and BPTC students to network with law firms from across the city. My aim is to put forward the views of LPC/BPTC members, so if you have any ideas or suggestions then let me know!”

**Local Law Society
Representative**



Tom Gibbons

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“Having served as Secretary on the NJLD Committee last year I feel that I have a good understanding of the workings of the NJLD and a strong grasp of the issues that matter to NJLD members. I look forward to representing NJLD members within the Nottinghamshire Law Society and hope to continue the trend of closer cooperation between the two organisations.”

**National JLD
Representative**



Emily Daniell

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“My job is to make sure that Nottingham Junior Lawyers are represented nationally so I'll be taking all of your concerns and ideas to the National JLD. At the same time I will keep Nottingham Junior Lawyers up to date with everything they need to know about the SRA, National Law Society and JLD. So, if you have anything you'd like to talk about or issues you'd like to be discussed at a national meeting then please feel free to email me.”

A note from the Chair...

A new NJLD year is upon us once again. I'm William Reynolds and I am the newly elected Chair of the Nottinghamshire Junior Lawyers Division for 2011 - 2012. Over the past year the NJLD has gone from strength to strength and so I want to begin by thanking the previous Chair, Victoria Gaskell for all her hard work. She did an amazing job running the committee and strengthening the NJLD's links with sponsors, the Nottinghamshire Law Society and its own members. I would also like to thank the other committee members for all their hard work and commitment over the past year.

We have a great year ahead of us with a new dedicated and enthusiastic committee from a wide range of firms across Nottinghamshire. Our Events Secretaries are already hard at work putting together the year's events and have a lot of great new ideas. We also are looking at creating a range of new sporting teams and setting up tournaments and one off competition days to mark the London 2012 Olympics. Of course, as with every year, we will be hosting the NJLD Ball in November. The NJLD will continue to provide academic schemes such as the Judicial Shadowing Scheme, run in conjunction with Nottingham County Court. We will also continue to support the Law Society's academic competitions including the Hammond Cup and the President's Cup.

The previous committee did a fantastic job in strengthening ties with other professional groups such as the RICS (Surveyors) and NCASS (Accountants). This year I plan to organise more events with these organisations as well as others to make sure that NJLD members get as many opportunities to network with other professionals as possible.

The NJLD membership also consists of LPC and BPTC students and this year I hope as many students join us as possible. NJLD events offer a great opportunity for these budding young lawyers to meet those who have qualified and become involved in Nottinghamshire's vast legal community. By joining the NJLD, LPC and BPTC students are given the opportunity to get advice and guidance on their future careers and also network with those already in the profession. This year I plan on making sure that we offer events that appeal to LPC and BVC students and give them an opportunity to get themselves known by those already in the profession.

The NJLD is a voluntary organisation and we are always in need of sponsors. We have a membership of nearly 300 junior lawyers including trainees, NQs, LPC/BPTC students, pupils and barristers. Working with the NJLD provides a great opportunity for sponsors to get their companies, organisations or products known to our membership and we are always happy to have sponsors on board. If anyone knows of anyone who would be interested in sponsoring the NJLD please pass their details on to me.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all at our events this year. For those of you who haven't signed up yet don't forget to send your membership forms to Katherine Beggs, (our Membership Secretary) as you don't want to be missing out on everything the NJLD has to offer.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me or the relevant committee member by e-mail.

Thanks for reading and joining the NJLD. It's going to be a fantastic year.

William Reynolds
NJLD Chair