

Legal Services Events Update



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

Events are grouped and colour coded by type, then 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.

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UKUPC Webinar

LUPC Legal Webinar Series: How to address rising inflation and material costs in construction contracts

Framework Supplier	Bevan Brittan
Date	13 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

Open to UKUPC member organisations and relevant for staff in procurement, estates, and in-house legal departments.

With UK inflation hitting a 40-year high and the cost of raw building materials in the UK expected to more than treble in 2022*, many higher education institutions are wondering how it will impact their building and construction plans and how their contracts can protect them against these cost pressures.

Niamh Batterton, Legal Director in Bevan Brittan's Commercial & Infrastructure Team, will cover:

- What practical steps can legal and commercial teams take to mitigate against rising construction costs?
- What considerations should you take into account if you are planning a future project?
- What happens if a contractor requests an increase in the contract price during a current project?
- What elements of your construction contract should you review/amend to deal with inflation and increased costs?

* Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) Materials Cost Index

Webinars

Procurement: The challenge regime

Framework Supplier	Weightmans
Date	8 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

In the third webinar of our Procurement: Road to reform series, Martin Vincent and Josh Conroy take a look at the challenge regime.

This one hour webinar will cover topics including the following:

- Excluding suppliers and debarment
- Enforceable obligations
- Automatic suspension
- Interim remedies
- Pre-contractual remedies
- Post-contractual remedies
- Time limits for remedies
- Procurement oversight

Education Webinar - Apprenticeship employer agreements

Framework Supplier	Evershed Sutherland
Date	13 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

This session will cover an introduction to these agreements and the ESFA Funding rules which underpin them.

Synopsis

We will also cover topics such as:

- what happens if both employer and provider have their own preferred contract?
- could we not put all legal content into the commitment statement?
- what happens if the funding rules change?
- the employer/provider refuses to sign our contract, what can we do?

Procurement - Five in Twenty Five - Evaluation

Framework Supplier	Mills & Reeve
Date	15 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

This series will continue every couple of months throughout 2022 and into 2023, covering the whole arc of a procurement process, from pre-procurement, through choice of procedure and advertisement, to selection, evaluation, award and challenges.

Managing subsidy control risk for HEIs under the new Subsidy Control Act

Framework Supplier	VWV
Date	15 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

Join our higher education focused webinar on subsidy control risk for HEIs, where we will cover:

- the key changes
- what is a subsidy and when is it permitted
- how is research and development treated
- the duty to publish
- remedies, enforcement and managing risk

The latest routes to work and future developments under the UK Immigration scheme

Framework Supplier	Capital Law
Date	27 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

On 1 December 2020, the UK introduced a new points-based immigration system, triggered by the end of free movement of people across the EU. The first major change was to replace the Tier 2 General route with a revamped Skilled Worker route, which the Home Office claimed streamlined the sponsorship system for skilled workers, lowering the eligibility criteria and making it more accessible to a wider pool of candidates.

Procurement Bill Q&A

Framework Supplier	Bevan Brittan
Date	28 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

The Procurement Bill was introduced on 11 May 2022 and is currently going through the parliamentary process. We are publishing a series of Procurement Bill Bytes to take a detailed look at some of the issues and draw out some of the key changes that contracting authorities and suppliers need to get to grips with.

Throughout the series we are really interested in your thoughts on how these reforms will affect you and are particularly keen to hear any questions you may have. On 28th September we are holding a Q&A webinar, where we will answer any questions that have been raised to us.

Education Webinar - An introduction to contracts for education institutions

Framework Supplier	Evershed Sutherland
Date	28 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

Who should attend?

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

Synopsis

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

The implications of the Brazel case for HEIs

Framework Supplier	VWV
Date	28 September 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

The Supreme Court has handed down its much anticipated judgment which has significant implications for HEIs for the following categories of staff:

- term-time only (or 'part-year') worker
- staff with irregular working hours whose holiday entitlement is calculated using the 12.07% (or similar) multiplier
- hourly paid lecturers
- exam invigilators
- casual and 'bank' staff

This session will look at:

- details of the judgment
- implications for existing and new staff
- arrears and limitation period
- strategies for assessing and managing the impact of the judgment on your HEI

Charities: Get your house in order

Framework Supplier	Shakespeare Martineau
Date	12 October 2022
Registration and Information	Register Here
Cost	Free

Good governance of a charity includes fulfilling all reporting obligations. In this webinar, Ben Darlow – Legal Director will look at the importance of good housekeeping for charity properties and land.

Key Topics Covered

- Good property management;
- Buying, selling, leasing and mortgaging property; and
- Property changes in the Charities Act 2022.

On Demand Webinars

In-house in Focus webinar series

Framework Supplier	Mills & Reeve
Date	ON DEMAND (Released 26 August 2022)
Registration and Information	Watch Now
Cost	Free

A series of webinars for in-house lawyers looking for practical and commercial advice during the coronavirus pandemic.

In-house in Focus webinar series

Framework Supplier	Pinsent Masons
Date	ON DEMAND (Released 6 September 2022)
Registration and Information	Watch Now
Cost	Free

David Bryden tells HRNews about the steps employers are taking to align their policies with ESG targets.

Quick Reads & Insights

The Data Protection and Digital Information Bill: An Overview

Framework Supplier	DAC Beachcroft
Date	Quick Reads & Insights (Released 5 September 2022)

On 18 July 2022 the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (the DPDI) was laid before Parliament, coming swiftly after the Government published its response to the Data: a new direction consultation.

Unfortunately, the DPDI is not an easy read. Rather than replacing existing UK data protection legislation, it amends the existing UK GDPR (the UK's retained version of the EU General Data Protection Regulation) and Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018), meaning that readers need to cross refer between three texts (plus the DPDI Explanatory Notes and Impact Assessment)....[\[Read More\]](#)

Enforceability of a tiered dispute resolution procedure

Framework Supplier	DAC Beachcroft
Date	Quick Reads & Insights (Released 5 September 2022)

Clauses setting out a tiered dispute resolution procedure ("DRP") are common in construction contracts, requiring parties to participate in forms of ADR before litigation. However, such clauses need to be clear and well defined in order to be enforceable. DAC Beachcroft partner Lyn Crawford reviews a recent TCC decision, which emphasises the key requirements for creating an enforceable tiered dispute resolution clause.....[\[Read More\]](#)

Offering flexible working models to attract and retain staff

Framework Supplier
Date

Pinsent Masons
Quick Reads & Insights (Released 2 September 2022)

Employees are increasingly looking for more flexible working time models and a better work-life balance. Employers can stand out in the competition for talent if they adapt to these demands, but they must take the legal framework into account....[\[Read More\]](#)

Procurement Bill Byte 3: “Musts, may and considers”; what is the role of discretion in the new regime?

Framework Supplier
Date

Bevan Brittan
Quick Reads & Insights (30 August 2022)

The Procurement Bill was introduced on 11 May 2022 and is currently going through the parliamentary process. In this series of Procurement Bill Bytes we take a detailed look at some of the issues and draw out some of the key changes that contracting authorities and suppliers need to get to grips with... [Read More](#)

THE PROCUREMENT BILL: DON'T PASS GO - THE NEW DEBARMENT REGIME

Framework Supplier
Date

Addleshaw Goddard
Quick Reads & Insights (Released 24 August 2022)

This is perhaps one of the most significant developments in the Procurement Bill. There are a number of ways to look at this – it is useful for checking bidder eligibility; it creates a restriction on who can bid, reducing the competitive market; it is an easy way to challenge the award of a contract; it is a devastating blow to your public sector business.

In this post, we explain what it is, how it works and what we recommend you do about it...[\[Read More\]](#)

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING THE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SECTOR?

Framework Supplier
Date

Brodies
Quick Reads & Insights (Released 22 August 2022)

The facilities management ("FM") industry has faced substantial disruption since 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic dramatically and unexpectedly disrupted supply chains and normal ways of working. Since then, FM companies have had to be adaptable and flexible in their approach to ensure they are offering services that their clients want. Here we consider the top five challenges being tackled by the sector...[\[Read More\]](#)

Procurement Bill Byte 2: Direct Award Justifications

Framework Supplier
Date

Bevan Brittan
Quick Reads & Insights (22 August 2022)

The Procurement Bill was introduced on 11 May 2022 and is currently going through the parliamentary process. In this series of Procurement Bill Bytes we take a detailed look at some of the issues and draw out some of the key changes that contracting authorities and suppliers need to get to grips with... [Read More](#)

Ports strikes adding to supply chain headaches - strikes, delay and matters affecting performance

Framework Supplier
Date

Clyde & Co
Quick Reads & Insights (18 August 2022)

With strike action planned and expected to hit both the Ports of Felixstowe and Liverpool in the coming days, the UK supply chain faces the threat of ever-increasing pressure and disruption. Some 1,900 workers at Felixstowe plan to stop all operations between 21 and 29 August 2022 and whilst dates are yet to be confirmed for Liverpool, press reports suggest that up to some 500 workers will strike there to coincide with the Felixstowe walk out. If the strike action goes ahead, this will significantly impact port operations including the arrival of at least 10 vessels at Felixstowe and 5 vessels at Liverpool over the eight-day period. Those arrivals include Evergreen, MSC, OOCL, COSCO and Maersk container vessels alongside a number of bulk and tanker vessels. [Read More](#)

Procurement Bill Byte 1: Understanding the notices

Framework Supplier
Date

Bevan Brittan
Quick Reads & Insights (15 August 2022)

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NEW RISKS FOR UNIVERSITIES THAT SPONSOR A DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEME

Framework Supplier
Date

Addleshaw Goddard
Quick Reads & Insights (Released 12 August 2022)

Over 340 employers, including many universities and higher education institutions, participate in the universities superannuation scheme for their academic staff... [Read More](#)

Towards greater gender equality in school sports?

Framework Supplier

Capital Law

Date

Quick Reads & Insights (10 August 2022)

The UK has got “Lioness Fever” after England Women’s football team won their first major trophy in 56 years. At Capital, we also announced our shirt sponsorship for Cardiff City Women. All this got Rebecca Mahon, from our employment team and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion steering group, to ponder – why do schools (in Wales, at least) still consider that football/rugby/cricket is for boys, and that hockey/netball/rounders is for girls? [Read More](#)]