# Is there light at the end of the tunnel? Or are there hidden dangers ahead?

FREE Professional Indemnity and Risk Management seminar

# **Question Time**

# Novotel Manchester Centre

10th May 2012

17:00 hrs start

This is a FREE event open to all delegates

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# IS THERE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL? - QUESTION TIME 2012 - INVITATION

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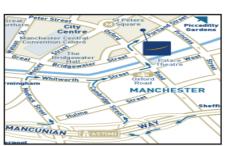
Thursday 10th May, 2012

17:00hrs: Registration 17:30hrs: Event starts

19:30hrs - 20.30hrs: Networking

Location:

Rylands Room, Novotel Manchester Centre, 21 Dickinson Street Off Portland Street Manchester M1 4LX



# INTRODUCTION

Since the partnership between McParland Finn Ltd and the Manchester Law Society began 5 years ago, we have been proactively working with member firms and the society on insurance related matters. Following on from last years' successful 'Question Time - Have Your Say' event, we would like to invite MLS Members and individuals associated with the profession to a lively and important debate where you, the delegates, set the agenda.

There are growing signs that there may be some light at the end of the tunnel, however, it isn't the time for complacency.

With the big bang looming on ABS, musical chairs regarding regulatory changes and the continuing moribund state of the economy, problems are stacked up against solicitors, affecting practices and their operations in 2012 and beyond.

In addition to the event itself, there will also be a chance to network with friends and colleagues over wine and canapés. You will also get the chance to discuss any issues with the panel and our team at our insurance surgery.

# QUESTION TIME FORMAT

Let MFL Professional help to shed more light with our annual Question Time event in partnership with Manchester Law Society.

Those attending the event will be able speak to a panel of Professional Indemnity Insurance and industry experts to find out more about what potential difficulties lie ahead and to learn how to tackle them.

# THE VENUE

Novotel Manchester Centre is situated just off Portland Street in Manchester city centre. The hotel is easily accessible close to all major transport links; metro, rail, motorway, air travel and public transport. On site public pay parking or nearby NCP car park is available to guests at a discount. For more information and detailed directions visit: www.novotel.com.

# **REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

This event is FREE and open to all delegates but places are limited. Register online, over the phone or via email:

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# THE PANEL

### Kevin McParland ACII (Chair) Managing Director of McParland Finn Ltd

Kevin is a specialist Professional Indemnity Insurance Broker advising professionals and firms throughout the UK. With over 30 years experience in the insurance sector, he heads up the Solicitors' PII Team in Manchester. MFL are the preferred partners of commercial insurance advice to Manchester Law Society members.

#### Agnieszka Scott Financial Regulation Policy Manager, Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)

Agnieszka Scott joined the SRA as Financial Regulation Policy Manager in November 2011. In this role she leads the policy development on issues relating to financial regulation, including reviews of the professional indemnity arrangements, conveyancing and the SRA compensation arrangements. Agnieszka has 10 years experience in research and policy development, focusing primarily on financial management and efficiency. She has an MSc in Economics and Business Studies and started her career in Poland introducing European agricultural legislation.

## Edward Pickard Managing Director, Libra Managers (Tindall Riley Limited)

Libra provides professional indemnity insurance, claims handling and risk management services to a number of medium to large UK and international law firms. The firm has substantial experience in the professional services sector, assisting law firms to identify and manage commercial risks within a highly regulated markert. Libra is a trading name of Tindall Riley Limited.

## Steve Carter Head of Professional Practice Group Northern Region at Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants

Steve is the head of Baker Tilly's Professional Practices Group for the northern region. He has specialised in advising professional practices for over 20 years, emphasising on solicitors. Steve lectures regularly for the Law Society on finance and practice management issues and is a committee member of the ICAEW Solicitors Special Interest Group.

# James Burke

# **Regional Underwriting Manager, Chartis**

Chartis is a leading provider of Solicitors professional indemnity insurance and were one of the first insurers to enter the open market. Their appetite is to develop long-term relationships with medium to large practices who can demonstrate an exceptional approach to risk management.

#### Nigel Day Partner, Hague Lambert Solicitors

Nigel joined Lambert Storey in 1982 and became a partner in 1986. Following a merger in 1996 he became a partner in Hague Lambert where he now heads the Dispute Resolution Team. Nigel is actively involved within the profession and is a past President of Manchester Law Society. For the last ten years he has been a member of the National Law Society Council where he is a member of the Regulatory Affairs Board and Chairs the Professional Indemnity Insurance Committee, tasked to monitor and investigate issues around solicitors indemnity insurance.