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Published quarterly, in spring, summer, autumn and winter, *CILEx Journal* will report what CILEx says or does, or is about to say or do, and will continue to provide access to topical features, thought-provoking articles, and updates from the President, key stake holders and head office.

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CILEx is the professional association and governing body for Chartered Legal Executive lawyers, other legal practitioners and paralegals. Our role is to enhance the role and standing of Chartered Legal Executives, and all our members, within the legal profession.

For over 50 years, we have been offering unparalleled access to a flexible career in law. We work closely with several government departments and are recognised as one of the three core regulators of the legal profession. CILEx represents its 20,000 members and lobbies for change and improvements to the legal system on their behalf. CILEx offers a unique route to a legal career and to becoming a qualified lawyer without the requirement to have a law degree, although law graduates and graduates with non-law degrees can also qualify as a lawyer through the CILEx route. Entry is accessible to those holding a variety of qualification levels. Typically, those studying through CILEx receive on-the-job training in solicitors' offices or legal departments, whilst also attending classes in law and practice at one of our accredited academic institutions or via distance learning.

The status and standing of Chartered Legal Executives continues to grow: they are already able to represent their clients in court (after they have completed the appropriate training) and are now eligible to become partners in law firms, and coroners and judges. Chartered Legal Executives are also eligible to apply for independent practice rights in litigation, advocacy, immigration, conveyancing and probate. They specialise in a particular area of law, which means that the everyday work they undertake is similar to that of a solicitor.



Alan Comprehensive School. Campaigners based their argument on the sustainability of the community if the school closed and attempted, for the first time, to use the future generations legislation¹ in litigation.

The judge refused the application for permission to apply for judicial review on 12 March 2019, she determined that because the WBC(WA) does not prescribe a high-level target duty which is deliberately vague, general and aspirational and even if this would have been allowed, the judge noted that the local authority had complied with its duties.

This leaves the justiciability and legal enforcement of the WBC(WA) in a weak position with some in the legal profession arguing that the Act is 'toothless' if there is no legal redress if public authorities fail to meet their obligations.

Legislation Letting fees ban

The Renting Homes (Fees etc) (Wales) Act (RHFWA) 2019 was given royal assent on 15 May 2019. The RHFWA will prohibit all fees in connection with the granting, renewal or continuance of standard occupation contracts, unless they are allowed by the Act.

Standard occupation contracts will replace assured shorthold tenancies when the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 commences. In practice this means that the only permitted payments will be rent, a security deposit, a holding deposit, council tax, utilities, TV licence, communication services, and default payments (section 4 and Schedule 1). The letting fees ban is expected to come into force on 1 September 2019.

The key difference between England and Wales in terms of the ban is that an offence under the Welsh legislation is immediately liable to prosecution in the magistrates' court. There is no financial penalty stage like that in tenant fees Act 2019 & 18, which applies in England. However, local authorities in Wales may offer a fixed penalty notice of £1,000 instead of prosecution (under RHFWA section 13).

The Welsh Government consulted (until 19 July 2019) on the description and limits of default payments and the level of information that a landlord or agent will have to provide tenants before they take a holding deposit.²

Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) Wales Bill

In March the Welsh Government laid a bill before the National Assembly to remove the common law defence of reasonable punishment of children.³ The bill is currently at Stage 1 of the legislative process. The legislative reform will be accompanied by an awareness-raising campaign and support for parents.

Policy and practice Create of a planning inspectorate for Wales

The Welsh Government announced in May that work has begun on establishing a separate planning inspectorate in Wales.⁴ The current Planning Inspectorate works across England and Wales and has a Wales Division based in Cardiff. It examines Local Development Plans and manages applications for the Minister for Housing and Local Government, Julie James AM, explained the rationale for a separate inspectorate due to the increasing divergence in planning law between England and Wales and proposals following a Law Commission review to create a Welsh Planning Code. It is expected that the Welsh Inspectorate will be fully operational by the end of the Assembly term in May 2021.

¹ Paul Martin's Law to protect future generations in Wales' (under) 286 - Wales Live, 15 May 2019, available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y7zph4p>
² 'Renting Homes (Fees etc) (Wales) Act 2019: A consultation on default fees and prescribed information for holding deposits in the private rented sector', available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y5z5z5z5>
³ Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/y5z5z5z5>
⁴ Work underway to create Wales' own planning inspectorate, Welsh Government press release 9 May 2019, available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y5z5z5z5>

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AUTUMN	12.10.2020	22.10.2020	28.10.2020



Electronic Execution of Documents – CILEx Response

CILEx has responded to the Law Commission's consultation on the electronic execution of documents covering both contracts and deeds.

In the response, we emphasised that despite the potential technological enabled legal services and processes have in improving the experience for the public and professionals, there are concerns that promoting the use of technology to allow for the electronic execution of documents (both contracts and deeds), could leave the system open to fraud and abuse. CILEx would like to thank all members that responded to our recent survey that informed the response. Your views help CILEx to represent your views.

Click the link below to read CILEx's consultation response.

Comments about Compendium and suggestions for future content are welcome. Please email: compendium@cilex.org.uk

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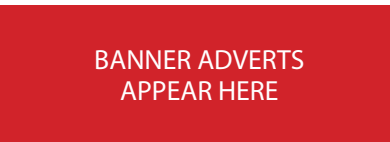
5 steps to reduce your stress levels

Wednesday 7 November marked #stressawarenessday. With almost 60% of UK adults stating they have suffered from stress, with work being the most common cause, knowing how to manage stress is crucial. Take a look at five steps you can take to reduce your stress levels, which will help to improve your overall health and happiness and will help your career development.

As a member, you also have access to LawCare, which is there to support good mental health and wellbeing in the legal community. This gives you access to their information, fact sheets and their free, confidential and independent helpline.

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Events

10 Tips on the RNRB

Wednesday 21 November, 12:00pm

The November Webinar Expert Webinar will be hosted by Professor Lesley King who will be looking at the Residence Nil Rate Band.

This webinar will look at some of the questions Professor Lesley King has been asked over the last 12 months and will highlight opportunities and pitfalls.

To register now, click the link below as places are limited.

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Expertise Rocks

Wednesday 28 November, The Water Rats, 308 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EG

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Feature articles include: 'Review of the justice system in Wales' by Lord Thomas, chair of the Commission on Justice in Wales and a CILEx Honorary Vice-President; 'The Access to Justice Foundation: the first ten years' by Clare Carter, deputy CEO of the ATJF; and 'Open justice and technology: Friend or foe?' by CILEx policy officer Chandni Patel.

In addition, CILEx membership manager, Louise Tyrrell, provides useful tips to help ensure compliance with your CPD requirements in 'The new CPD year', and an infographic describes 'What is in myCareer?' as a central hub of career information, tools



No-fault divorce

CILEx's no-fault divorce survey closes tomorrow

The Government are consulting on change requirements for divorce and the dissolution of partnerships (along with judicial separations orders). The changes put forward aim to:

- Eliminate the 'fact' based requirement petition/application;
- Consider the ability for joint petitions/appl to be made;
- Remove the right to defend for respondents.

The scope of the consultation is limited to the scope of matrimonial law.

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