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CPD LUNCHTIME SEMINARS

Each seminar will take place between 1-2 pm in the Library. Sandwiches and light refreshments will be available from 12.45 pm. Costs per seminar are: **£25 for Members, £40 for non members.** Payment details are available at:

<http://www.socofadvocates.com/resources.php?section=payments>

It would be appreciated if anyone who is unable to attend a booked seminar would give as much notice as possible. This will ensure that the place can be offered to someone else, and so hopefully provide a refund.

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Date	Topic	Tick to attend
Tuesday 01.03.16	<p>Shaun George of Brodies on Prenuptial Agreements Prenuptial Agreements are becoming increasingly popular in Scotland. Shaun’s talk will cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of a Prenuptial Agreement and the benefits of having one in place: protection of established or inherited assets; determination of how property will be dealt with in the event of divorce. • Enforceability of Prenuptial Agreements. • The position in Scotland and how this contrasts to the position in England. • Drafting prenuptial agreements: tailored to meet individual needs; consideration of future eventualities; input from financial/ tax advisors and lawyers in other jurisdictions. • Potential negligence claims. • Post nuptial Agreements. 	
Thursday 17.03.16	<p>Martin Ewan of Pinsent Masons on Director’s Duties: An Introduction to Corporate Governance In today’s complex business world, Directors may struggle to understand their legal duties. This session will review the core duties of a Director from first principles and give practical guidance on how these can be addressed within the post-Companies Act 2006 corporate governance framework.</p>	

Thursday 24.03.16	<p>Susan Pettit of Client Central and Mervyn Stanley of Cameron Carnegie on Planning for Profit</p> <p>The speakers are currently collaborating to help Legal Firms strategically develop. With an average of one third of clients switching their legal provider each and every year, how is your firm positioned to protect and grow your client relationships? Do you know which third is likely to leave, how can you retain their business whilst improving profitability? This session is designed to be both engaging and interactive, with the Speakers sharing key industry statistics and anecdotal evidence of changes taking place currently in the Legal marketplace.</p>	
Tuesday 19.04.16	<p>Karen Stewart of This Little Piggy on Low Cost High Impact Marketing</p> <p>We've never had it so good for marketing! This session will provide an insight into affordable marketing techniques which create tangible results.</p> <p>Various online platforms and methods will be covered, many of which are available free or at low cost. The improved return on investment of some of the more traditional activities will also be discussed. In today's challenging economy it's crucial to be able to embrace these tactics to promote and grow your business whilst keeping within a budget.</p>	
Thursday 28.04.16	<p>Eilidh Scobbie of Burnett & Reid on Liferents or Occupation Rights</p> <p>What are they? Why might you suggest they could be usefully incorporated in a Will? What are the tax effects of a liferent trust (testamentary or inter vivos)?</p>	
Tuesday 03.05.16	<p>David Freeland of the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on The Data Protection Act and the Information Commissioner's Office: Current issues for legal practitioners</p> <p>Whether it's the cybersecurity breach by TalkTalk, the right to be forgotten by Google and other search engines, companies and governments snooping on individuals, fines for nuisance callers or neighbours arguing over a CCTV camera, data protection is increasingly in the news and in litigation.</p> <p>David will provide an overview of the requirements of the Data Protection Act, look at some recent enforcement action and court cases, and explain the services the ICO can offer to legal firms as regulated bodies.</p> <p>If you have specific areas of interest or questions you wish to be covered please let Maria know when booking so they can be incorporated into the session.</p>	
Thursday 19.05.16	<p>Jim Johnstone, Stuart Fyvie, David McCurdy and Iona Foubister of FG Burnett on The Role of the Commercial Building Surveyor</p> <p>Presentation by four chartered building surveyors on the subject of the role of the commercial building surveyor focusing on core aspects such as building surveys, schedules of condition and dilapidations. They will also look at other aspects which people may not be so familiar</p>	

	with such as CDM consultancy, Project monitoring and potential repercussions of the climate change (Scotland) Act 2009.	
Tuesday 14.06.16	Lisa Watson and Elizabeth Shaw of Anderson Anderson & Brown on Family Trusts in the Corporate Arena A study of the tax benefits of Trusts for Business Owners in relation to company restructures and pre-sale planning	
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