

## Events and speakers

We organise and take part in a wide range of events and conferences. Come and meet us to find out about what we're doing.

To view recordings of past events, see our listing of on-demand events

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/>] .

### *Request an SRA speaker for your event*

If you would like to invite an SRA speaker to your event, please submit a request using our speaker request form.

Request an SRA speaker for your event [<https://form.sra.org.uk/s3/speaker-request>]

Please do not contact individual members of our staff directly to ask them to speak at your event.

We aim to reply to requests within three weeks. In order for us to consider your request, you need to submit it at least six to eight weeks before your event is scheduled to take place.

We take the following into account when reviewing speaker requests:

- how topical the event is to SRA work and priorities
- availability of appropriate speakers
- size and suitability of the audience.

We will assess all requests on a case-by-case basis. However, we are unlikely to accept invitations if we believe that one of the main purposes of the event is:

- to promote the wider work or services of a specific commercial organisation or potential supplier to businesses operating in the legal sector
- to generate new business or other revenue-creating opportunities beyond attendance at the event itself for the host/organiser/third parties.

Upcoming events and conferences that we'll be taking part in are listed here. To book a place or find out more about non-SRA events, please contact the organisers directly.

## *May 2024*

### *Your anti-money laundering questions answered*

13 May 2024 | YouTube [<https://www.youtube.com/@SRA solicitors/>]



**Speakers: Colette Best, Director of Anti-money Laundering, SRA, Declan Brown, AML Regulatory Manager, SRA, Ross Gillson, Head of AML Policy, SRA, Mandeep Sandhu, Head of Proactive AML Supervision, SRA**

We have a whole host of questions and answers about common money-laundering issues in the AML section of our website

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/link/08ecacbfd8334948b8e9b33feadbd9c2.aspx>] , while our other webinars have attracted frequently occurring queries from the profession. From high-level queries about what legal services fall within the scope of money laundering, to drilling down into how far to go with client due diligence, there's always lots to learn. You can also submit your own queries to our expert panel when you book your place or live during the webinar.

By signing up for this free webinar, you will:

- Hear from members our expert anti-money laundering team
- Find out about some of the most frequently-asked questions – and their answers!
- Get the chance to put your own questions to the panel

All of this should help you develop your existing AML policies, controls and procedures and keep criminal money out of legal services.

We will send you the link to the YouTube page a few days before the event.

Visit the event website to find out more [<https://events.sra.org.uk/sra/688/home>]

### ***Innovation: Technology and AI – practical challenges and opportunities***

**15 May 2024| Manchester Conference Centre, Pendulum Hotel, Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB** [<https://www.pendulumhotel.co.uk/>]

**Speakers: Aileen Armstrong, Executive Director - Strategy, Innovation and External Affairs, SRA (Chair), Angellee Small, Principal Corporate Counsel, Microsoft UK, Dr Catriona Wolfenden, Partner & Innovation Manager, Weightmans LLP, Ewan Willars, Regulatory Lead, Amplified Global, Jon Bartman, Board Representative, European Legal Technology Association, Rachel Roche, Founder and Owner, Roche Legal, Tasnim Khalid, Private Client Solicitors, Dr Tzamaret Rubin, Senior Lecturer in Innovation Management, Oxford Brookes University and the Technology in Professional Services Accelerator**

Technology is an indispensable tool for solicitors. Everything from basic word processing to emails, apps and video calls are built on the technologies we use every day. But could it serve you better and how might AI change how you work?

At our latest free innovation event, you will get exclusive insights and valuable advice about maximising the tech you have already. Plus you can find out about the opportunities, potential benefits and pitfalls of adopting AI in the legal profession.

*You will hear:*

- practical hints and tips on harnessing the power of existing technology
- examples from those onboarding new technologies
- how companies are pushing the boundaries of AI and law
- how the unique challenges of AI affects the profession.

*Topics will include:*

- how tech and AI are already changing how you do business
- practical hints and tips on embedding technology within your business
- getting the most from the technologies you already have
- the challenges and opportunities offered by new technologies
- how to upskill your workforce for the future.

*Why you should attend:*

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- examining how you can embed technology you may already have access to
- giving you hints and tips on the opportunities, risks and best practice in AI
- providing the opportunity to network with leading professionals from law and technology.

Visit the event website to find out more [<https://www.eventsforce.net/sra/676/home>]

***Meet our senior team***

**15 May 2024 | Manchester Conference Centre, Pendulum Hotel, Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB** [<http://www.pendulumhotel.co.uk/>]

Join us for an informal roundtable and networking event with senior members of our team.

This is your opportunity to speak directly to us about the regulatory issues which most concern and impact you on a day-to-day basis.

We will be discussing our ongoing work helping to maintain high standards and improve public choice and access, as well as:

- how to protect consumers when they use a regulated law firm and our review



- anti-money laundering and sanctions compliance
- supporting law firm's adoption of tech and innovation
- removing regulatory barriers
- helping solicitors and law firms work in different ways.

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### *Qualifying work experience: back to basics*

22 May 2024| YouTube [<https://www.youtube.com/user/SRA solicitors>]

**Speakers: Maxine Warr, Head of Education and Training, SRA (Chair),  
Richard Williams, Policy Manager, SRA**

Qualifying work experience (QWE) is the on-the-job training needed to qualify as a solicitor through the SQE route. But what is it?

Aimed at law firms and organisations providing QWE, sign up for our free webinar and get the facts about:

- what counts as QWE and what doesn't
- how long must it be
- what we expect of solicitors and law firms
- how a candidate records their QWE
- how a solicitor confirms QWE and what they're confirming
- whether QWE can be 'backdated'
- what you can do if a supervising solicitor has left your organisation.

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## *June 2024*

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[<https://www.spacecentre.co.uk/plan-your-visit/>]

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and External Affairs, SRA (Chair), Angellee Small, Principal Corporate  
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**Jess Goodwin, Head of Legal Engineering, Avail AI, Marcus Worthington, Operations Director, OTB Legal, Professor Martin Spring, Professor of Operations Management, University of Lancaster, and the Technology in Professional Services Accelerator, Rachel Roche, Founder and Owner, Roche Legal, Sarah Watson, Head of Research, Research and Analysis Team, SRA**

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