

The Expert Panel

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The Expert Panel consists of independent subject matter experts who the SRA may call upon to provide expert advice in policy areas as appropriate.

Policy development at the SRA is directed by the Executive, under the oversight of the SRA Board. We have a strong focus on stakeholder engagement throughout the lifecycle of our policy work, from early engagement with our Virtual Reference Groups right through to formal public consultation [[/sra/consultations/consultation-approach/](#)]. Work with the panel is distinct from any of our wider stakeholder engagement activity,

The panels role

- To provide advice to help us meet our strategic aims for policy development as set out in the SRA's corporate strategy [[/sra/corporate-strategy/](#)],
- To review and comment on policies and strategies
- To provide challenge, raising relevant issues and concerns or alternative options, informed by the members' areas of expertise.

The panel does not have a decision-making function.

Membership

Panel members have been chosen in a personal capacity as experts in their field.

Members are not paid for being on the panel but may be reimbursed reasonable expenses which they incur in fulfilling their role.

Panel Members

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Martin Lodge

Professor of Political Science and Public Policy in the Department of Government and Co-Director of the Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation at the London School of Economics. His research and teaching interests are in the fields of regulation and public administration.

Philip Goodstone

Phil leads Ernst & Young's legal practice in the UK, having launched the business in 2015. As such he is responsible for setting and implementing strategy and his focus over the last 5 years has been to build a differentiated market offering for both clients and the team. Phil is an mergers and acquisitions lawyer and continues to lead both client relationships and transactions, enabling him to stay close to both the market and his team.

Rosemary Martin

Rosemary Martin is Group General Counsel and Company Secretary of Vodafone Group Plc. She is a member of The Takeover Panel and the Law Tech Delivery Panel and a trustee of Vodafone Foundation and Lloyds Register Foundation. Prior to joining Vodafone she was CEO of the Practical Law Group and previously had roles as General Counsel of Reuters, as a partner in Rowe & Maw (now Mayer Brown) and as a non-executive director of the Legal

Services Board.

Chris Decker

Dr Christopher Decker is a Research Fellow specialising in regulation and Law and Economics at the Centre for Socio Legal Studies in the University of Oxford. He has undertaken research for the Legal Services Board, the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe and the European Parliament. He is also a member of the UK Competition and Markets Authority academic panel and the UK Better Regulation Executive Network of Experts.

Claire Blades

Claire has worked for Citizens Advice for over 20 years and has extensive knowledge of the advice sector. Claire has specialised in service development focused on a wide range of legal services issues including Legal Aid, Pro Bono services, Public Legal Education and the HMCTS digital Reform programme. Whilst maintaining strong links to the front line of advice through the Citizens Advice network she has an in-depth understanding of national developments which impact on advice sector clients.

Kate Briscoe

Kate is former consumer credit litigator who co-founded LegalBeagles in 2007. LegalBeagles is the UK's busiest legal support forum with 2.8million unique views a year and 124,000 members seeking help for a wide range of civil legal matters. Kate now heads the company as Chief Executive, responsible for leading innovation and growth in the organisation; which currently involves working with AI to deliver access to justice solutions and analysing her extensive consumer data for insights.

Jenifer Swallow

Jenifer is a lawyer, business executive and consultant with extensive experience in the tech industry, including leadership roles at Yahoo! and TransferWise. Currently Director of LawtechUK, a government-backed initiative to transform the legal sector through tech, she appears in the GC Legal 500 PowerList, 2019 Most Influential Women in Payments, and Chambers Global 100 most influential General Counsels. Jenifer is a mother to 2 boys and is passionate about equality and human well-being.

Dr Chris Marshall

Chris is Head of Policy and Strategy at Swansea University, and a member of the Law Tech Delivery Panel Education Taskforce. In his development role, he led the work to scope and launch Swansea's LLM in LegalTech and established the Legal Innovation Lab Wales initiative, a £5.6M, EU-funded research and development facility that supports collaboration between law firms and technology companies.

Meetings

The panel may meet as a whole from time to time to provide collective expertise on strategic issues. On an ongoing basis individual, or groups of panel members, will also provide direct input to the SRA on specific matters.