

Cardiff & District Law Society



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Annual Dinner

The prestigious Cardiff & District Law Society annual dinner takes place this Friday at the City Hall, Cardiff. There are only a small number of tickets left so if you're interested, get your skates on and book [here](#).

Criminal Legal Aid

Oh dear. Just when it was looking like Solicitors and Barristers might finally be uniting to achieve a common goal, along comes our old friend "Divide and Conquer". On 27 March, the Criminal Bar Association struck a deal with **Emperor Palpatine** (*if not libel, then copyright infringement – Ed.*), sorry, The Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, to reduce the impact of the cuts in return for calling off direct action. Cue **apoplexy** from solicitors - and a good few barristers.

But solicitors themselves are apparently not particularly united as evidenced by this latest communication from Chancery Lane: "Some solicitors are taking part in two days of action. Some have chosen not to take part and work normally. The Society will support and respect all of the decisions and choices our members make." A bit like **Schrödinger's cat** then – from Chancery Lane's perspective, the protests are both alive and dead at the same time.

UPDATE: looks like there's life in the old, er, cat yet – see [here](#).

Morgan Cole

Bouncing back from a spate of negative headlines about **departing teams**, the offloading of a once thriving **insurance** practice area and **plummeting profits**, Morgan Cole has **announced** a merger with South East firm, Blake Laphorn.

The new firm will be called Blake Morgan. Already with a total staff of 650 including 80 partners, Blake Laphorn is by far the bigger brother of the 2 firms and has a history of growth through merger/acquisition. Blake Laphorn's existing managing partner will continue in this role in the merged firm with current Morgan Cole managing partner, Elizabeth Carr losing out.

Movers & Shakers

We have a bumper selection of movers and shakers for you this week! Eversheds has appointed a new boss in their Cardiff office, Nigel Greenaway is interviewed for WalesOnline about his unconventional approach to running a legal business, there

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are 2 new appointments in Capital Law and Wales' oldest firm, Gabb & Co, has added three lawyers to its team. Read more on all stories [here](#).

Other News

- **Duncan Lewis and LawWorks Pro Bono Clinic begins with a successful launch**
- **Real-life Breaking Bad teacher turned drug dealer had cocaine lab worth £900,000**
- **Cardiff solicitors aids local children's cancer charity**
- **Stagecoach bus company threatens legal action over Welsh Government cuts**
- **Welsh social services bill "most complex ever" passes final Assembly hurdle**
- **Judge 'thinks outside the box' following offender's plea from prison**
- **Winners of Cardiff hosted 23rd Bar National Mock Trial Competition announced**
- **Convicted drug dealer ordered to pay back £88,000**
- **Son of a Cardiff docker retires as Magic Circle super-dealmaker**

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