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## Members' News



Congratulations and welcome to our **New Freemen**, admitted on 12<sup>th</sup> February: **Paul Considine, Dr Sean Cotter, Andrew Daw, Rev Roger Ter Haar QC, Hendrick Puschman and Karin Walker.**

## Dates for your Diary:

- **21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**  
**Opera Scenes at Gray's Inn**, presented by Guildhall School of Music & Drama
- **6<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**Master's Lecture** at Norton Rose Fulbright by **Sir Hugh Bennett.**
- **7<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**Big Curry Lunch** at the Guildhall
- **26<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**Court and Common Hall** for Liverymen only, at Armourers' Hall with speaker and drinks reception
- **4<sup>th</sup> May 2016**  
**Charter Commemorative Banquet** at the Mansion House with guest speaker **Lord Woolf**
- **19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016**  
Master's Garden Open to the public and the Company
- **1<sup>st</sup> July 2016**  
**Ladies Lunch** at Guildhall with visit to Mansion House valuables

## A Message from the Master



I have been in office for nearly 4 months and have had an exciting series of visits to other Companies and a varied programme of events to attend.

The Keating Chambers Symposium was much appreciated by all who attended, and I enjoyed the Mediation Competition which is reported upon in this Newsletter.

We had a reasonable attendance at our February Lunch at Cutlers Hall to entertain other Masters and Clerks. Our main speaker, the late Sheriff Fiona

Adler, spoke with great humour on her experiences as Sheriff and also the moving service at St Paul's Cathedral to commemorate the end of hostilities in Afghanistan. Prior to the lunch we had a useful Court meeting when 6 new Freeman were installed, and it was also agreed to invite our Honorary Archivist to be an Honorary Freeman during her time as Archivist. This will go to Common Hall at the end of April.

Progress has been made in respect of our two Travelling Scholarships and again details of this appear in this Newsletter.

Our next main event is the Master's Lecture which will be given by Sir Hugh Bennett, a retired High Court Judge, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The lecture is entitled 'Family Law Arbitration: A better route to Justice?' It is a subject close to my heart and I hope it will be well attended.

I would encourage all Liverymen to attend Common Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This is an important meeting when we review the last year and the accounts, and it is also an opportunity for Liverymen to raise any issues. We will at that meeting elect next year's team and our Nominations Court recommend that Matt Bastone should be Master with David Wilson as Senior Warden and the Hon Sir Gary Hickenbottom as Junior Warden. They also recommend that Jodi Berg and David Millington should join the Court. Be there and take part at this meeting.

Our Commemorative Charter Banquet will take place at the Mansion House on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016. If you have not attended the Mansion House before, it is a must as you will enjoy the experience. We don't go to this venue every year. I am delighted that Lord Woolf has agreed to speak. He is a great advocate of Private Dispute Resolution and the Woolf reforms encourage parties to pursue Mediation or Arbitration.

Finally, I would like to thank Tony Ensom who is retiring from the Court after 7 years and also Murray Armes who retires as Editor of this newsletter. Thank you to Helena Riches who has agreed to take it on.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at future events.

**Michael Goodridge, Master**

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## Introducing our New Clerk, Biagio Fraulo JP



On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Biagio Fraulo JP officially took over from Elinor Pritchard as Clerk to the Company.

Biagio has strong links to the city of London, having been a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants since 2007 and a Liveryman since 2009. He has recently assisted the Clerk to the Educators' Company.

Since 2004 Biagio has run his own freelance business consultancy, and prior to this spent 17 years in the telecommunications industry in a variety of management roles.

A graduate of Cass Business School's MBA Program and Cambridge University's Sustainability Leadership Programme, Biagio is a strong advocate of business sustainability.

As part of his voluntary activities Biagio is a Magistrate at Highbury Magistrates Court and an Appeals Magistrate at Blackfriars Crown Court.

We are very pleased to welcome Biagio to the Company.

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## Appeal for Gift Aid Declarations:

If you have not yet completed a Gift Aid declaration in respect of any applicable contributions to the Company, please use this link to complete it today: <http://www.arbitratorscompany.org/members/giftAid02.php>. Please do this even if you believe that you have made a declaration on a previous occasion. Thank you.

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## Travelling Scholarships

As reported in the last Newsletter, at its meeting on 27 October 2015 the Court approved a new scheme to boost our profile in the training of those wishing to enter the dispute resolution field. In addition to our pupillage scheme, which continues to be in great demand, we will award two travelling scholarships to selected candidates to spend a month abroad studying how dispute resolution operates in other jurisdictions.

The scholarships have been made possible by the generous response to last year's appeal for more funds to support the Charitable Trust. This year the Trust decided to award two Travelling Scholarships in Dubai, which are being organised and overseen by our Dubai members, Dr Mark Hoyle and Alec Emerson, who are arranging short internships in their law offices along with visits to the local courts and arbitration centres as well as sitting in on arbitration hearings.

The scholarships were advertised in November in professional newsletters and websites and elicited 8 well-qualified applicants of which 4 were shortlisted and interviewed. The interview panel unanimously chose as the first Travelling Scholars **Renata Hermann**, a member of the Company who specialises in banking and commodity trading, and **Niraj Modha**, a barrister with a growing interest in international dispute resolution.

The panel were of the view that both candidates would obtain maximum benefit from trip. The scholars will each write a report on their experiences which will be placed on to the Company's web-site.

The organising committee will next consider the venue for the Travelling Scholarships to be offered for 2017. All suggestions are welcome.

## The Master's Lecture by Sir Hugh Bennett 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Norton Rose Fulbright Family Law Arbitration: A Better Route to Justice

Sir Hugh Bennett was a High Court Judge in the Family Division between 1995 and 2010. He heard many financial provision cases including *Parlour*, *Sorrell*, *Norris*, *Rose*, *McFarlane*, *Stark*, *Crossley*, and *Mills v McCartney*, as well as appeals from District Judges. He also sat in the Court of Appeal from time to time.

Since he retired he has continued to sit in the Family Division hearing financial cases and was appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey.

Sir Hugh has also conducted many Financial Dispute Resolution hearings both in England and abroad (Hong Kong). He was very much involved, as a member of the steering group, in setting up the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators scheme.

This event is open for anyone to attend, so bring along friends or colleagues. There is a free drinks and canape reception afterwards, thanks to the good offices of Norton Rose Fulbright. To book for this event and to assist with catering arrangements, please register your intention to attend by email to: [assistant@arbitratorscompany.org](mailto:assistant@arbitratorscompany.org).

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## The UK Mediation Skills Competition 2016 Report

This Competition was held over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> January at the Silk Street, London offices of global law firm, Linklaters LLP.

A very strong entry was provided by 12 teams from UK Universities and Law Schools, trainee solicitors and pupil barristers; these were:-

- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Linklaters
- 4 New Square
- The University of Law, Birmingham
- The Open University
- Berwin Leighton Paisner
- City Law School
- The University of the West of England
- London Metropolitan University
- Keating Chambers
- BPP University
- The University of Cambridge

Four mediation scenarios were used, two in the Preliminary Rounds and one each in the Semi-Finals and the Grand Final, which, in each case comprised a mock mediation with a professional mediator and three judges. The Semi-Finalists were:

- The University of Law, Birmingham
- BPP University
- The University of the West of England; and
- Keating Chambers

The Grand Final was between The University of the West of England and BPP University. The mediator was Jane Andrewartha, with Katie

Bradford, Nicholas Pryor and Sue Bayram as judges. The exciting Grand Final was extremely close, and was ultimately won by The University of the West of England.

The prizes were presented by Master Michael Goodridge MBE, and Freeman Phillippa Rowe was Mediation Session Supervisor. The Officials, both mediators and judges, were organised by Liveryman Chris McCardle. The prize for the Winner included an entry to the 2016 ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition.

The full awards were thus:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: The University of the West of England
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: BPP University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: The University of Law, Birmingham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Keating Chambers
- Best Newcomer: BPP University
- Best Mediation Plan: Norton Rose Fulbright
- Best Mediation Advocacy: (a week's internship with Linklaters) David Carey, The University of the West of England

All participants received Certificates signed by the Master.

The Winners of the Grand Final, the University of the West of England, went on to the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition 2016 in Paris. Although they did not progress beyond the Pool Stage, it

was a fantastic and enjoyable experience for them.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are all very much looking forward to the next Competition.

The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators is delighted to recognise the support given by Linklaters in hosting the Competition and providing amazing logistical support and the opening and closing receptions. The Company is also grateful to the other sponsors, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, which provided financial support, ArbDB, the Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Board Chambers, which provided the Competition Mugs and also supported the Competition Bar, and the Academy of Experts. The Company would also like to recognise the support of ICC in Paris in permitting the use of their Mediation Competition Rules and providing a scenario for the Competition, as well as an entry for the winner to the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition 2016. In addition, the Charitable Trust of the Company provided financial support.

Above all, the Company is indebted to the participating students and their coaches, all of whom gave up their time and, in some cases, used their own resources to be able to be present.

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