

## IRLA Link n Learn Session

### Introduction to Legacy

01 July 2024 10:00 to 13:00

#### Your speakers

#### **Liam Bedford, IRLA Head of Academy, Kennedys Law LLP**

Liam is a senior associate in Kennedy's Leeds office, and a practicing barrister. He was co-opted to the IRLA board of directors in April 2023 and is the Development (Personal) aka Head of Academy.

His case load is primarily asbestos-related claims litigated in the High Court. Liam has a specialism acting for local authorities on strategic points, such as foreseeability of risk to firemen and in respect of emerging diseases. He has experience across a wide range of disease types such as asthma, dermatitis, silicosis, HAVS and NIHL. Liam has won several reported asbestos cases in the High Court on breach of duty such as *McGowan v AMEC [2017]* and on the application of the Limitation Act 1980 in *Fudge v FG Minter [2018]*. He also undertakes all interim Advocacy in the county and high courts and from his pupillage has an active interest in costs litigation.

Liam is a "recommended lawyer" in the 2020/21 edition of The Legal 500. Also in 2021, Liam was named the IRLA Young Professional of the Year.

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#### **Johnathan Bharath – Acrisure Re**

As an actuary within a Corporate and Advisory Solutions team, Johnathan specialises in Legacy having worked on the buy-side across reserving, pricing, and previously, capital modelling. In addition, he worked across multiple areas under 'Advisory Services' including Lloyd's syndicate set-ups & planning, capital raising and

general analytics. Johnathan thrives on delivering strategic solutions that improve clients' business performance and profitability.

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## **Richard Burrows – IRLA Director, Weightmans LLP**

Richard is a Principal Associate at Weightmans LLP, Liverpool. He joined the firm in 2011 and specialises in disease claims, acting for a number of legacy insurers, live insurers and self-insured corporates. He has a particular interest in emerging risks, and regularly writes articles for Weightmans' insights publications and has contributed articles to pharmaceutical journals on topics such as the opioid crisis.

Richard is Chairman of the IRLA Young Professionals Committee, as well as a director of the Association, and as part of this role he is responsible for the learning and mentoring opportunities made available to new to legacy members.

Richard is a keen runner, despite the air pollution issues news of which he shares here.

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## **Leslie-Ann Giovilli – IRLA Director, Facilitator and Mentor**

Leslie-Ann has been described as the glue that keeps the Association together; as one of the founders in 1998 Leslie-Ann has more detail about IRLA, and legacy in general, running around her head all the time than she would admit. In 2021 she was recognised for her legacy market work, especially during covid, with the Services to Legacy Award.

Leslie-Ann is also the MD of AMS (Outsourcing) Services which is now 25 years old, and she is in her 26th year of managing and creating learning, development and facilitating opportunities for Association members, having spent her first 20 years working in the reinsurance claims market, mainly in companies which formed the legacy market we know today.

As a neurodiverse person Leslie-Ann finds her dog training knowledge as useful as her counselling training in her day time role.

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