

## Welcome to the second newsletter of 2016

It has been a busy quarter in chambers with the refurbishment works in full swing. Soon we will have a state of the art seminar space to host team events and fully equipped conference rooms for our valued clients.

In the meantime do bear with us during the works. We are doing our best to ensure seminars take place on site or close by and we are still able to host client meetings and conferences.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find a wealth of articles on the latest developments in housing and a piece on our attendance at the CIH South East Conference in Brighton.

Newsletter highlights include a summary of the arguments in *McDonald v McDonald* where the court has been asked to decide whether an Article 8 defence can be used against a private landlord. Judgment is awaited from the Supreme Court. Matt Hutchings and Jenny Oscroft acted for Shelter.

There is an interesting article by Matt Lewin on *Cocking and Cocking v Eacott and Waring* where the Court of Appeal decided that a licensor could be held liable for a nuisance caused by a licensee.

There are also articles on the law and best evidence in subletting cases (*Andy Lane*), making out of borough placements after *Nzolameso* (*Peggy Etiebet*), renewal of designations for additional/selective licensing (*Dean Underwood*), as well as our usual round up of housing cases of interest over the last three months (*Andy Lane*).

### Cases to watch out for

In May *Ranjit Bhowe* QC will be leading Dean in the Court of Appeal on the question of whether a county court can refuse relief to a starter tenant who says the private registered provider's decision to issue him with a section 21 notice requiring possession was flawed in public law. We hope to have an update on the arguments in the next edition of the newsletter.

### Dates for your diaries

*Andy Lane* and *Emma Dring* will be presenting the team's next seminar, a Housing Law Update, The Last 12 Months on 8 June 2016. There is still time to book a place [here](#).

Please also note that our hugely popular annual conference will take place on Tuesday 4 October. Don't miss out on the early bird rate, tickets are available [here](#).

The team's seminar programme for the rest of 2016 can be accessed [here](#).

As ever we will endeavor to keep you up to date with all the latest developments in social housing.

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