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president



It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the inaugural event in the Law Society's New Legal Business Series from 6pm – 9pm on Tuesday, 23 February 2010 at 3 Albion Place in Leeds.

Leeds sits at the heart of a diverse and vibrant region and at the centre of a market for professional services within which enterprising legal businesses have the space to flourish.

Most of the discussion about alternative business structures (ABS) to date has focused on the regulatory framework within which these new businesses will operate. The Law Society's new series of discussion events will shift the debate to encourage innovative law firms and business leaders to explore the opportunities for business development opened up by the emerging regulatory regime and bring together entrepreneurial lawyers with potential investors and intermediaries to exchange ideas and build networks.

This event has been produced in partnership with Financial Leeds.

The event will focus on the topic '**Investing in change: opportunities in regional legal markets.**'

We will be joined by Alison Starr, partner at Pinsent Masons LLP, a specialist in private equity transactions, Robert Colthorpe, partner at Europa Partners, the London-based independent corporate finance advisory firm and Michael Webber, Head of Legal Services and Company Secretary at Yorkshire Bank, who will provide the client perspective. It promises to be a truly fascinating discussion.

The audience for the event will comprise leaders of law firms, general counsel, business development and risk specialists, potential investors and intermediaries, associated professional services firms and external suppliers of business services. Tickets for the event are priced at £50 plus VAT.

Full details of the event and how to book can be found via the following link:

[New Legal Business Series flyer and booking form](#)

You can also book online [here](#).

The event will begin at 6 pm with registration and networking until 6.30 pm. After hearing from the speakers there will be an open debate, under the Chatham House rule, with contributions from delegates and discussion of investment scenarios. A networking reception with refreshments will follow from 8pm – 9pm (sponsored by Financial Leeds).

Places at the event are limited so I encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

Yours sincerely



Robert Heslett, president of the Law Society of England and Wales