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Welcome to the January issue of the SHLA Newsletter

Time to kick off 2025 with our first newsletter of the year featuring updates, articles and upcoming events from SHLA.

Horizon scanning the legal landscape

This month the Newsletter Committee: Iris Ferber KC (42BR Barristers), Dambu Tenner (Solicitor and Head of Legal, Abri) and Imran Mustak (Solicitor and Legal Manager, L&Q) look at the anticipated impact of the Renters' Rights Bill on the Housing Ombudsman service, what constitutes a “notice” and the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution to resolve disrepair claims.

Articles and Legal Updates

We start 2025 with an article from Justin Bates KC which explores the provisions of the Renters' Rights Bill and how the role of the Housing Ombudsman is likely to be impacted, covering both the PRS and Social Rented Sector. Could this provide the opportunity to effectively bridge the long-standing conceptual divide between “Housing Law” and “Landlord and Tenant” law? The article explores this in more detail.

Speaking of Justin Bates KC, the judgement in the case of *Khan & Anr v D'Aubigny* was recently handed down. The Court of Appeal decision explores what is a “notice” and what may establish the service of a notice. A must-read for all lawyers.

Finally, we continue to follow developments in the world of disrepair with a guest article by Shabana Ismail, In-House Solicitor at L&Q. A matter in which the Defendant's legal representatives were deemed not to be entitled to their legal costs as they had not followed the ADR process advised to them.

All our articles and the judgement can be found in the members' area of the SHLA website, [here](#).

Please continue to share the wonderful work you are all doing to shape the world of Social Housing by being our next guest writer.

Upcoming events

5 February 2025 SHLA Midlands Region In-Person Event

Costs Issues in Housing Conditions claims, presented by Alex Bagnell. Expert insights into managing and reducing costs in Housing Conditions Claims.

Further information can be found [here](#).

13 March 2025 SHLA annual Conference 2025

The conference is fast approaching and only a little time left to secure an early bird discount. Featuring a line-up of outstanding speakers, it's certainly not to be missed. A great opportunity to network, learn and collaborate on ideas.

Webinars

Please take a few minutes to complete our survey on our webinar series [here](#).

SHLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 - EARLY BIRD RATES ENDING SOON!

Details of our sponsorship opportunities, early bird ticket options and preview of our programme can be found [here](#).



We hope you have found this newsletter useful. **Please do give us your feedback**, and join us for our next event.

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