

Professional Development

Legal Update | Week 4, 2026

Introduction

This weekly legal update provides practitioners with the latest developments in professional development. It includes recent case law, news updates, key legislation references, and useful resources for legal professionals.

Focus areas: Bar Standards Board, SRA updates, CPD requirements, pro bono, wellbeing and practice management

This Week's Coverage

- BSB regulatory updates
- SRA guidance
- CPD requirements
- Pro bono opportunities
- Practice management

Recent Case Law

Administrative Court

- Wales & West Utilities Ltd, R (On the Application Of) v Competition and Markets Authority (Re...) Published: 2026-01-22
- Krishnamohan v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities And Local Government & Anor [2026]... Published: 2026-01-21
- The American Federation of Musicians of the United States And Canada & Ors, R (On the Applica...) Published: 2026-01-21
- Hurst v Solicitors Regulation Authority [2026] EWHC 85 (Admin) (20 January 2026) Published: 2026-01-20
- The Howard League for Penal Reform, R (on the application of) v The Secretary of State for Justic... Published: 2026-01-19

News & Commentary

Judiciary News

- Pre-application seminar about applying to sit as a s9(4) Deputy High Court Judge Published: 2026-01-21
- Judicial Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2026-2030 launched Published: 2026-01-21
- Senior President of Tribunals' Annual Report 2025 Published: 2026-01-16
- President of the King's Bench Division to retire from the judiciary Published: 2026-01-14

- The family court and open justice: evolution, reform, and wider implications for the Health, Educ...

Published: 2026-01-14

Key Legislation

- Legal Services Act 2007
- BSB Handbook
- SRA Standards and Regulations
- Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012

Useful Resources

- Bar Standards Board - Handbook and guidance
- Solicitors Regulation Authority
- Legal Aid Agency
- LawWorks - Pro bono opportunities
- Wellbeing at the Bar

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