

# Being a Deputy Vice President is...

*Have you ever been interested in stepping forward to be Deputy Vice President of Nottinghamshire Law Society?*

*Past and a future Presidents of the Society share their inspirational and motivational words as to why standing for the role is so good for you...*



# Lauren Crow

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*I have served as Deputy Vice President at Nottinghamshire Law Society (NLS) during 2022-2023. I will become Vice President from April 2023 and then President in April 2024.*

*My involvement with Nottinghamshire Law Society (other than being an active member at events!) started, however, in 2019 when I was asked by the President at the time, Laura Pinkney, to chair the newly established Equality and Diversity committee. Equality and diversity within our legal profession is something I feel particularly passionately about and so I was delighted to get involved. Since that time, I have been involved in and overseen NLS' participation in various initiatives and events, including at Nottingham Pride and collaborations with the Midlands Asian Lawyers Association and the Midlands Circuit Women's Forum.*

*Taking on the role of Chair of the Equality and Diversity Committee also meant that I became a member of the NLS Council. This has given me an important insight into the workings of Council, how decisions are made, and I have had the opportunity to see the different leadership styles of various Presidents, all of which will help inform my own term in office.*

*I love being part of NLS. I really believe that the Society is a force for good and we are so lucky in Nottinghamshire to have the benefit of such a proactive local law society. Being actively involved also gives me the chance to work with talented and dedicated professionals that I would not otherwise come across in my day-to-day practice.*

*I am also really proud that I will become the 8<sup>th</sup> female President since 1875 (and in fact the 4<sup>th</sup> female President in 6 years!). It is so important for women to continue to break the barriers within the legal profession, and particularly in positions of responsibility and leadership. I feel that we all have a responsibility to the next generation of lawyers and I hope that my involvement within NLS is my small part in that.*

***Deputy Vice President 2022-2023***



# Philip Turton

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*“Whilst becoming DVP in 2018 came as something of a surprise, it was a marker of things to come and led on to the Presidency, two years later. This was a year of education, listening in Council, watching others do the job I was moving towards and learning from their trials and tribulations whilst noting what lay behind and within their successes. I wouldn’t have changed that time. It was an essential element of progression to the Presidency, from which I gained so much”.*

***Past President 2020-2022***



# Laura Pinkney

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"Being appointed DVP, and ultimately becoming President, is such an amazing opportunity and a huge privilege. It allows you to make a significant contribution to your profession, ensuring that Nottinghamshire continues to be a thriving legal community. You will also be supported by a fantastic team."

***Past President 2018***



# Deborah Hutchinson

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*"I had been a Council Member for a number of years before I was approached to be Deputy Vice President as a stepping stone on the way to becoming President. I was the first wear the yellow badge which had been presented to the Society by Paul Bacon and the honour of the top Office coming my way gradually dawned on me.*

*Being DVP allowed me to see what being President would entail, to begin to formulate my own focus and to work more closely with Peter and Stephen, President and Vice-President respectively, so there could be continuity of action. It also meant I engaged in the Twinning process, visiting Ghent and Karlsruhe and forging friendships which became one of the most enjoyable aspects of my journey to the Presidency and beyond."*

***Past President 2010***



# Stephen Warner

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*"The role of Deputy Vice President is of great importance. You are part of the President's team and a trusted person to rely on. You also learn at first hand what to do and what not to do....invaluable when one steps up...."*

***Past President 2009***



# Christine Doughty

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*"I received a phone call from the then President, David Milnes, so assumed I was in trouble. I was so stunned by the offer that I immediately accepted. I omitted to tell my partners in case they thought it would interfere with fee earning! The two year run- up to President is great.*

*I made sure I took notice of everything- AGM, Annual Dinner etc so that I'd get it right. I had great fun with lots of invitations, one of the highlights being the Westminster Abbey Procession and Lord Chancellor's breakfast at the opening of the Legal Year.*

*I went to Karlsruhe for the first time and we started the ball rolling towards the twinning with Ghent, which has brought opportunities for young lawyers to do exchanges and for a genuine "entente cordial".*

*The Society is thriving and with the right drivers its future is secured.*

***Past President 2002***

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