

# Hi All,

The first quarter of 2025 has been packed with fantastic events for our members. It's been a brilliant start to the year — and there's plenty more to come!

March has been no different as we kicked things off with the much-loved John Pearce Quiz, always a highlight in our calendar. This year, we were delighted to be joined at the Annual Legal Service by Drew Dennis, Deputy Vice President of the Nottinghamshire Law Society. It was a meaningful occasion, bringing together the legal community to mark the start of a new legal year with tradition and ceremony.



We were delighted to be invited by The Law Society to attend their Bicentennial event in Nottingham, held at Cleaver & Wake. It was a fantastic evening filled with great food, engaging

conversations, and valuable connections. We especially appreciated the insightful round table discussion on the Society's three-year plan and how it can support our junior members. It was the perfect opportunity to represent our members and have our voices heard.

We were proud to attend the first round of the Hammond Cup, a fantastic opportunity for aspiring advocates to showcase their skills. The competition was fierce, and we're excited to watch the finalists go head-to-head later this month. Good luck to all those competing!

We wrapped up March with a fun-filled crazy golf social at Golf Fang, where our members swapped courtrooms for putting greens. It was fantastic to see everyone's competitive spirit in full swing. I still can't hit a golf ball to save my life — but I definitely had a hole lot of fun trying!



## **April Highlights**

We've already kicked off April with a fantastic collaboration with BCL Legal for the East Midlands Newly Qualified Solicitors Talk. It was an insightful evening featuring inspiring talks from:

- Lauren Crow, President of Nottinghamshire Law Society
- Zena Comrie, Emerging Talent Manager, Browne Jacobson
- Gabor Taller, Real Estate Partner, Browne Jacobson
- Naomi McFadden, Associate & Solicitor, Nelsons
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Their insights into the current legal market and career progression were invaluable — a huge thank you to our speakers and attendees for making it such a success, and the food was delicious too.





## Upcoming Events

### **Mindful May**

Mental health matters — especially in our profession. May marks the return of Mindful May, where we'll shine a spotlight on wellbeing and mental health for junior lawyers. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved.

### **Don't Miss Out**

Want to be first in line for our next events — including our first big celebration of the year, the **Summer Soirée**? Join our mailing list and follow us on social media to stay in the loop!

Warm regards,



**Shannon Mould – Chair of NJLD**

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