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Dear Member

Welcome to the sixth edition of LSA News, a quarterly source of comment and updates on issues relevant to the LSA Principles.

LSA membership continues to expand, and we now have 175 members. Members who have recently joined include Pannone, Ashton Graham and Morton Fraser. LSA members represent almost 30% of solicitors in private practice in England & Wales.

The LSA is promoting the model to other jurisdictions in 2010 and AusLSA is now up and running, with six founding members, providing a forum for law firms to share knowledge and best-practice on issues of specific relevance to the Australian legal sector.

### **Hot Topic – Legal technology**

Transforming the way law firms use technology can reduce energy and carbon emissions significantly. Mike Hooper, from green IT experts IT Energy, has written an [exclusive comment piece](#) for the LSA, outlining key issues associated with PC power management.

The LSA aims to widen and refresh the legal technology debate and improve knowledge about how to make win-win technology choices. The LSA website now includes [bi-weekly blogs](#) written by legal technology experts, discussing key issues for LSA members.

### **Hot Topic 2 – reduce your carbon footprint – free webinar**

The LSA is hosting a [free webinar](#) on 22 June to help law firms reduce their carbon emissions and achieve the Carbon Trust Standard. The LSA and the Carbon Trust Standard have designed the webinar session for firms of all sizes, not just those who are those affected by or are advising on the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC).

To register please email your contact details, including full name, job title, organisation name and email address to [CTS@carbontrust.co.uk](mailto:CTS@carbontrust.co.uk).

### **Hot Topic 3 – Celebrating excellence in climate change management**

Now in their fourth year, the Excellence Awards are a showpiece in the legal calendar. The LSA Award for Excellence in Environmental Responsibility recognises original ideas and significant outcomes from environmental initiatives such as carbon management, energy efficiency and sustainable procurement. Please visit the [Law Society website](#) for details of how to enter.

## LSA Update – resources and events for members

### Regional forums

The LSA is hosting a series of regional events in 2010 to showcase the business benefits of taking a proactive approach to climate change, with a focus on key climate impacts and opportunities for law firms. The events include case studies from law firms and expert guest speakers to highlight the business and cost benefits of acting on climate change.

Last week the LSA was in Cambridge and Cardiff and the next regional event will be hosted by *Pannone in Manchester* on July 1, 16:15 - 18:00.

The LSA will also be visiting additional locations including Birmingham, York and Bristol later in the year. For more information on these events and details of additional future events please visit the [LSA website](#).

### Measuring environmental performance

One of the key focus areas for the LSA this year is waste management. An expert working group comprising representatives from Hogan Lovells, Slaughter & May, Eversheds, DLA Piper and Freshfields is assessing key waste streams and waste management best practice and will produce detailed guidance available for all LSA members later this year.

To enable the group understand current waste management practices, all LSA members are asked to [complete a brief survey](#).

Please forward this newsletter to colleagues who might find it of interest.

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Kind regards,

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