The legal community on your doorstep

*From supporting young lawyers and creating valuable professional connections to giving local businesses the opportunity to engage with the legal community, the **Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & District Law Society** is much more than a professional network...*

You may know the names above the doors of our local law firms. But how well do you know the people behind them? The solicitor whose expertise complements yours, the trainee facing the same challenges as your newest recruit, or the lawyer down the road who commutes to London three days a week and works from home the rest?

At the Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & District Law Society, we bring those people together: to share experiences, build relationships and enjoy being part of the local legal community.



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For our President, Jenna Hunter, the strength of that community is something worth investing in. When she joined, she was running her own practice, Hunter Law and looking to build connections with other lawyers since then her business has increased significantly in size. Now, as President, she wants more lawyers and other legal professionals in the district to benefit from those same connections.

THE VOICE OF THE LOCAL LEGAL COMMUNITY

The way lawyers train, work and win work is changing. We bring the local profession together to share experiences and perspectives through talks, training and events, and circulate consultations so members can contribute their views. Our President also joins other local law society presidents at national gatherings, where concerns from the local profession can be raised.

Alongside that collective voice, there is a very personal benefit to getting involved.

As Jenna puts it: "It can help you with your business. It can actually help you with your career."

That might mean knowing whom to call when a client needs advice outside your specialism, finding someone to exchange ideas with, or making a connection that develops into a referral. Sometimes, it simply means talking to somebody who understands the pressures of the job.

PUTTING DOWN PROFESSIONAL ROOTS

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"We're especially concerned about junior lawyers who work from home. It can be isolating, particularly when you're still building your professional network," says Jenna. "You might work for a London firm but spend much of your week here, without knowing other lawyers nearby. The Society gives you a chance to meet people, share experiences and feel part of your local legal community."

Firms based outside Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding district can also arrange membership for staff who live here. At just £33 per person per year, it is a very accessible way to help your staff build a supportive network beyond their immediate team or colleagues.

Through the Junior Lawyers Division, which we support, younger professionals can meet peers, develop confidence and access practical learning. Activities have ranged from proofreading support to chocolate making and wine tasting.

"It is a great way for junior lawyers to get to know senior partners - people who can make introductions, open doors and support their career progression," says our Vice President, Ashley Scriven, Partner at Loch Law. "The relationships they make today could last throughout their careers."

Our annual awards, including Trainee of the Year and Paralegal of the Year, recognise emerging talent and give firms an opportunity to celebrate their colleagues' achievements.

MORE THAN A LEGAL NETWORK

And our reach extends beyond law firms. Events take place in local venues, and local businesses are encouraged to get involved through sponsorship, prizes we can raffle to raise funds for our chosen charity, Young Lives Foundation, or special offers for members.

For businesses keen to build relationships locally, that creates an opportunity to meet the legal community and support something that benefits the area.

Whether you are starting your career, living or working in the area, or running a local business, we want to hear from you. Now is a great time to join as we have our annual gala dinner attended by around 200 local legal professionals on Friday 20 November – see details in our advert opposite.

Membership is open to solicitors and other legal professionals (including CILEX) for further details and sponsorship enquiries, visit twtdls.co.uk.

Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & District Law Society

ESTABLISHED 1933 | 260+ MEMBERS

Where the local legal community comes together.





ANNUAL GALA DINNER

Friday 20th November, The Spa Hotel Tunbridge Wells

Live music and special guest speaker Paul Harris, the Warrior Walker
Pre-dinner drinks · Three-course meal · Half a bottle of wine per person
Black tie · Members £95 · Local legal professionals (non-members) £125

MEMBERSHIP

Invest in your lawyers. Support your local Law Society.

ONLY £33 per person, per year

Join individually or arrange membership for your team.
Build supportive connections through networking, shared experience and social events.

Who can join? Legal professionals who live or work in TW and District. Firms based elsewhere can enrol staff who live there.

Put your business in front of our members.

Connect with 260+ local legal professionals and support our chosen charity.
Sponsorship opportunities from £250 - Contact us for options and rates.

Annual Dinner headline sponsor
3 VIP tickets, branding and acknowledgement.

Sponsor a networking event
Branded materials and a speaking slot

Year-round visibility
Website, LinkedIn and Annual Dinner recognition.

Sponsor a raffle prize
Support our chosen charity at the Annual Dinner

Join us. Support us. Be part of it.
Membership and sponsorship enquiries: visit **twtdls.co.uk** or email **twtdls@gmail.com**