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Welcome to our August Ewire

We like to keep you up to date with ideas and information that will help you gain the maximum advantage from working with us.

Our Ewires will be sent to you regularly to keep you in touch with the latest legal news and we hope you will find these bulletins interesting.

In this edition, we look at the issues surrounding protecting TV formats, while we examine the enforcement of foreign judgments in England and Wales.

We also consider the menace of Japanese Knotweed facing property owners, while we feature a guest article from Day Cooper Day on Small Self Administered Pension Schemes (SSASs).

Furthermore we examine the use and legal scope of zero-hours contracts, while our client showcase this month features the Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) initiative.

We conclude with information about an IP seminar featuring Director of Brands Robert MacGinn.

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Whose idea is it anyway?



Television shows such as *The X Factor* and *Strictly Come Dancing* achieve huge audiences, both in the UK and abroad. So it is understandable that we are often approached by clients with 'an idea for a TV programme' from which they want to protect and earn their fortune. Jonathan Silverman questions whether the law offers any real defence to creators in these circumstances?

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England & Wales – an efficient venue to enforce foreign judgments – Part II

In Part II of this series, John Abbott and Ben Thorogood look at successfully enforcing a judgment in England & Wales which was obtained in a jurisdiction that is not part of the EU.

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Japanese Knotweed: the Property Menace



Japanese Knotweed is now included under Schedule 9 of Part II of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, which makes it an offence to plant it or cause it to grow in the wild. Senior associate Robert Clark examines the property menace of Japanese Knotweed – why is it such a threat to property owners, local authorities and the police?

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What's on your Mind?

Is there any particular topic or area of law (business, private client or family matters) that you would like to see us focus on in a future edition of *Ewire*?

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SSAs: Helping business owners make the most of their pensions, a guest article by Day Cooper Day



We regularly invite professional specialists to share their views and expertise on current topics of interest to *Ewire* readers. Here, Sonia Day, of specialist pensions advisers Day Cooper Day, demystifies SSAs.

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Zero-hours contracts – a detailed look at their use and legal status

Employment solicitor Dilini Loku looks in detail at the use of zero-hour contracts – which a significant proportion of the UK workforce are employed on. What is their legal status, are there any employment protections?

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Client Showcase – Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA)

In this month's Client Showcase, we feature the Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) initiative which aims to reduce the number of people killed on our roads through a combination of film, live speakers and social media.



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Creative Barcode and Chartered Institute of Public Relations team up to hold Intellectual Property event

Silverman Sherliker's Director of Brands, Robert MacGinn, will be on the panel for a Q&A with the creative and legal community at an Intellectual Property event for PR consultants writers and journalists hosted at the British Library.

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