



Welcome to our December *Ewire*

At Silverman Sherliker we like to keep you up to date with ideas and information of interest to our clients and general network.

Our *Ewires* will be sent to you regularly to keep you in touch with the latest legal news.

We hope you will find these updates interesting and informative.

With Artificial Intelligence continuing to provoke debate in motoring and legal circles, keen 'petrol head' Maha Sahota, a trainee solicitor in our Corporate Commercial department, rounds up the latest developments.

And we congratulate Munazza Hollingsworth, of our Private Client department, on her latest professional development.

If you would like further information on any of the issues reported in this *Ewire*, please [contact us](#).

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In this edition: The Federation of Small Businesses has called for an overhaul of the civil courts process. But is an overhaul needed? And how will it be achieved? John Abbott, our Head of Dispute Resolution, reports on the scope for change in civil courts.

Elsewhere, Abena Ampofo and Bunmi Oduntan, of our Residential Property Department, discuss the potential pitfalls of ground rent, and how to avoid them.

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Mediation: An alternative to litigation for SMEs in disputes

The Federation of Small Businesses has called for an overhaul of the civil courts process. Such an overhaul is certainly needed. John Abbott, Head of the Dispute Resolution at Silverman

Sherliker LLP, looks at the concerns expressed by the Federation and how those concerns can be addressed.

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Ground Rent: The Pitfalls that Tenants must Beware

In order to enforce the terms of a Lease, a ground rent must be set. This is the sum payable by the owner of a leasehold property to the Freeholder for renting the land on which the leasehold property sits. This is usually a fixed sum and is paid annually, so what could possible go wrong?

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The Driverless Car Race

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Munazza takes first big STEP

All colleagues at Silverman Sherliker congratulate Munazza Hollingsworth, of our Private Client department, in passing her Certificate in Trusts and Estates (England & Wales) which is the first stage in obtaining the STEP qualification.

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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*?

Please contact the Editor, Robert MacGinn, with your requests and suggestions on: rm@silvermansherliker.co.uk.



Season's Greetings for a Happy Christmas and a good New Year

This year rather than sending out Christmas cards we will be making a donation to Theodora Children's Charity.

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And finally...



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