SCL - Get to know Your Society

About SCL

SCL is the leading UK organisation for legal professionals advising and practising within the IT sector or advising in a commercial context with a brief that includes such issues as IT, data protection and e-commerce. SCL membership extends across the globe.

SCL's mission is to inform and educate legal professionals and the wider audience on the impact of IT on law and legal practice through the promotion of best practice, thought leadership, and the fostering of a global tech law community. Our tagline is 'tech law for everyone'.

SCL is a registered educational charity.

Useful Information

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SCL Chief Executive
Caroline Gould
Caroline is responsible for the Society's administration and financial management. Working closely with the SCL Board of Trustees, it is Caroline's responsibility to develop the Society's long-term strategy, budget and business plan and to ensure the Society complies with the law and regulations. Caroline is also responsible for the management and welfare of the SCL administration team and for managing the contractors who work with SCL.

SCL Editor
David Chaplin
Get in touch with David if you would like to contribute your thoughts to our site or Computers & Law magazine. It could be an article, opinion piece or an idea for a podcast.

SCL Communications Manager

Maddie Southorn

Contact Maddie for all queries relating to marketing and communications, to find out how to work with SCL and for more information about SCL's initiatives.

SCL Finance and Membership Accounts Manager

Sarah Forster

Sarah deals with all day to day issues relating to finance, including membership and event bookings.

SCL Events and Student Schemes Manager

Cat Gould

Contact Cat with enquiries about our events and student schemes.

SCL Events - Essential training that's ready when you are

SCL online training is a great way to keep your knowledge of your specialist practice area up to date and maintain your competence whatever branch of the tech law profession you work in.

Learn at your convenience with our selection of pre-recorded webinars and audio podcasts and our live event webinars. Being fully digital and live online makes it accessible wherever you are in the world.

Every year we hold our Data Protection and IT Contracts Updates. These unmissable sessions are delivered by experts in the topics and if you've attended before you know that they are incredibly relevant to your daily practice.

The SCL Conference is our flagship event and essential for all those interested in law and technology, whether in practice or in-house, a seasoned academic or a student or trainee, looking to be part of the ever-expanding opportunity that a career in law and technology represents.

SCL members get a considerable discount on all our training and once purchased you can access the materials, download PDFs of the slides and watch or replay the webinars at your convenience.

You can also brush up on the basics with the existing modules in our **Tech Law Essentials Programme** and **'Back to basics – the tech'** boxset.

Visit the **Events page** and the **E-learning page** to get started.

Editorial

We know that in a sector that moves so quickly it's important to stay up to date. SCL presents articles, news, blogs and insights from thought-leaders across the sector on our website, e-newsletters and our social media platforms.

You can access the latest C&L magazine **here** where you will find incisive and relevant content. Back

issues are also available **here**.
And don't forget to sign up for our **Daily Digest** - the latest news delivered each day to your Inbox.

Groups

Our groups represent topics and regions within the tech law sector and are a great way to engage with SCL and raise your profile.

The committees organise events for SCL in their particular area or topic throughout the year and work with SCL HQ to highlight issues or suggest initiatives that relate to the area they represent. They also act as ambassadors who help spread the word about the Society and its work.

For a full list of our groups please visit the website: **https://www.scl.org/groups**

We launched an SCL In-house Technology Lawyers' Group on 19 January 2021 and plans are already in progress for a series of highly relevant events for in-house tech lawyers this year….

If you would like to join a committee or have an idea for a topic currently not represented, please get in touch **hello@scl.org**

How do get more involved

So now you're an SCL member but you'd like to get more involved with the Society. Maybe you'd like to raise your profile within the sector, or exchange ideas and debate the latest topics with your peers, perhaps you'd like to give something back to the sector and help support the next generation of tech lawyers or maybe there's an issue that's important to you and you'd like our help to shine a light on it.

Whatever your motivation or goal is we have a way to support you:

- Our groups are a great way to interact with your peers on a particular topic or interest
- Organise events and raise your profile
- Speaking opportunities – informal or more traditional training events – we're always keen to hear from new people and offer opportunities for those who might not have had the chance to share or showcase their expertise.
- Write an article or a blog post for publication on the website or magazine

SCL Key Initiatives

SCL Adjudication Scheme (SCLA)
A three-month procedure for "technology" disputes – meaning any dispute arising from a contract for the provision of tech-related goods and services including software development contracts,

outsourcing arrangements, systems integration contracts, IT consultancy contracts, software licensing agreements, blockchain/smart contracts and cloud computing contracts. The scheme is the result of considerable work by a small and dedicated group of SCL members over the past two years, growing out of the SCL Better Contracts Initiative. The scheme was launched on 15 October 2019 in London. **Read more about the Scheme**

SCL Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Board
SCL aims to promote diversity, inclusion and equality of opportunity for all its members but it also recognises that it is a reflection of the sector that it seeks to represent. The SCL Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Group was launched in December 2020 to help ensure that the Society is as effective as possible.
Meet the SCL D&I Chair and Committee

Read the SCL Black Lives Matter statement from the SCL Trustees
Read the SCL Diversity Statement

SCL for Students
As an educational charity we work hard to offer resources dedicated just to students. Your membership fee helps support the next generation of tech lawyers and enables us to have a variety of schemes on offer.

Student Bytes is our online hub run by students, for students, covering technology law, policy and regulation and LawTech/LegalTech: **bytes.scl.org**

The SCL Sir Henry Brooke Student Essay Prize offers students the chance to stand out from the crowd and add credibility to their profile, whilst exploring a topic that will be pertinent to their future. The prize includes publication in the Computers and Law magazine. **The 2021 competition is open for entries.**

SCL Student Ambassador Scheme is for full-time students who have a passion for tech law, who are enthusiastic and proactive and would like to help SCL to promote its work to the university they currently attend. In return you get access to thought-leaders working in the tech law space and unparalleled networking and the opportunity to influence the content of future SCL student events. **Read more to find out who makes a great candidate**.

SCL Wellbeing
The SCL wellbeing initiative was launched in 2020 as a response to the challenges of the Covid-19 lockdown situation but also to offer general support and inspiration for the daily issues we all face. The wellbeing blog was specially created for SCL by legal entrepreneur and co-founder of Ruby Datum, **Nick Watson**, and respected coach **Gary Waters**.
In addition to the blog there are video discussions offering tips and advice on setting routines, mindfulness and creating more contentment in your life plus an anonymous survey where you can

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submit your wellbeing questions to be addressed in future blogs or webinars.
Visit the SCL Wellbeing hub

Remote Courts Worldwide
Led by SCL President Professor Richard Susskind this initiative has grown out of the SCL Online Courts Forum held in 2019 in partnership with HMCTS.
Our purpose. As the coronavirus pandemic spreads and courts around the world are closing, this website is designed to help the global community of justice workers - judges, lawyers, court officials, litigants, court technologists - to share their experiences of 'remote' alternatives to traditional court hearings.
https://remotecourts.org/

Did You Know?

- The Society was established as a registered charity on 11 September 1973 under the leadership of its first President, Lord Scarman and celebrated its 40th anniversary with a special dinner at the House of Commons in 2013.

- One of SCL's major achievements was the establishment of BAILII (British and Irish Legal Information Institute) following a meeting arranged by SCL in London on 8 November 1999.

- SCL was a founder member organisation of IFCLA (International Federation of Computer Law Associations) and hosted their biannual conference in Bath in 1994, Oxford in 2004 and London in 2016.

- Since its inception in 1973 SCL has attracted many enthusiastic and innovative leaders including Lord Scarman, Lord Saville, Sir Brian Neill, Sir Henry Brooke, Theodore Ruoff, Professor Richard Susskind OBE and Professor Christopher Reed amongst others.

- SCL held an event on SexTech, Porn and the Law in 2017 – watch the video on the **SCL YouTube Channel**

It's your community!

Our strapline is 'Tech Law for Everyone' – it's your Society, so tell us what you need and how we can make the community even more vibrant and knowledge driven.

If you'd like to host or speak at an event, let us know about an initiative or consultation, or just want to say hello you can email us at **hello@scl.org** and follow us on social media via the links below.
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