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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 and Company Secretary

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 Events Manager

Emily Nicholas

Emily manages all of our events. Contact Emily if you are interested in hosting or speaking at an SCL event.

SCL Relationships and 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 Digital Content Manager

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Cat maintains SCL's digital content.

SCL Editor

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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 Webinar Producer

Simon Forrester

Simon is SCL's resident geek and produces SCL's webinars and podcasts.

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.

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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 SCL training 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 Annual Conference is our flagship event and essential for all those interested in law and technology, whether you are in private 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 digital copy of C&L magazine and monthly News Review [here](#) where you will find incisive and relevant content.

And don't forget to sign up for our Daily Digest via the [SCL homepage](#) - 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>

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

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How to 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.

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SCL Student Ambassador Scheme: we invite dedicated students who can share their enthusiasm for tech law and encourage their peers to get involved with SCL and contribute to forthcoming SCL student initiatives. SCL Student Ambassadors play a vital role in fostering a thriving tech law community and strengthening the collaboration between students, universities and SCL.

Student Bytes is our online hub run by students, for students, covering technology law, policy and regulation and LawTech/LegalTech: bytes.scl.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 50th anniversary with a special dinner at One Great George Street in London.
- 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, Professor Christopher Millard and Professor Chris Reed amongst many 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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