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THE RED LETTER

From Sam Shires

Happy New Year! It's our first Red Letter of 2012, so welcome to our usual mix of news about Guernsey's legal world and in our specialist areas of **corporate**, **dispute resolution**, **employment**, **fiduciary** and **intellectual property** law.

MY NEWS

The run into Christmas and the end of 2011 proved to be typically hectic for myself and AO Hall's Corporate team. While we've had some respite in the New Year, 2012 is shaping up as an interesting and challenging year given the perilous state of economic affairs. Despite this, Guernsey continues to push forward with exciting and innovative offerings (see below).

OUR NEWS

First of all, a big thank you for responding to our request to update our records. We're really grateful for your time.

Looking forward to 2012, we're looking to boost our Fiduciary and IP departments to reflect the growth of work in those areas. In Fiduciary, Paul's prolific writing and seminar activities are helping to bring the Guernsey pensions offering to a much wider audience and we will announce further initiatives shortly to ensure you're kept up to date on this developing area.

In IP, Elaine's pivotal involvement in the development of the Guernsey image rights regime has led us to recruit an Associate to help with the increasing workload, both in terms of general advice and the increasing number of IP disputes. You can read more about our award-winning IP practice by clicking [here](#).

On the Corporate team front 2012 promises further streamlining of Guernsey's Companies Law, the introduction of limited liability partnerships and perhaps even cellular limited partnerships.

Advocate **Sarah Brehaut's** hard work in relation to undertaking notarial exams has resulted in success and her being sworn in as a Notary Public at the Ecclesiastical Court today. Well done Sarah!

The rest of us are also busy with various initiatives. Dispute Resolution is busy planning its fourth Fraud Conference and, not that there's any competition afoot, our Employment team is also planning its fourth Employment Conference, both for later this year. If you have any topics you'd be keen to hear about or if you'd like to discuss in-house training, drop us a line.



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ARTICLES...

Applying for the restoration of a "struck off" company. Please click [here](#) to read Kim and Jessica's article.

COMMUNITY...

It took several years but now, at long last, the new Les Bourgs Hospice is open. Thank you to all who supported this cause. Click [here](#) to see information about the appeal and [here](#) for a photo of the new Hospice.

LIGHT RELIEF...

As Valentine's Day approaches again, here's a cracking YouTube [offering](#) containing cards which are - well - more *honest* somehow!

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Annual Validations A reminder that all Guernsey companies and limited partnerships must file their annual validation/return (respectively) with the Guernsey Registry by 31 January. For details click [here](#).

Commerce and Employment Business Plan 2012

This year's **business plan** includes (section 10.8) the introduction of image rights legislation in 2012 and progress on international conventions.

Guernsey's Population Management Regime

This week, Guernsey's States will consider the **guiding principles** to be applied in relation to Guernsey's future housing regime.

New AML provisions Earlier this month **new provisions** relating to Burma, Eritrea, the Republic of Guinea and Somalia were introduced.

New decisions process for regulator The GFSC has introduced **new guidance** on how it will approach the use of its enforcement powers.

Annual fees due to regulator by 31 January 2012 A reminder that **annual fees** are payable to the GFSC by the end of this month.

New insurance papers from regulator

New **guidance papers** have been published by the GFSC on actuarial and solvency requirements in the insurance sector.

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