

Company Law Reform Bill

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Background and implications

The Government has published (Thursday 17 March 2005) a White Paper "Company Law Reform". This sets out proposals for comprehensive reform of our company law framework to bring it in line with modern business needs. The reforms build on the work of the Company Law Review (CLR) and will be introduced through the Company Law Reform Bill. This will lead to a brand new Companies Act and the biggest changes to company law for decades. **ICSA Seminars Company Law Reform White Paper will take account of the new clauses published in July 2005**

Programme

09.00 Registration and tea/coffee

09.20 Introduction and analysis of proposals

09.30 Enhancing Shareholder Engagement and a Long-Term Investment Culture

Improving shareholder dialogue, Enfranchising indirect investors, Electronic communication, Minority shareholder rights, Company takeovers

10.20 Ensuring Better Regulation and a "Think Small First" Approach (part 1)

Improving accessibility, the new constitution, Company Secretaries, offences

11.00 Tea/coffee

11.15 Ensuring Better Regulation and a "Think Small First" Approach (part 2)

Share capital, Companies House, Reports and accounts, Company charges

11.45 Making it Easier to Set Up and Run a Company

Company formation, Company names and trading disclosures

12.15 Providing Flexibility for the Future

Powers, Institutional arrangements, Company investigations, Miscellaneous repeals

12.45 Conclusion and Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Close

CPD: ICSA, ILEX & Law Society accredited 3 hours

Speakers

Lorraine Young BSc (Hons) FCIS, provides advice to client companies on corporate governance and company secretarial best practice. She has been a Company Secretary for over 17 years, mostly in the financial services sector. She was also Company Secretary of Brambles Industries PLC.

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