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Dear Young Fraud Lawyers,

Welcome to the new YFLA membership year 2018-19. I am honoured to serve as your new Chair for the next year and wish to extend a very warm welcome to you and your colleagues as members for the new year - be it new or continuing members.

Last year we had some great social events and we were delighted to see so many of you there. The events included our Spring Social at Bloomsbury Bowl, Summer Social at Chapel Bar and our wonderful AGM Dinner at Chiswell Street Dining Rooms. I would like to thank our Social Secretaries Josh and Laura for their relentless hard work in organising these events on and ensuring glasses were filled, appetites satisfied and conversation flowing.

We also hosted some very engaging and informative educational events covering a range of contemporary civil and criminal fraud issues including DPAs, corporate criminal liability, confiscation, unexplained wealth orders, civil asset recovery, sanctions and perhaps our most popular event and my personal favourite, '*Footsteps in Fraud*' which saw four leaders in the industry share their wisdom on how to succeed in a career in fraud. I would like to thank my former co-educational secretary, Richard for all his help in organising these events with me.

We will continue to offer four educational seminars this year, covering a range of civil and criminal matters. In addition we will be hosting the usual four subsidised social events, commencing with the Winter Social. We will continue to publish the YFLA newsletter, for which contributions and articles from all members are invited (and encouraged!). Please do continue to keep up-to-date with our new website and to follow us on Twitter ([@YoungFraudLaw](#)) and on LinkedIn.

The membership fee will remain at £40 for the new YFLA year. This will allow us to continue to provide our social and educational events. Membership is open to solicitors, trainees, legal executives and paralegals of 10 years practice and to barristers and pupils of up to and including 12 years call, as well as professional academics.

Lastly, but by no means least, it is my pleasure to welcome Katie Allard, Francesca Cassidy-Taylor and Rebecca Hadgett to the YFLA committee and to send our best wishes to James Watson, Charlotte Watts and Matthew Ware who have decided to step down from the committee this year; with particular mention of James and Charlotte for all their invaluable dedication over many years of service. I would like to thank all members of the committee for all their commitment over the last year. We will continue to work hard to make sure the YFLA remains relevant and enjoyable for all our members and personally what I find most significant, to continue to provide the platform where professional contacts can be made and friends for life follow.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the committee directly.

Yours,

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