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Dear Young Fraud Lawyers,

Welcome to the new YFLA membership year 2019-2020. I look forward to serving as your new Chair this year. In addition to the warm welcome I plan to give you at our social and educational events, may I take this opportunity to extend the warmest possible welcome anyone could extend by widely-circulated open letter to all members, whether you are completely new or continuing your membership.

This will be the 20th year of the YFLA and we intend to offer a rich calendar of social and educational events throughout the year.

As always, we will organise four memorable social events and, as always, they will be subsidised for members. The first event on the calendar will be the Winter Social. This is a fun and festive evening perfect for letting your hair down as the nights draw in and the in-tray piles up. The social usually sells out quickly. Please do not delay in getting your tickets when they become available.

We will also organise four educational events. Each year, we manage to pull in the best speakers in the legal sector who are able to give unique insights into the most pressing legal issues of our day. This year will be no different. Furthermore, we continue to publish the YFLA newsletter which has always contained the highest quality, well-researched and authoritative articles pertaining to criminal and civil fraud.

Details of all of our upcoming events can be found on our website (www.yfla.com), LinkedIn group (search for “Young Fraud Lawyers Association”) and Twitter account (@YoungFraudLaw). Please add us for up-to-date information.

You will all be pleased to know that the membership fee remains the same at the bargain basement price of £40. For this you get four (quite heavily) subsidised social events and four of the best educational seminars and/or lectures you will see this year. You also get access to the best network for young fraud lawyers available. It really is worth joining early in the year to get the most out of what the YFLA has to offer. Membership remains 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. The YFLA is one of the best places in which to develop professional contacts and even, dare I say it, very close friends.

Finally, it is my pleasure to welcome our new committee members: Christopher Du Boulay, Christopher Gribbin, Gareth Hall, Marcus Harewood, Matthew Worby and Philip Gardner. We say a fond farewell to Kyle Phillips, Min Weaving, Alix Boberg, Sam Roake and Laura Herbert. After my most heartfelt (and desperate) piece of advocacy this year, Elena Elia agreed to stay on to assist the committee for one more year. She deserves real praise for the dedication she showed as Chair for 2018/2019.

All members of the committee will work to make sure the YFLA provides a fantastic experience for all of its members over this year.

I look forward to seeing you at the very next event.

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

Yours,

Josh Normanton
Chair of the YFLA