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# Alternative Business Structures - Impact on In-House Counsel

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4½ Hours CPD

*Contributors include law-makers, leading writers, speakers, and advisers on the subject, and in-house counsel and organisations who are tackling the changes because they can see the opportunities.*

They have been on the horizon for some time. The ABS is nearly here. Long thought to be of little relevance to in-house counsel, some teams and companies are waking up to the opportunities these bring and to the threats they may pose.

Hand in hand with the new SRA handbook, Alternative Business Structures herald a new world that every in-house counsel should understand. Forces are at work that will greatly impact on your role and your career.

At this seminar you will hear "from the horses' mouths" about:

- What is an ABS?
- Aren't they just relevant to private practice lawyers?
- When are they coming in?
- Can I keep my head down and avoid them?
- Will my view and my company's view of them be the same?
- Could they turn us into a revenue generator instead of a cost?
- What opportunities do they bring in-house counsel (and their companies)?
- Do they threaten my position?
- Will some in-house counsel get left behind in the new world?

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## 9:30 Registration and Refreshments

## 10:00 Welcome and Introduction

*Simon McCrum, Managing Partner,  
Darbys Solicitors LLP*

## 10.15 What is an ABS and Why are they Coming?

- What the law-makers are trying to achieve - and why
- Are they a private-practice "thing"?
- Where would in-house counsel come across an ABS?
- Engagement from the in-house community
- Is this a wake-up call? Need to panic?

*Speaker from the SRA*

## 11.00 What I would Advise In-house Counsel to do

- What they should do now
- What they should do by October
- What they are going to have to do in the next 2-3 years
- Is this an opportunity or a burden?

*Tony Guise - Solicitor and leading adviser and author in this area*

## 11.45 Refreshments

## 12.00 How In-house Counsel are Gearing up

- What we think is afoot here
- What we are doing about it
- Is it for us or against us?
- What if you bury your head in the sand?

*Speakers - in-house counsel who have already got to grips with the "new world"*

## 12.45 Questions and Discussion

## 1.00 Lunch

## 2.00 The View from the Internal Client - an FD's take

*Speaker - Finance Director from a company whose in-house team are embracing the changes*

## 2.45 Refreshments

## 3.00 Priorities for In-house Counsel to Take Away

- An interactive session led by the chairman

## 4.00 Close

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