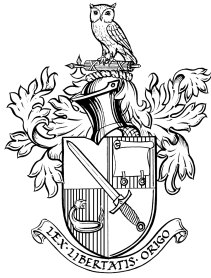


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Do Women Make More Ethical Lawyers?– A #FoodForThought Ethics Event, Wednesday
30th June 2021, 6.30pm via Zoom

Speakers: Andrew Boon of The City Law School and Avis Whyte of Westminster Law School.

I am delighted to invite you to take part in the third of our series of events aimed at providing an environment for discussing some of the difficult issues being faced by our profession within the City environment.

This time we are delighted to be joined by Andrew Boon and Avis Whyte who recently published a research paper, “Trusted to the ends of the earth?”, which sets out their analysis of solicitors’ disciplinary processes in England and Wales from 1994 to 2015.

Their study examined misconduct cases involving solicitors over a twenty year period and reveals a number of interesting patterns and points. These include: the failure of Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal (“SDT”) case volumes to increase despite an increase in the size of the profession over the period; an increase in the rate of striking off; and an apparent reluctance on the part of the SDT, in some cases, to arrive at dishonesty findings. Whilst our speakers will share all their principal findings with us, our discussion will focus on the fact that women continue to represent just 20% of those appearing before the SDT notwithstanding rising numbers of women solicitors. We’ll explore why this might be the case, and whether the research supports the controversial contention that women are more ethically inclined than other lawyers.

We’ll also cover, of course, what, if anything, large City law firms can learn for the data in terms of improving their ethical infrastructures.

The evening will be chaired by our Senior and Junior Wardens, Tony King and Sarah de Gay, and there will be an opportunity for you to put your questions to the speakers. In order to reserve your place please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwoceyvpz0vGtYCqYXIB3C7IWPv7yWuGN1v>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on 30th June to continue our conversation.

Yours sincerely,
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