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## Stuart Lancaster at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Football Club

England Rugby Head Coach, Stuart Lancaster, was the guest of honour at the annual Sporting Dinner at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Football Club on 19th September 2014. Other guest speakers included BBC Radio 5 Live's Pat Murphy.

The evening was sponsored by Wall James Chappell and over 400 guests attended this marquee event. Stuart Lancaster entertained guests and spoke at length about the England Rugby Team and the plans leading up to the World Cup in 2015. Pat Murphy also gave a fascinating talk, regaling guests with tales from the world of football and cricket.

James Rousell, Partner at Wall James Chappell said "This was a fantastic event and a thoroughly entertaining evening. The speakers were of the highest quality. The chance to hear Stuart Lancaster speak first-hand was a rare treat for the guests. Congratulations to the DK Rugby Club for hosting such a fabulous event".

After the event, the Club presented Wall James Chappell, in recognition of our sponsorship, with a commemorative plaque including a signed photo of Stuart Lancaster.

The Club is planning a similar event in September 2015 to coincide with the opening of the Rugby World Cup. Details to follow.



# Business Networking Event with Midlands Air Ambulance

As part of Wall James Chappell's on-going relationship with Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, Wall James Chappell teamed up with Midlands Air Ambulance to host a Business Networking Event in Birmingham. The event took place at the luxurious Hyatt Regency Hotel in Birmingham on Thursday 30th October 2014.

This exclusive event was introduced for the benefit of local CEOs, Managing Directors, Senior Managers and our Corporate Partners. Over 80 people attended this event which was designed to facilitate networking at a higher level and create long-standing relationships and business contacts. Guest speaker was Paralympian, Lee Pearson CBE, who gave an inspiring talk to delegates.

Wall James Chappell Partner, Phil Chapman said

“It was great to work so closely with the Midlands Air Ambulance to host this unique event. The event allowed everyone to network on an informal basis and gave us all the unique opportunity to listen to the charismatic Lee Pearson talk about his life and career. We would like to thank Lee and everyone who attended.”



## WJC Golf Day 2015

Wall James Chappell are pleased to announce details of this year's annual Golf Day.

The event will take place at Blackwell Golf Club on Wednesday 1st July 2015. The event will be in support of Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

Again, the event will be a four-ball Stableford competition and will include lunch and three-course evening meal. In order to book your team's place, please contact Phil Chapman on 01384 371622 or email [p.chapman@wjclaw.co.uk](mailto:p.chapman@wjclaw.co.uk)

## Partner promotion at Wall James Chappell



In October 2014, Wall James Chappell strengthened its team with the promotion of Philip Chapman to Partner.

Senior Partner, Jonathan Browne comments "Philip has been with the firm since 2009 and over the last six years has consistently proven to be an extremely good lawyer as well as having the ability to bring in work. We are delighted to acknowledge his skills and contribution through this promotion to Partner and are sure that he will thrive in this new role."

A Notary Public and Cambridge Post-Graduate, Mr Chapman has wide ranging experience of all aspects of company commercial law advising both UK and International clients. Prior to qualifying as a solicitor in Birmingham, Mr Chapman worked for a number of multinational oil companies in London and obtained a Business Degree from an Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in France.

Philip added *“ I am delighted with the promotion which comes on the back of a great deal of hard work. I appreciate the support the Partners have given me to develop my particular area of work and the opportunity to lead the company commercial department. ”*

## Litigator joins Wall James Chappell

Wall James Chappell has appointed a new solicitor to strengthen its litigation and dispute resolution team. David Ellis joins the firm as a litigation solicitor and will work alongside the firm's litigation consultants Roger Bishop and Simon Beddow.

David graduated from Southampton University and attended the College of Law. He has 17 years' experience as a practising solicitor, and has gained a wealth of experience dealing with both civil litigation and employment matters over that period.

David said *“ I am delighted to be joining the litigation team at Wall James Chappell and I look forward to providing clients with a first-rate service. ”*



David will also be hosting a Seminar at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club on Thursday 5th March 2015 – see flyer overleaf.



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**Speakers:** David Ellis, Litigation Solicitor and Philip Chapman, Company and Commercial Solicitor at WJC Solicitors

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Join us on Thursday 5th March 2015 at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Football Club, Swindon Road, Wall Heath, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 0AW.

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# Why make a Will?



A Will is one of the most important documents most people ever sign yet, surprisingly, over two-thirds of adults die without a valid Will, causing a great deal of uncertainty at a time of heartache and distress. James Rousell, a Partner at Wall James Chappell, Solicitors, Stourbridge explains that making a Will can safeguard the security of your loved ones and ensures that whatever you have - no matter how much or how little - is divided up according to your wishes.

## Making a Will is important because :-

- If you die without a valid Will, there are certain rules which dictate how your money, property and possessions will be allocated. This may not be the way that you would have wished your money and possessions to be distributed and, if you leave no next of kin, your estate will go to the Crown.
- Your Personal Representatives (who take charge of your estate and wind it up) will also be chosen according to fixed rules and are not always the most suitable to act.

To avoid these problems it is important that you make a Will.

## By making a Will you can :-

- Appoint someone you know and trust to act as your Executor(s)
- Nominate guardians for any young children who may be minors at the time of your death

- Make specific gifts to relatives, loved ones, friends or favourite charities
- Choose exactly what you want done with your property and assets after your death
- Avoid your share of the estate from being used to fund your surviving spouse/civil partner's long term care
- Save your beneficiaries from paying unnecessary inheritance tax
- Protect your assets from the possible remarriage of your surviving spouse or new civil partnership of your surviving partner
- Prevent beneficiaries who are in receipt of means tested benefits from losing those benefits
- Express your wishes about your funeral and the disposal of your body

Even if you already have a Will, reviewing your Will every few years is as important as making one in the first place. Whilst it is tempting to sit back and relax and forget about it, things happen in all of our lives and, if you're not careful you can find yourself with a Will that no longer reflects your wishes. Changing your Will is easier than you think so don't be put off.

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