



Press Release

Blacklaws Davis to join TV Edwards

London

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TV Edwards are delighted to announce that Blacklaws Davis will be joining them from the 1st May 2011. The combined expertise of the two firms will create a major force in the provision of legal services.

Anthony Edwards, Senior Partner of T V Edwards LLP says "These are challenging times for firms that are committed to providing quality legal aid services. This merger is a realisation of our policy designed to ensure that we can continue to develop our specialist services to help the disadvantaged and all clients often at times of great stress. This merger will also make that joint expertise more widely available. Effective management and sufficient size are now critical to reduce overhead costs but our aim remains to provide each client with the personal service that will best meet their needs".

Jenny Beck, Managing Partner of TV Edwards LLP says "Both firms share a real commitment to quality and to the provision of public funded services and, together, we will continue to be champions for access to justice for all whilst developing new, affordable services for private clients."

Christina Blacklaws, Senior Partner of Blacklaws Davis LLP says "This is an exciting development for us all. Bringing our specialist family law practice into TV Edwards LLP will create a true leader in the field of public law children work. We have exciting new ideas about service delivery in a changing market enabling us to sustain our commitment to high quality."

Overview

- The combination of TV Edwards LLP and Blacklaws Davis LLP creates one of London's largest and most innovative public funded firms
- Creates a firm that, with its size and influence, will set the agenda on the provision of legal aid services and access to justice
- Delivers services from offices in Central London, North, East, South-East and South-West London and Cambridge
- Brings together the largest number of Children Panel practitioners in the country

Key Facts

- Previous firms incorporated into T V Edwards include Taylor Nichol Solicitors, Bennett Wilkins Solicitors and Sheratte Caleb Solicitors
- South West London firm Dundons, experts in Crime and Care work, to merge with TV Edwards on 1 April 2011
- Blacklaws Davis LLP to merge with TV Edwards LLP on 1 May 2011
- Christina Blacklaws, Maud Davis of Blacklaws Davis LLP will become members of TV Edwards LLP

- T V Edwards was the winner of the Law Society's Excellence Awards in practice management in 2010 and is ranked in both Chambers and the Legal 500.
- Blacklaws Davis LLP was shortlisted in the Law Society's Legal Excellence Awards in both 2009 and 2010 and is ranked in both Chambers and the Legal 500.

About TV Edwards LLP

TV Edwards LLP has a national reputation for delivering expert legal solutions across the fields of Crime, Family Law, Children Law, Child Abduction, Personal Injury, Employment, Public and Social Welfare, Mental Health, Education, Prison Law, Licensing, Actions against the Police, Civil Liberties and Human Rights, Training, Property and Probate.

Senior Partner, Anthony Edwards winner of the LAPG's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008 is well known nationally as a leading trainer in all aspects of criminal law, regularly addressing solicitors police officers legal advisers and judges. For 10 years he was a member of the Law Society's criminal law committee leading on police station issues and disclosure. He was a committee member of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association for 19 years. He was appointed by the then Lord Chancellor to the Legal Services Commission and by the Home Secretary as a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Council throughout its existence.. He is a member of the editorial boards of Cordery on Solicitors and of the Criminal Law Review, of the Council of Justice and of the Law Commission's advisory group on criminal law He is the author of a number of practical handbooks on criminal law including "Advising a Suspect in the police station" and "Criminal defence - the good practice guide". He is a visiting professor of Law at Queen Mary University of London".

Managing Partner Jenny Beck is co-Chair of the Legal Aid Practitioners Group. She was Legal Aid Lawyer of the year in the Family category in 2006 and in 2010 was highly commended best woman solicitor managing a Legal Aid practice by the Association of Women Solicitors (AWS). She sits on the Law Society's Access to Justice Committee and is a member of the Law Society's Advanced Family Law Panel.

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About Blacklaws Davis LLP

Blacklaws Davis LLP is London's largest specialist family law firm. Founded in 2006, by Christina Blacklaws and Maud Davis, the firm's 35 lawyers undertake Family Law, Children Law, Child Abduction, Mediation and Housing.

Senior partner, Christina Blacklaws is a Law Society Council Member, Former Chair of the Family Law Committee and Chair of the Legal Affairs and Policy Board. In 2010 she was appointed Chief Examiner of the Society's Children Panel. In 2010 she was shortlisted as Legal Personality of the Year in the Law Society Gazette Awards and Family Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year by the Legal Aid Practitioner's Group. She is a Mediator and Collaborative Lawyer.

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