



Would you be interested in joining the Best Practice Group?

The BPG brings together legal practices of all shapes and sizes who wish to *confidentially* discuss and share knowledge of best practice, including compliance with regulation, the Lexcel Standard, CQS, SQM, and in support of managing risk.

Each member firm has the opportunity for up to two people to attend (typically; Partners, Directors, Compliance Managers or HR Managers)

Session content is decided upon, in advance, by the Members themselves.

How much does it cost?

Nothing. The BPG is free to join and by invitation (further detail in the video).



Best Practice Group

Facilitated by PDA and P&P Hub

Supporting legal practices to grow, safely

Also, see our Best Practice Podcasts, at: www.pda-legal.co.uk/videos-on-risk-and-compliance

Click above to watch our (short) video about the BPG





Topics covered

At previous sessions, we discussed topics including; incorporating the **SRA 2019 STaRs** with cross-overs in the **Lexcel Standard**, **data protection**, **information security**, **AML**, **financial growth** and **COVID-19 risk controls**. Our next sessions are not unlikely to include **business continuity reviews** and **Brexit systems**.



Where do the BPG sessions meet?

Ordinarily, the membership is organised into regional groups across the UK, who meet in dedicated face-to-face sessions, in their own region every six months. During COVID pandemic conditions, each regional cohort meets using a dedicated, secure online conferencing platform.

Especially useful for Lexcel

The BPG is for legal practices, whether or not they have Lexcel accreditation. But, firms that have Lexcel or that are considering Lexcel accreditation will find BPG membership to be very useful indeed!



Our ethos

The BPG is committed to a 'for the members; by the members' approach and aims to provide guidance and facilitate discussion on the topics the Members say are important to them. There is absolutely no 'selling' by the facilitators nor do we 'harvest' your data.



Our approach to confidentiality

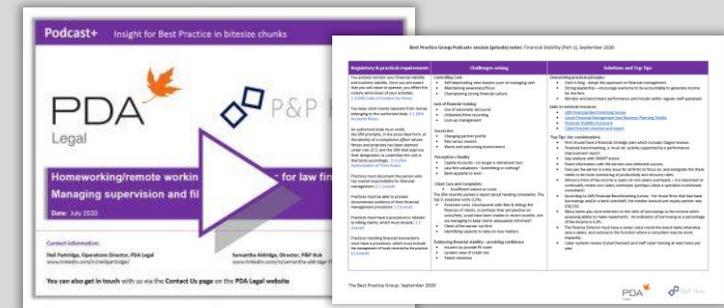
To encourage openness of discussion, confidentiality is at the heart of the conduct of the Group. We ask all Members to comply with the Chatham House Rule, both during the sessions and the private LinkedIn group.

The (private) LinkedIn BPG Forum



BPG Members are invited to join the BPG Forum. The Forum is invisible on LinkedIn to all except BPG Members. It operates with the same ethos as the face-to-face sessions; to exchange guidance and best practice in a confidential environment.

Free BPG Podcasts and training notes



We produce Podcast+ on 'hot topics' every month. These Podcast+ are publicly available, but BPG Members also get exclusive copies of our presenter notes, for staff training.

The Founders and Facilitators of the BPG

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Feedback from Member feedback forms

100%

REPORTED THAT THE OUTPUTS OF THE SESSION WERE USEFUL TO THEM IN THEIR ROLE OR FOR THEIR FIRM OVERALL

100%

WOULD RECOMMEND THE BEST PRACTICE GROUP TO AN ASSOCIATE OR COLLEAGUE

100%

AGREED THAT THE FACILITATORS WERE KNOWLEDGABLE ON THE TOPICS DISCUSSED

"The structure was great and allowed for lots of discussion."

"A fantastic session which I feel privileged to be part of."

"Excellent forum - much needed."

"It covered the topics in an informative, interesting and engaging way."

"Very useful to meet and hear views of others."

"Very well organised. Very well presented."

About membership with the Best Practice Group ('BPG')

The Founders are always pleased to hear from existing and potential new Members. To further your membership enquiry, we would arrange to speak with you to discuss the BPG and how your firm being a member could benefit the other Member firms in the BPG.

Demand for Membership can be high and there are only limited number of places in each regional Best Practice Group. Membership is usually only available when there is space to accommodate a Member at a regional meeting. We can sometimes open a second group in a region where there are a large number of potential Members.

Acceptance as a Member and retaining Member status is as the absolute discretion of the Founders.

The BPG does not presently levy a charge for membership to the regional groups. We review the operational cost situation usually every January. Subject to the outcome of the review, it is the genuine intention of the Founders to continue to keep Membership to the regional meetings free of charge. Members are responsible for their own costs and expenses associated with any travel and attendance at each meeting.

A minimal amount of personal data is required to be able to manage the Membership, meetings and associated communication. Please refer to the Data Protection and Privacy information on the PDA Legal website.

Full details about the BPG can be obtained directly from the Founders.

