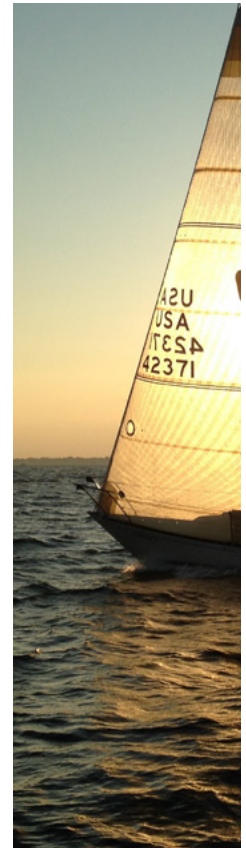


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# News Bulletin

## JUNE 2020



### Dear Member

Welcome to this News Bulletin from the International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS). This bulletin is available in PDF and eReader format from the IIMS website. It aims to keep members and non-members up to date with information on a monthly basis. Members are encouraged to share and forward this newsletter to colleagues, who they think might like to join the Institute, or who may be interested in its content. For more information about the Institute visit: [www.iims.org.uk](http://www.iims.org.uk).

## CEO Chat

Dear Colleague

A month in the world of COVID-19 sure is a long time. The pandemic continues to consume our thoughts on a regular basis, but there are the faintest signs that worldwide lockdowns are starting to open up slowly and members are reporting that surveying activity is starting to take place again. Hurrah! Please, however, do not let yourself become complacent to the dangers of this awful disease as you work.



Working from home, the IIMS team has put their time to good use and as a result, the past few weeks have proved to be exciting and very busy. The IIMS UAE Branch in Dubai hosted over 400 delegates at their recent online seminar initiative - a remarkable achievement. We broadcast a highly successful 12 hour rolling *Festival of Knowledge* for our eCMID Accredited Vessel Inspector community just a few days ago. New membership applications are reaching the office at a much higher rate than normal. The number of new students joining the IIMS Professional Qualifications distance learning programme has soared. Our twenty third handy guide is published today, an authoritative piece of writing by Capt Allen Brink entitled '*What a marine surveyor needs to know about on-off hire condition and bunker surveys*' (see elsewhere in this bulletin for details). And today we have published the biggest ever Report Magazine at 112 pages - a mammoth edition!

We have all been kept busy and I am pleased to say that my CEO report for the Annual General Meeting, (which I am finalising now) will be an upbeat one to reflect all this activity. The IIMS offices are reopening to staff from 1 June on a voluntary basis. Half the team plan to work from the office with the other half continuing to function from home for the time being.



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## CEO Chat *(continued)*

Our range of online seminars has been very well supported by many members. I thank all those who have taken the chance to refresh their skills as well as learning new things. If you have missed any of the broadcasts, we have made the videos available for a small fee. To review the selection of videos please go to <https://bit.ly/2Ssv6Td>.

You may well be wondering what has happened with the purchase of Murrills House as the Institute's new permanent home? The pandemic has slowed the legal wheels, but we are so close now. I have published a short update statement in this bulletin.

This all leads me nicely on to the subject of the IIMS 2020 Annual General Meeting, which will be broadcast online via Zoom later this month on Tuesday 16th June at 14.30 London, UK time. You are encouraged to attend if the time works for you. We are asking that you reserve your free place please using the online form at <https://bit.ly/3dPvDXu>. If you are entitled to vote, then instructions about how to vote using an online mechanism will be sent to you very soon.

Please don't forget to download and read **The Report Magazine** at <https://bit.ly/2WQTosu>. I promise you it is a corker!

Keep safe and well.

**Mike Schwarz**, Chief Executive Officer

## Notice is given of the forthcoming IIMS 2020 Annual General Meeting

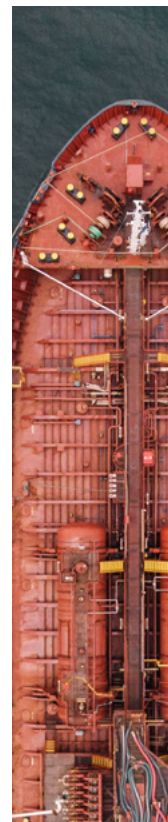
The 2020 IIMS Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday 16th June at 14.30 (UK London time) and will be like no other the Institute has held before. The online only AGM will be open and free for all to attend, but you are asked to pre-register your attendance (see link below). Only those who are entitled to vote will be able to do so using an online voting mechanism.

**Venue:** Online via Zoom only due to the COVID-19 pandemic

### AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of previous AGM held in June 2019
- 3) President's Report
- 4) Chief Executive Officer's Report
- 5) Directors' Reports
- 6) Elections
  - a) Management Board
  - b) New Deputy Vice President
- 7) Voting on:
  - a) Proposed fee structure for 2021 membership
- 8) Incoming President's Message
- 9) Fellowship Awards and Honorary Membership
- 10) Any Other Business

To register your free place at the online AGM go to <https://bit.ly/3dPvDXu>.





# Report Magazine June 2020 edition 92 breaks new ground

At a time when many surveyors are facing an enforced career break, IIMS has pulled out all the stops and has today published the largest ever Report Magazine at 112 pages. If you have time on your hands, be sure to download a copy to read in either pdf on eReader format at <https://bit.ly/2WQTosu>.

The content is wide and varied with stories of general interest, but additionally specialist features and articles that are likely to appeal to inland waterways surveyors, small craft surveyors and commercial ship surveyors.

As well as the regular fare of marine, member news and safety briefings, this edition also marks the changing of the guard as Capt Zarir Irani formally steps down as President on 16 June 2020 and passes the baton to Geoff Waddington, President Elect. Both Zarir and Geoff have contributed columns to this edition.

Some of the other highlights in this bumper edition include:

- How to survey a mast, its rigging and sails
- Five ways in which shipping is using AI to enhance performance management
- Salvors save 2.3 million tonnes of pollution in 2019
- Fastenings: What a marine surveyor ought to know (Part I)
- Managing the most extreme remote workers
- Colregs: Still fit for purpose?
- The inland waterways boatbuilding industry
- Diversification like never seen before
- Excellence in marine surveying (Part II)
- The shipping industry must adapt if it's to survive in the modern world
- Airborne and structure borne ultrasound as a key component to predictive maintenance
- What's required to construct a new vessel type packed full of innovations?
- Marine market is urged to reinforce its support for the average adjusting profession
- A day in the Life of Sarah White



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*Kelly Tolhurst, Minister for Aviation,  
Maritime & Security, UK Department  
for Transport*

# Inspectors and surveyors of ships exempt from new UK government border entry rules

This is an extract from a longer open letter by Kelly Tolhurst MP about the UK government's new Coronavirus border rules with details of those who are exempt when entering the UK from overseas.

Dear Colleague,

Earlier this month, the Government published Our Plan to Rebuild: the UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy, setting out our plan to rebuild the UK and safeguard livelihoods. We are writing to update you on our progress; notably the self-isolation / quarantine measures for international arrivals that we announced yesterday (22 May).

Step One of our carefully planned timetable for lifting restrictions was enacted on 13 May in England. As the level of infection in the UK continues to reduce, it is important we manage the risk of importing cases from abroad. To that end, we announced work on a series of measures that would be introduced at the UK border, including a requirement for international arrivals (with some notable exemptions) to self-isolate for fourteen days upon arrival.

I am now in a position to be able to update you with further details and guidance on these measures.

## **14-day self-isolation/quarantine measure**

Following the Home Secretary's announcement yesterday, the requirement for international arrivals to be subject to mandatory 14-day self-isolation/quarantine upon arrival will come into force on 08 June 2020. Those travellers will be required to show where they plan to self-isolate. If they are unable to demonstrate this, they will be required to quarantine in accommodation. We have established a list of exemptions; including arrivals from the Common Travel Area (Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands), as well as occupational exemptions, such as crew and for drivers transporting goods into the country. **A full list of exemptions can be found at <https://bit.ly/2X879D3>.**

But to be clear, anyone – British citizens and foreign nationals – who fails to comply with this self-isolation measure could face enforcement action, including a fixed penalty notice or potential prosecution and a fine. This measure, alongside others we have put in place to help combat the spread of the virus will be reviewed every 3 weeks.

All those entering the UK will be strongly advised to download and use the NHS contact tracing app once it is live. This will support tracking and testing, allowing public health teams to quickly trace and isolate potential new cases. Operators across all transport modes will be required to increase communications regarding social distancing and public health measures, including on-board announcements to all passengers to help us communicate the new requirements.

## **Implementation**

We recognise the significant challenge that implementing these measures will bring and are committed to working closely with you through this process to ensure effective roll-out.

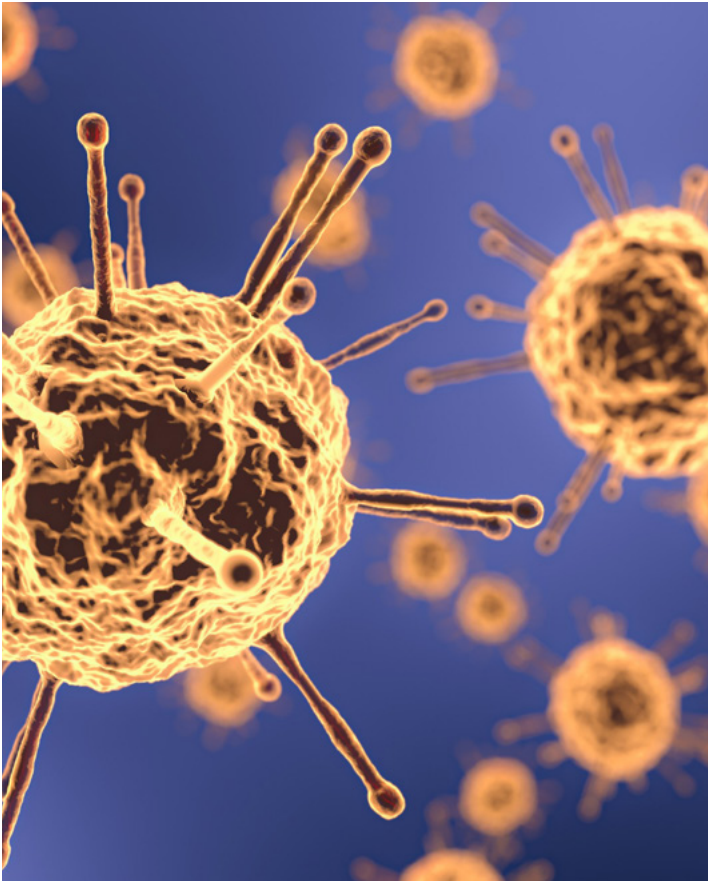
## **Refinements in the future**

As the Secretary of State for Transport said during Transport Orals on 18 May, we will consider refinements as we further develop this system and are in active discussion with stakeholders across all modes. This is one of the biggest international challenges faced in a generation and these measures are first and foremost designed to protect the health of the British public; something we can all agree is our top priority.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Tolhurst  
Minister for Aviation, Maritime & Security  
Department for Transport





**Coronavirus (COVID-19): travellers exempt from UK border rules – specifically named in the aforementioned guidance document are:**

- seamen and masters
- a pilot, as defined in paragraph 22(1) of Schedule 3A to the Merchant Shipping Act
- an inspector and surveyor of ships

**An IIMS member has advised that having the following available too could be helpful:**

- Have proof of residence
- A copy of your passport
- A signed letter of engagement, stating the dates on which you are required on board and where the vessel is berthed – this should also have your passport details on it
- A copy of the vessel registration
- A copy of your accommodation details
- Up to date travel permits for the countries that you are visiting or passing through

## Progress on the purchase of Murrills House

**A statement by Mike Schwarz.**

“It is two years since IIMS members voted in favour of looking to acquire a freehold property as the Institute’s permanent headquarters. I gave an update at the last AGM which confirmed we had managed to secure and agree a deal on Murrills House, the scenario by which we become owners of the property and our current landlord, Casson Beckman, becomes our tenant.



I reported last year an agreed purchase price for the freehold. Further negotiation ensued on the back of the formal valuation survey resulting in a reduced price acceptable to both parties. Having been given sound advice by brokers and financial experts about the ease of securing a business mortgage, this became a major stumbling block when we came to test out the theory in January 2020! We did secure an initial offer of funding, but on very unfavourable terms. We walked away from that one. Finally, the NatWest Bank (a well-known and recognised UK financial institution) agreed to provide the mortgage finance.

The pandemic has slowed everything up. The legal wheels are not turning as fast as they might in normal times. But at the time of writing, we are close to completion. All we need to do has been done and we are preparing to take ownership of the property once completion happens. But we have also been required to have a final survey carried out into the wooden window rot to the side of the building. This is an unwelcome, last minute intervention and will cause further delay. Given how this project has slipped timewise, I am not keen to forecast when we may complete!”



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1400 HRS UAE (Z+4)  
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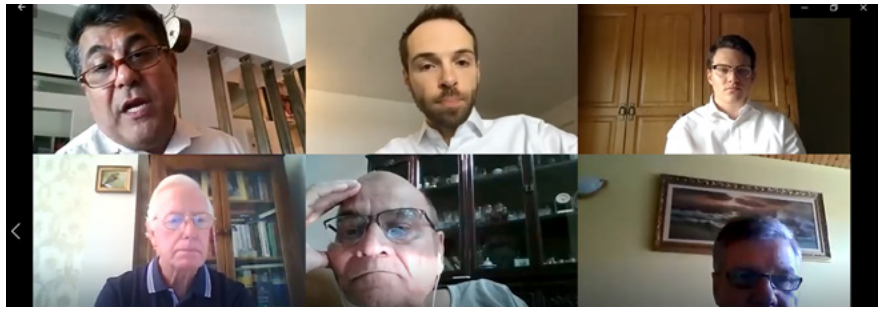
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## IIMS UAE Branch online COVID-19 seminar attracts 400 plus delegates

The recent second IIMS UAE Branch webinar, an initiative by IIMS President, Capt Zarir Irani in conjunction with the local committee, on COVID-19 practical effects on "Claims handling and Surveys" - are they here to stay? attracted 436 registrations from 43 countries. The initiative was well-received by the community and there was excellent feedback by attentive listeners at the peak of the participation. The initiative taken by the IIMS UAE Branch to bring value to its local and international members was evident by the community coming together for this free to attend seminar for everybody.

The webinar attracted three prominent panellists who were Chris Moxon, Senior Claims Executive at Standard Club, Joe Balls, Director at Omni Corporate Solutions Ltd and Alexander Gray, Manager at PL Ferrari: Specialist P&I Insurance Broker. All three candidly expressed their thoughts and views on their areas of expertise.

The P&I club perspective was given by Chris Moxon indicating their points of view. Chris has wide experience of representing owners and charterers while in private practice, including in relation to cargo contamination, shortage, off-hire, and charter party termination matters. The audience directed most of the questions to Chris, which indicated the value he brought to the webinar.

Alexander Gray from PL Ferrari, London, a lawyer, also contributed his thoughts from a broker's perspective. Being a solicitor in England and Wales with the Standard Club and Ince & Co Monaco SARL, Alex worked for the P&I club in the past. He supported the panel discussion very positively in short and precise answers to the questions directed to him and lastly Joe Balls being the director at Omni from the UK brought in the much-needed seniority. With over 30 years in the business he spoke liberally on the hull and machinery aspect of the changes that COVID 19 era has brought into the broking style. The age-old face to face interaction which was the crowning glory of a successful broker is now seemed to be replaced by either web calls or telephone calls which is seen as the new normal. Joe is a member of the Chartered Insurance Institute and has been broking since 1963. He brought all that experience and heritage to bear as he spoke with conviction.

The changes that were discussed during the webinar by panellists are here to stay at least for the foreseeable future and perhaps longer. In all it was a very valuable hour and a half. Eventually all questions and answers were answered by the three panellists.

Some of the questions asked were:

- "Is force Majeure clause approved by English law? If not is this important to keep the clause in the CP agreement"
- "Current challenges/ survival issues, adaptive and technological transformation and future prospective of survey market"
- "How do the surveyors go onboard during COVID-19 situation?"



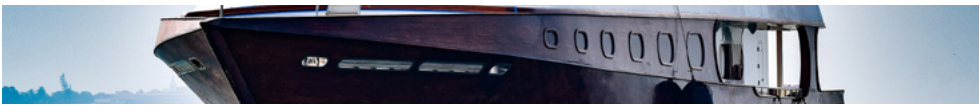
IIMS UAE Branch thanks all the online participants and the panellists. Last but not the least to meet the minimal cost of the webinar operations Lockton Group, PL Ferrari & Co. and Omni had picked up a small sponsorship commitment as an annual support member for the IIMS UAE Branch and were duly acknowledged by IIMS President, Capt. Zarir Irani, who moderated the webinar in his usual confident manner. There were no technical glitches nor any interruptions. The question and answers were brought in by those participants who actually pre-registered the questions and had only positive remarks to give at the end of their questions being answered to the point.

# The IIMS series of online only Zoom seminars continues

If you have missed some of the first-class online seminars as part of the IIMS programme that we have broadcast in the past few weeks, they are available to purchase for a small fee. Please see <https://bit.ly/2Ssv6Td> for details.

We have further seminars to broadcast over the coming weeks. If you are unable to attend online live you may also request to purchase a copy of the video for watching after the event. Anyone can join and all seminars attract 5 CPD points too at this time.

Broadcasting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 16.00 (UK time)  
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For details and to reserve your place go to <https://bit.ly/2VbzOF9>



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Report writing online seminar by Paul Homer and Mike Schwarz  
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Broadcasting on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00 (UK time)  
Moisture meters, the new Tramex and osmosis by Nigel Clegg  
For details and to reserve your place go to <https://bit.ly/2wrKjCs>



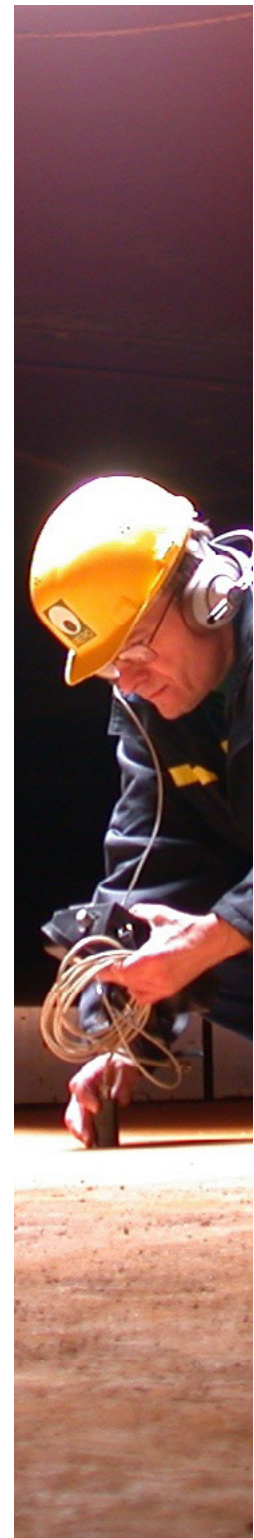
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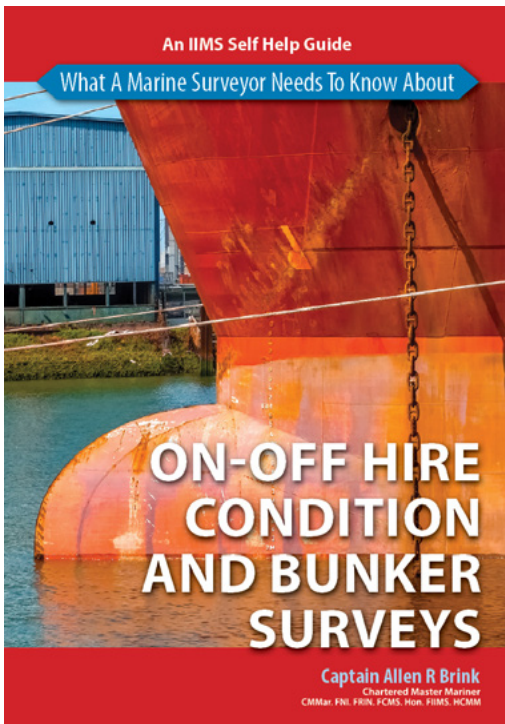
Broadcasting on 4<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00 (UK time)  
Surveying and inspecting small craft engines by Geoff Waddington  
For details and to reserve your place go to <https://bit.ly/2WHM4zE>



Broadcasting on 26<sup>th</sup> August at 15.00 (UK time)  
The latest in ultrasound measurement tools by George Hunter  
For details and to reserve your place go to <https://bit.ly/3dqbwzv>







# Handy guide number 23 published – ‘What a marine surveyor needs to know about on-off hire condition and bunker surveys’

IIMS has published the twenty-third guide in its series ‘What a marine surveyor needs to know about’, this one covering the important topic of on-off hire condition and bunker surveys.

Capt Allen Brink, a Past President of IIMS and a marine surveyor with many years’ big ship experience, has authored this impressive handy guide, now released for sale. Allen

was a driving force in the early days and was one of those who worked hard behind the scenes to get the Institute off the ground nearly 30 years ago.

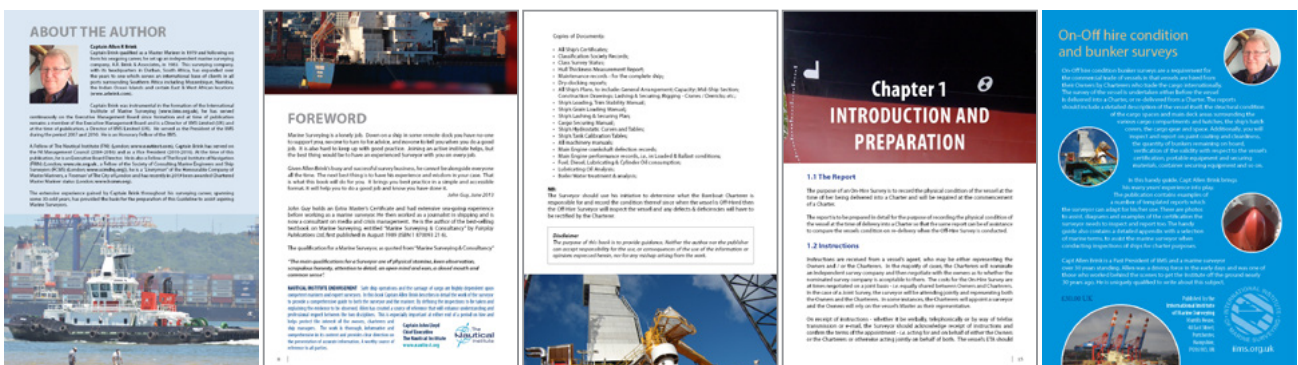
Running to 232 pages, this comprehensive handy guide takes the surveyor through the main parts and requirements of conducting on-off hire condition and bunker surveys. The handy guide contains examples of a number of templated reports which the surveyor can adapt for his/her use. There are photos to assist, diagrams and examples of the certification and documentation the surveyor needs to inspect too.

The handy guide also contains the most comprehensive appendix with a selection of marine terms to assist the marine surveyor when conducting inspections of ships for charter purposes.

The publication is offered for sale at £30 in paperback (plus postage and packaging) or as a downloadable pdf ebook at £28. For more information and to purchase a copy of this, or other handy guides in the series, go to <https://bit.ly/2KIN5WM>.

## Handy guide review

The first person to review this new handy guide by Capt Allen Brink said, *“This is a labour of love and reflects Allen’s immense knowledge and experience. I can’t think of a more valuable piece of work, not only for the survey industry, but for the maritime industry as a whole. One of the hardest things for lawyers is to deal with reports which are not logically set out or written in English which judges and other lawyers can understand. So well done! This will add great value to the industry.”*





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