



## A roundup from Law Society Members Support Services

### Eligibility Criteria Problems for TWSS and EWSS

Practitioners have contacted the Law Society about problems with Revenue and about how eligibility rules for the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) and the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS) are being applied.

The Law Society is seeking to gather information about difficulties being encountered by legal employers with these schemes - and with decisions that do not seem to be reasonable. Employers who have run into difficulty with Revenue about their eligibility for TWSS and EWSS are asked to email information to **Keith O'Malley** in Law Society of Ireland as soon as possible - [k.omalley@lawsociety.ie](mailto:k.omalley@lawsociety.ie) All information received will be treated in strictest confidence. Keith can also be contacted by telephone at 086 388 8185.

Many legal firms have long lead times with the work they do. The relationship between orders coming in and income receipts in law firm varies widely and is complex. TWSS and EWSS eligibility rules should properly and fairly take account of how a drop in the demand for legal services (as a result of the covid-19 pandemic) is evident in the legal profession.

### Small Practice Support Free Information Sessions

You can register now for all or any of the sessions listed below (all start at 1 pm on Wednesday for 30 mins):

- Merging or Retiring from Practice (27 Jan 2021) [Register Here](#)
- Legal Firm Marketing Tips from Marketing Club (3 Feb 2021) [Register Here](#)
- Developing a Paperless Office (10 Feb 2021) [Register Here](#)
- Overview 9th Annual Survey of Law Firms In Ireland Smith and Williamson (17 Feb 2021) [Register Here](#)

### Previous Small Practice Support Information Sessions

If you missed last Wednesday's Small Practice Support Information Session 30, '**Legal Firm Finances**' please find a recording of the session [here](#).

Recordings of earlier Small Practice Support Information sessions are available on the Law Society website at [www.lawsociety.ie/Supportwebinars](http://www.lawsociety.ie/Supportwebinars)

## Additional Member Supports

- [Law Society Professional Wellbeing Hub](#) – this has a list of resources, webinars and supports to assist you and your staff.
- [LegalMind](#) this is an independent low-cost mental health support for members – the portal has a series of podcasts and webinars worth exploring.
- [Financial Benefits](#) – this includes details on the Law Society's retirement trust scheme, group life assurance and a finance scheme to fund PC fees.
- [Client Care Leaflets](#) - a series of multi-lingual information leaflets on a range of legal topics that you can download and distribute to your clients
- [Practising Solicitor logo](#) – ideal to download to your website/stationary and emails – we also have window stickers available with the practising solicitor logo – contact me if you would like to order these.
- For a full list of upcoming Professional Training CPD and Diploma Centre events visit [www.lawsociety.ie/CPD](http://www.lawsociety.ie/CPD)

Please share this update with your members and if you have any queries on the supports mentioned, or would like to update the contact details for your Bar Association, please do get in touch with me.

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Kind regards

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