



MEMBERSHIP 2009

The Sheffield & District Law Society provides a wide range of services to solicitors in Sheffield, Rotherham and the surrounding area. In doing so it actively seeks to promote and enhance the interests and profile of the local profession.

Who is eligible to join?

Membership of the Sheffield & District Law Society is offered to Solicitors, Legal Executives, Paralegals, Barristers, Judges, Magistrates, and other professionals with approval of the committee. Membership of the Society is divided into the following categories:

- Corporate Membership
- Individual Membership
- Student Membership
- Barrister Membership

Corporate Membership

Corporate Membership is where the firm pays a subscription based on the number of solicitors in that firm.

Legal Executives and Paralegals are included free under Corporate Membership. Please note their membership is of associated status under the Society's Articles of Association.

Corporate Subscription rates are listed in the table below:

<i>Admitted Solicitors in the firm</i>	<i>Corporate Subscription per firm</i>
2	£250
3-5	£520
6-8	£980
9-12	£1,470
13-19	£2,185
20-34	£2,890
35-52	£3,620
53-70	£3,840
71+	£4,355

Individual Membership

Individual membership is where each individual solicitor in a firm is responsible for their own subscription. Legal Executives and Paralegals can also pay to be an individual member. Individual members get the same benefits as corporate members but only the individual members from each firm will be entitled to receive the benefits.

Individual Member rates are listed in the table below:

<i>Admitted Solicitors in the firm</i>	<i>Annual Subscription £</i>
Partner/Director	£200
Employed Solicitor	£150
Legal Executive	£100
Paralegal	£75
Retired member	£40

Student Membership

Student Membership is open to those who are currently training as solicitors or studying on an Committee-approved relevant course at the University of Sheffield or Sheffield Hallam University.

Student membership is charged at **£10.00 per student**.

Barrister Membership

Barristers are able to become either individual members of the Society or if their Chambers can become corporate members.

Corporate Member rates for the Bar are listed in the table below:

<i>Number of Barristers in Chambers</i>	<i>Annual Subscription £</i>
2-10	£350
11-20	£500
21-30	£700
31-40	£1000
41-50	£1400

Individual Membership is £200 per Barrister.

Benefits of Membership

Corporate Members

- A dedicated section on the Sheffield Law Society website for all corporate members, including information on each firm and links to their own website.
- Representation and liaison with other professional bodies and regional regeneration agencies, including Pro-Sheffield and the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce.
- An opportunity to attend meetings with local MPs and politicians and to participate in the Society's annual visit to Parliament.

All Members

- A regular and frequent programme of Law Society accredited CPD training courses tailored to the needs of local practitioners in all areas of practice at discounted rates.
- Access to library facilities and our information service including use of electronic resources geared to the needs of local practitioners.
- Regular social events for members and their staff, including The Annual Dinner, the most prestigious event in the local legal calendar, networking evenings, quiz nights, a treasure hunt, a summer barbecue and Christmas party.
- Regular lectures by prominent members of the legal, judicial and governmental arenas, including debates on issues of topical importance.
- Representation on the local Court User Committee for the North Eastern Circuit and dissemination of information about developments in local court practice.
- Profile raising for the local profession on a wider regional and national level.
- Representation on the Law Society Council and an opportunity to have your say on issues affecting the legal profession on a local, regional and national level and liaison with the Law Society on professional issues.
- The publication of a regular bulletin and newsletter emails containing news and articles of special interest to local practitioners.
- Conference facilities available for hire at preferential rates.
- Access to various special offers and discounts from local retailers.



Membership Application Form

To the Committee of the Sheffield & District Law Society

I/We wish to become member of the **SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY**

Please choose type of membership:

- Corporate**
- Individual**
- Barrister**
- Student**

Name in full

Position.....

Firm

Address

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Signature

Date

A cheque for £ is enclosed with this application (made payable to Sheffield District Incorporated Law Society)

Please return completed application form with payment to Katherine Powell, Manager, SDILS, Law Society Hall, 8 Campo Lane, Sheffield S1 2EF, DX 10649 Sheffield

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