

# Netlaw Media Assists in Spearheading a New Legal Technology Diversity Initiative – DELTAS

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Netlaw Media, the organiser of Europe's largest legal and legal technology events, has helped launch a new group which aims to promote Diversity and Excellence in the Legal Technology and IT Security sectors. The new group is known as DELTAS.

Frances Armstrong, Netlaw Media's UK and EMEA Managing Director, has joined DELTAS' newly-formed ten-strong leadership panel. Other members of the DELTAS leadership panel include Jacqueline de Rojas CBE, president of TechUK, and six current or former law firm IT Directors. The legal IT vendor and consultancy communities are also represented.

DELTAS aims to raise awareness of the employment opportunities in the legal IT and IT security industries for people from all backgrounds and lifestyles. At the same time, the group aims to eliminate biases within the sector that are associated with race, gender, disability, age, faith or sexual orientation. An active programme of outreach and engagement is planned, and an ethical charter to promote excellent and diversity will be produced.

Membership of DELTAS is open to individuals already working in the legal profession, as well as individuals currently in education who aspire to join the sector. Law-related businesses and suppliers, who can demonstrate a commitment to diversity, can join DELTAS as corporate partners.

Explaining the rationale for DELTAS' launch, Netlaw Media's Frances Armstrong said that there was a widespread perception within the legal IT and IT security communities that their sectors were not as open and diverse as they should be. "This is something that DELTAS aims to change," she said.

Addressing her own company's role in encouraging diversity, Mrs Armstrong has pledged to increase the percentage of invited female speakers at The British Legal Technology Forum (BLTF) from 24 per cent to 35 per cent over the next 2 years. In relation to the attendance profile at Netlaw Media events, Frances added: "I am proud that our events attract a diverse range of speakers and visitors, but I know that more can be achieved and with the input and assistance of the DELTAS panel and community, I feel this is certainly achievable."

For more information on DELTAS, contact:

To learn more about how to join DELTAS, either as an individual member or corporate partner, visit <https://netlawmedia.com/about-us/contact-us/deltas/>. Alternatively, contact Netlaw Media on +44 (0) 20 3176 4200.

Notes:

DELTAS builds on – and expands – the promotion of gender diversity in the legal IT and IT security sectors.

The first official meeting of the DELTAS leadership team took place on 28th March 2018.

The first official meeting of the DELTAS leadership panel consisted of Jacqueline de Rojas CBE – President of TechUK, Bruna Pellicci – Head of IT, Ashurst, Abby Ewan – IT Director, BLM, Janet Day – Consultant, Mabel Evans – IT Director, Field Fisher, Karen Jacks, IT Director, Bird & Bird, Thereza Snyman – Consultant, Baskerville Drummond Consulting, Christel Aguila – Head of IT / Partner, Winkworth Sherwood, Ann Hemming – Implementation Consultant, LexisNexis and Frances Armstrong – UK and EMEA Managing Director, Netlaw Media.

The official launch of DELTAS will take place on Tuesday 26th June 2018 at The Grange St. Paul's in London where the DELTAS panel members and Netlaw Media will welcome 160 invited members and guests.

