



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 LONDON

30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

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# Welcome to London

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We are extremely proud that this is AEL's 30<sup>th</sup> year in existence and so we are using our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to hold a Birthday Party. We do hope that you will be able to join us for such a special occasion. We also hope that you will enjoy the weekend that we have planned for you at some of the special venues across London that we have been lucky enough to be able to source.

We would like to thank our friends at member firms based in London, Arthur Cox, Charles Russell Speechlys, Gomez Acebo & Pombo, Noerr and Veale Wasbrough Vizards who have all contributed to the event, which promises to be very special.

A brief outline of the programme for the AGM is set out below.

On behalf of myself and the rest of your Executive Committee we look forward to welcoming you to London on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Jeff Gillbanks  
Secretary General



# Brief Programme

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## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Arrival in London. Take your time to check-in at the hotel and enjoy the local area.

18:00-23:00 Registration & Welcome Drinks at Merchant Taylors' Hall

Dress Code: smart casual

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

### AGM

07:00-08:30 Breakfast

08:30-09:00 Registration and arrival tea and coffee in the Chamber Foyer of The Courthouse Hotel

09:00-16:00 AGM in Chamber 4-5 (incl. lunch in Chamber 1-2)

Dress Code: Business Suit/Smart Casual

### Gala Dinner at The Law Society

17:45 Coach pick-up from The Courthouse Hotel

18:30 Drinks and canapes on arrival in The Reading Room and welcome by The Law Society's new President Christina Blacklaws.

19:30-21:30 Dinner in The Common Room of the Law Society

Midnight Carriages – coach back to the hotel

Dress Code: Black Tie

## Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

10:30 Meet at The Courthouse Hotel lobby for taxi journey to Tower Pier

11:30 Depart Tower Pier on a private boat

11:40 Arrival/disembark at Greenwich pier, short walk to The Governor's Parlour inside The Queen's House

12:00 'Undressing the Tudors and Stuarts' clothing demonstration at The Governor's Parlour inside The Queen's House

12:50 Walk from The Queen's House, Great Hall to Cutty Sark

13:00 Self-guided entry to explore Cutty Sark

13:30 Afternoon tea at Cutty Sark (served underneath copper hull of the ship downstairs)

14:45 Walk from Cutty Sark to Old Royal Naval College's Painted Hall

15:00 Old Royal Naval College's Painted Hall Ceiling Tour - Group 1

15:20 Old Royal Naval College's Painted Hall Ceiling Tour - Group 2

16:20 Photo opportunity and networking

17:00 Embark at Greenwich Pier on a private boat including bar

- 18:15 Arrival/disembark at Tower pier for taxi journey back to Courthouse Hotel
- 18:45 Arrive at Courthouse Hotel Shoreditch for rest, freshen up and get ready for evening dinner
- 20:15 Meet in hotel lobby at 20:15pm. Walk to The Jones Family Project for evening 3-course dinner (close to The Courthouse Hotel) for 8:30pm reservation.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

07:00-10:30 Breakfast and departure from hotel

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# Hotel Information

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The Courthouse Hotel, Shoreditch (<https://shoreditch.courthouse-hotel.com>)



The Courthouse Hotel Shoreditch is located within the midst of London's artistic and creative epicenter. Delivering each guest with a personalised and tailored experience encompassing the rich historical significance of the building, whilst celebrating and supporting the eclectic talent that thrives within the area.

Set within a Grade II Baroque building which was once the Old Street Magistrates Court and Police Station, the listed building hosted some high-profile cases such as London's notorious Kray Twins. As well as holding and sentencing well known criminals, the police station also held Eric Arthur Blair, author of "1984" and Animal Farm better known as George Orwell. The author's arrest was for being "drunk and incapable" in the East End of London while posing as a fish porter named Edward Burton. Orwell's unpublished 1932 essay Clink describes a colourful 48 hours in custody in December 1931 after drinking "four or five pints" and most of a bottle of whisky. His intention was to be arrested, "in order to get a taste of prison and to bring himself closer to the tramps and small-time villains with whom he mingled",.

The hotel features 86 guest rooms and 42 suites. Space and individual character are the hallmarks to each of the 5-star guestrooms, individually designed with stylish furnishing to provide exceptional standards of comfort. Boasting a contemporary design after undergoing a recent multi-million pound conversion of historical building, and newly built extension, the suites and rooms on offer are 'one of a kind'.

## How to book

Guests can call + 44 (0) 203 826 1982 or email [venuesourcing@reedmackay.com](mailto:venuesourcing@reedmackay.com).

You will need to say that they are part of the AEL AGM.

You will need to confirm:

- Guest name(s)
- Single / double occupancy bedrooms
- Check in & check out dates
- Any specific requirements
- Card details to encrypt immediately to guarantee the booking

All rates offered include breakfast.

Address	Distance from meeting venue	Discounted rate	Standard rate
The Courthouse Hotel Shoreditch 335-337 Old Street, London, EC1V 9LL 5 star hotel	This hotel is the meeting venue	£242.00 - single occupancy £257.00 - double occupancy	£399.00

Please note, that The Courthouse Hotel has offered all of our guests special Corporate Rates, however in order to take advantage of these, guests must book their rooms before the **23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**.

## Further Hotel Information

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Should you be too late to book into The Courthouse Hotel or would like further options, we have also negotiated corporate discounted rooms at the following hotels.

<b>Address</b>	<b>Distance from meeting venue</b>	<b>Discounted rate</b>	<b>Standard rate</b>
<b>Ace Hotel, Shoreditch</b> 100 Shoreditch High Street, London E1 6JQ 4-star hotel	0.2 miles / a 4 minute walk	£260.00 – single or double occupancy	£289
<b>Holiday Inn Express London</b> 275 Old Street London EC1V 9LN 3-star hotel	0.2 miles / a 3 minute walk	£175.00 – single or double occupancy	£189

### How to book

See above as The Courthouse Hotel.



# Detailed Programme

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018



# Drinks Reception

Arthur Cox and Noerr are proud to co-host a drinks reception for the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Association of European Lawyers in London.

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Thursday, 20 September from 6.00pm  
Merchant Taylor's Hall  
30 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8JB

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We hope that you can join us and we look forward to catching up.

ARTHUR COX **Noerr**

**Dress Code:** Smart Casual

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

AGM Conference at 08:30am-16:00pm



**Dress Code:** Business Suit/Smart Casual

**Location:** The Courthouse Hotel, Chamber 4-5; the Conference lunch will be served in Chamber 1-2.

Gala Dinner at The Law Society at 18:30pm (coach pick up from The Courthouse Hotel 17:45)



**Dress Code:** Black Tie

**Location:** The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

## **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

### 'Undressing the Tudors and Stuarts' Clothing Demonstration

On Saturday morning we will meet at 10.30am in The Courthouse Hotel Shoreditch lobby and travel by taxi to the Tower Pier, taking in the city sights and history to head down the Thames to Greenwich Pier via private charter boat.

At midday guests will step back in time and enjoy an interactive demonstration of the clothing worn by the Tudors and Stuarts (lasting approximately 50 minutes).

Hosted at the historical Queen's House in Greenwich, guests will discover the significance of the Tudors and Stuarts clothing, the importance it played within society, and how fashion trends dominated the era.

### Cutty Sark Self-Guided Tour & Afternoon Tea

At 1.00pm, jump on board UK's award-winning attraction, 'The Cutty Sark'. The Cutty Sark is the only surviving historic British sailing ship and fastest built in its time. Built in 1869, discover what life was like on board the legendary ship with a 30 minute self-guided tour.

At 1.30pm, we will relax and enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served underneath the copper hull of the Cutty Sark downstairs (lasting approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes).



### The Old Royal Naval College's Painted Hall Ceiling Tour

At either 3:00pm or 3:20pm, take an hour guided tour of Britain's largest painted ceiling, the Painted Hall at The Old Royal Naval College. Painted between 1707 and 1726, guests will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get up close to the extraordinary artistic masterpiece.

With the conservation project due to be completed at the end of September, guests will get within touching distance of the painted ceiling in all its glory at the special observation deck, and discover the painting's mysteries unveiled for the first time in half a century.

Following the tour, guests will have free time to take photos and network for approximately 30 minutes before heading back to Tower Pier, with a taxi journey back to The Courthouse Hotel Shoreditch.





**Dress code:** Casual

Informal dinner at The Jones Family Project at 8.30pm

We will meet at 8.15pm in The Courthouse Hotel Shoreditch lobby and walk together to the restaurant. The Jones Family Project is a British cuisine steak restaurant bar and grill.



**Dress code:** Smart casual

**Location:** The Jones Family Project, 78 Great Eastern Street, London, EC2A 3JL



**AGM  
London  
20 September – 23 September 2018**

## Registration

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Firm .....

Full name .....

Spouse name .....

Email .....

Address for invoice .....

Date & time of arrival .....

Special dietary requirements .....

<b>Activity</b>	<b>GBP per person</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Amount due</b>
<b>Thursday 20 September</b>			
6.00pm Welcome drinks at Merchant Taylors Hall	N/A	<input type="radio"/> Delegate <input type="radio"/> Spouse	
<b>Friday 21 September</b>			
9.00am AGM including lunch at The Courthouse Hotel	N/A	<input type="radio"/> Delegate	
6:30PM Gala Dinner at The Law Society	£153.00	<input type="radio"/> Delegate <input type="radio"/> Spouse	
<b>Saturday 22 September</b>			
Day trip to Greenwich	£109.03	<input type="radio"/> Delegate <input type="radio"/> Spouse	
Dinner at The Jones Family Project	£37.50	<input type="radio"/> Delegate <input type="radio"/> Spouse	
		<b>Total amount due: £</b>	

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