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## Editorial News

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College of Law and law firm Collyer-Bristow. The Course, which begins in January, is a five-part introduction to Business Affairs aimed at lawyers, account managers, contract and business affairs professionals in sport, advertising, marketing media and entertainment industries.

Participants will receive a diploma accredited by The College of Law at the end of a course of 12 weeks, with two full days' seminars and 12 two and one half hour evening sessions.

For further information, please contact Richard Verow of Collyer-Bristow on 0171 242 7363 or Tim Devlin for The College of Law on 01580 893176.

### Y2K Lawyers Association

A new national and international specialist lawyers association, formed specifically to tackle the legal challenges surrounding the Millennium Bug was announced in November 1998. It has been formed to foster innovative legal solutions to the problem of the bug, to promote cooperation (both legally and in other ways) rather than confrontation, and to share legal knowledge and expertise on a nation-wide and international basis.

Five firms and a leading QC specialising in the Y2K problem have joined forces to found the association. These are: Bird Semple in Edinburgh, Ross & Co in the Wirral, Lester Aldridge in Bournemouth, Robert Muckle in Newcastle, Withers in London and John Melville-Williams QC. Membership is open to solicitors, barristers, advocates and other lawyers who are qualified in their own jurisdiction.

The Association has already launched its own web-site at <http://www.y2klaw.org> which includes Y2K news, articles and bulletin boards. While some parts of the web-site will be 'open', access to the more detailed information sources will be restricted to members only.

For further information please contact Adam Taylor on 0171 936 1000 or Gavin Ingham Brooke on 0171 580 7403.

### Virtual Paralegal Training

Training is now available for paralegal qualifications over the internet thanks to an initiative involving ILEX (Paralegal Training) Ltd, Leeds TEC, Vocational Legal Training Ltd and Leeds Metropolitan University.

Support from Leeds TEC combined with European ADAPT funding will allow people in the paralegal field to train via the net for the first time supported by comprehensive information packs and student guides. Students will have the opportunity to follow the ILEX Vocational Legal Studies Programme and gain a certified qualification.

All students will be registered students of Leeds Metropolitan University and will also enjoy interactive "real time" tutorials with law tutors and visiting experts, connections to the gateways of legal knowledge for research and even a common room facility for making new friends and contacts.

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## Conferences Seminars and Associations

### Business Affairs Course

A new course in Business Affairs dedicated to the media and entertainment Industry has been launched by The