



# Lester Aldridge Partner Appointed as BDLS President

Lester Aldridge is proud to announce that [Jo Clarke](#), Partner and Head of Risk and Operations at the firm, has been appointed as the President of the [Bournemouth and District Law Society \(BDLS\)](#). This prestigious role is a testament to her outstanding contributions to the legal profession and her unwavering commitment to excellence.

Jo has been with Lester Aldridge for over 23 years. She joined initially as a paralegal in the [Family](#) team before qualifying as a legal executive and then later as a solicitor. She remained in the Family team until 2020 when she took over the Compliance team. Her expertise, dedication, and leadership skills have been instrumental in the firm's growth and success. As a Partner, Jo has not only excelled in her legal practice but has also been a mentor and guide to many aspiring solicitors.

In her new role as BDLS President, Jo will be at the forefront of promoting the interests of legal professionals within the Bournemouth and District area. She will work towards enhancing professional standards, providing continuing education opportunities, and fostering a sense of community among members. Jo's vision includes strengthening the Society's engagement with the wider community and ensuring that the voice of local solicitors is heard on a national level.

Speaking about her appointment, Jo Clarke said, "I am honoured and excited to take on the role of President of the Bournemouth and District Law Society. I would like to thank Michael Newbold for his support as I take over the helm, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to support our members and uphold the highest standards of our profession. Together, we can make a significant impact on the legal landscape in our region."