



## News and Events

# Blake Morgan Employment Webinar – 1 July 2020 – “Returning to the new norm”

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TMCP are pleased to draw Managing Trustees' attention to a new employment webinar, scheduled for 1st July 2020, that has been produced by Blake Morgan, one of the firms on the Methodist Church's Panel of Solicitors. The webinar; "[Returning to the new norm: what challenges we need to overcome](#)" may be helpful to members of Managing Trustee bodies within the Methodist Church who employ lay employees. The webinar will explore employment issues now the COVID-19 restrictions are easing gradually, with an emphasis on changes to the furlough arrangements and the mental wellbeing of employees.

Blake Morgan have provided the following information about this webinar:

*“After three months of turmoil whilst the UK economy ground to a halt, we are now starting to see lockdown restrictions eased as businesses and other organisations including charities start back up, across the sectors some workers are starting to return to their place of work with some still working from home and people are beginning to venture out. There is an understandable sigh of relief for the economy as the cogs start to turn, but are organisations ready? There are still significant questions ahead for employers.*

*What will the new working norm look like? What are the new rules and options if employers want to make use of “flexible furloughing”? Do employees feel safe enough to return yet? What have employers learnt for the better going forward or is presenteeism still a thing? What are the new mental health challenges of the new norm, and what steps can an employer take to help employees in this new environment?”*

Managing Trustees are encouraged to join Blake Morgan on 1 July 2020 for this live webinar as Paul Hayward and Ruth Christy, employment experts from Blake Morgan join with Colette Norbury, training lead at mental health charity Oxfordshire Mind, to discuss the challenges and take questions from attendees live. You can also submit questions before the webinar to [BD@blakemorgan.co.uk](mailto:BD@blakemorgan.co.uk).

Please register for this webinar by [clicking here](#).

Please share the link to this webinar with any Managing Trustees in your Circuit and District who are responsible for employing lay workers and who you feel may benefit from this discussion about employment in the current climate.

You can find further information about the legal services Blake Morgan offer on the [Panel Solicitors page](#) on TMCP's website together with details of the other panel solicitors.

***If you have any queries in relation to accessing this webinar please [contact TMCP Legal](#) for further assistance. For general queries on employment issues please refer to [Development and Personnel](#).***

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