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Hi,

Welcome to the first Business Law Today of 2024.

I am a Partner in Michelmores' Banking, Restructuring and Insolvency team, with a broad range of experience in providing strategic, commercial advice in relation to both corporate and personal insolvency matters. I specialise in contentious insolvency work, providing advice to clients on the merits and practicalities of bringing

and defending litigation in an insolvency context, as well as the options for funding. I also regularly advise companies and their directors in situations where insolvency is either of direct concern or is affecting the business's customer base or supply chain.

The financial outlook for the UK in 2024 remains challenging. Although inflation is expected to continue to fall this year, prices remain high and are now also combined with (relatively) high interest rates. In addition to this, many businesses are also facing a requirement to repay support received during the Covid pandemic. Close management of cashflow will be an important element of financial success. If your business has individuals as customers, please take a look at our article on the <u>Breathing Space Regulations</u> and how these may affect you.

ESG continues to be high on the corporate agenda, and we have an article by our Intellectual Property team, which focuses on the rise of greenwashing and ESG related litigation.

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Emily Reeve



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Planning Primer Seminar Cheltenham

Date: Wed 21 February

Join us for our Planning Primer seminar at Cheltenham Racecourse. 2024 will be a dynamic year for the planning sector, and our team of experts will guide you through the key developments and challenges which are anticipated.

Find out more

MAINstream female founders Bristol

Date: Tues 27 February

Four female led businesses will be able to pitch to investors, with the aim that at least 50% of the investors will also be female, followed by a Q&A session about becoming an angel investor. Applications close 7 February.

Find out more

The Value of Intellectual Property London

Date: Wed 6 March

Please join us for a VIP Breakfast Networking Event at 100 Liverpool Street in which Michelmores' Business Team will be joined by Buzzacott accountants for a panel discussion on why IP matters and how getting it wrong will impact the value of your business.

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