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Hi,

Welcome to November's edition of Business Law Today; the first since the Labour government came into power. It follows hot on the heels of Rachel Reeves' groundbreaking Budget that has considerable impact on business – particularly changes to the taxation of family-owned enterprises and the costs of employment. This edition also comes just after a definitive election across the Atlantic, with considerable power in both Congress and the White House shifting to the Republican party of Donald Trump.

As an IP and technology litigator, who previously lived and practiced in California, I maintain a close interest in the US. As a farmer and land manager in Devon who also sits in the House of Lords as a cross bench hereditary (for a little longer), I am sensitive to the impact of Government policy on regional and rural businesses. Political headwinds are currently strong, and it is an important time to keep abreast of developments – we hope that the broad array of topics covered in Business Law Today help.

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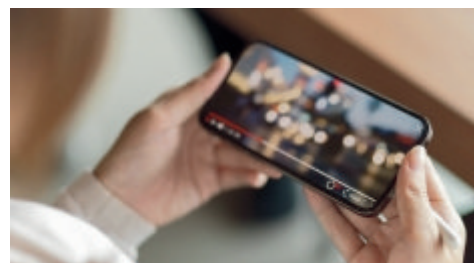
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Upcoming events

We hope to see you there

**Tech Transactions
Masterclass**
London

**MAINstream Pitch
Event**
Exeter

**Agriculture
Roadshow 2025**
Various locations

Date: Thursday 28
November

Hosted and sponsored by Michelmores and organised by the SCL Tech Transactions Group.

Join SCL's Technology Transactions Group on 28 November 2024 for a half day event focusing on how the wave of new digital regulation is impacting technology contracts.

[Find out more](#)

Date: Tuesday 3
December

Our next MAINstream pitch event will be taking place at our Exeter office on Tuesday 3 December.

MAINstream is a network for business angel investors established by Michelmores in 2019 to help accelerate the growth of angel investing, particularly in the South West.

[Find out more](#)

Date: 3-7 February
2024

Michelmores are looking forward to putting on another Agriculture Roadshow, between 3-7 February 2025.

Following the success of our tour last year, we are going to be looking at another case study, taking in some common challenges and opportunities faced in rural practice.

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