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Hi,

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of Business Law Today.

I lead the Banking & Finance team at Michelmores. I have a particular interest in the Sustainable Finance sector, an exciting and rapidly developing area of finance with unique sector specific challenges, which my article explores.

The Green Finance sector continues to evolve rapidly. As the UK positions itself as a global hub for sustainable finance, we're seeing a surge in interest from clients seeking to align their financing strategies with ESG principles and net zero commitments. This is not just a compliance exercise, it's a strategic pivot that opens up new markets, enhances resilience, and builds long-term value.

At the same time, the economic climate remains nuanced. While inflationary pressures have eased slightly, businesses are still navigating uncertainty around interest rates, supply chain resilience, and geopolitical risk. In my work, I've noticed a growing emphasis on structuring deals that are both agile and impact-driven, particularly in sectors like renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, and inclusive finance.

In this edition, we have a great mix of articles from our Commercial, Corporate, Commercial & Regulatory Disputes, Employment and Banking teams, so there is bound to be something to pique your interest. We also have a guest article from the Tax, Trusts & Succession team on changes to Business Property Relief.

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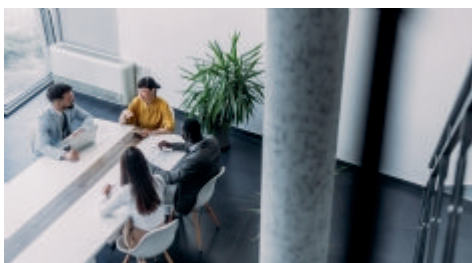
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Iain Connor, Charlotte Bolton and Alex Ricketts

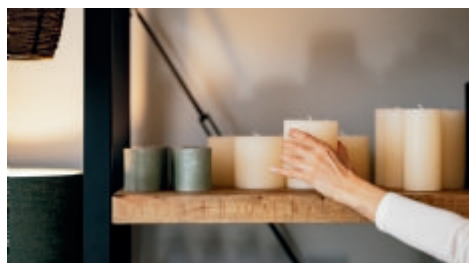
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Charity Run**
Exeter

Date: Thursday 11
September

This year's
Michelmores 5k
Charity run is taking
place at Exeter's
buzzing Quayside!

Join together with
colleagues to
represent your
business – or run solo
– to support our
fantastic charity
partner, FearFree,
and be in with a
chance to be crowned
champion of the
business community.

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Bristol Cycle Club
Bristol

Date: Friday 19
September

The Michelmores
Cycle Club provides
inclusive, friendly and
safe networking
opportunities for
cycling enthusiasts.

It meets once a month
in Exeter and Bristol.
London also hosts
cycling and running
events throughout the
year.

Bristol, Cheltenham
and Exeter also host
monthly run clubs.

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**Consumer Brands
Horizons Summit**
London

Date: Thursday 25
September

Join us at our half-day
conference designed
to inspire and equip
professionals in the
consumer brands
industry.

We're bringing
together industry
leaders, innovators
and their advisors to
explore cutting-edge
strategies, emerging
trends, and solutions
to tackle the
challenges shaping
the future of retail and
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