



The Association of
Company Registration Agents

THE ACRA FORUM 2019

An opportunity to understand change

A unique chance to keep up-to-date with changes affecting registration agents, and to participate in the debate



LOCATION

DoubleTree by Hilton
London, West End
92 Southampton Row
London WC1B 4BH



TIME

Wednesday 16th January 2019
Arrival and coffee from 1.30pm
Starts at 2.00pm
To close by 5.00pm



COST

£100 (+VAT) to members
£150 (+VAT) to non-members
20% discount on above if paid
before the end of December.
Includes drinks reception.

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A message from our new Chairman

Gareth Jones OBE

After a long career in the Civil Service, including 5 years as Registrar of Companies for England and Wales and Chief Executive of Companies House, I was delighted to be asked to join ACRA as Chairman earlier this year. I have long admired the work that ACRA does to represent and act as champions for its members who are responsible for around half of UK Company formations carried out in the private sector.

These are challenging times for our industry as we seek to continue to adopt a responsible attitude to our dealings with companies; and I am very pleased

to have the opportunity to contribute positively to that effort and to represent our members in our dealings with government and its agencies. I look forward very much to engaging with all our members in the months and years ahead and to building, with a first rate Board of Directors, on the excellent work of my predecessors.

At this year's Forum will we welcome the Registrar of Companies, Louise Smyth who brings a fresh view to the organisation, with top people from our MLR supervisory body at HMRC, and we will once again welcome Ian Cass from the Forum of Private Business. ACRA

provides the support that is vital in a fast-changing world and a vehicle for making your case to those who matter. We continue to improve further the reputation of the good agent in the market and more widely, we continue to inform members of changes taking place in the world around us and we provide a means for agents to discuss issues of common interest.

The ACRA Forum has always been a very successful event with plenty of opportunity for questions and debate and I look forward to seeing you on the 16th January.

Timetable

13.30	Arrival and Coffee
14.00	Welcome and Introduction - Gareth Jones OBE
14.15	Ian Cass, The Forum of Private Business
14.45	Helen Noonan, HMRC
15.45	Coffee break
16.00	Louise Smyth, Registrar of Companies
16.45	Closing remarks
17.00-18.00	Drinks reception

Louise Smyth

Registrar of Companies

Louise Smyth joined Companies House in September 2017 from a long career at the Intellectual Property Office, including roles as Director of IT, Director of Corporate Services and latterly as Chief Operating Officer. Louise will be talking about her impressions of Companies House during her first year or so at the helm and how she hopes to take it forward. She will be happy to take questions from delegates.

Helen Noonan

HMRC

Helen Noonan is a Senior Policy Adviser within HMRC, specialising in anti-money laundering policy for TCSPs, which includes company registration agents. HMRC are perhaps particularly important for us because, despite playing a big part in determining the AML law relating to agents, they are also our supervisors and - as many of us are very aware - undertake inspections. Those who have been to previous Forums will know both Helen and her two colleagues, Mary Bryant and Patricia Griffiths, who cover both aspects of our work. We hope that all three of them will be able to make it again on this occasion.

Helen and her team are regular visitors to our Forum and we once again welcome them all to give up to date views and information on how the Money Laundering regulations affect our industry.

Ian Cass

The Forum of Private Business

Members of ACRA are automatically also members of the Forum of Private Business (FPB). Ian Cass is the managing director of the FPB, which is "one of the UK's foremost small business lobbyists, enabling it to continue providing business owners with the support, protection and reassurance they need". The FPB continues to support ACRA and has been instrumental in arranging various discussions with Government contacts which have proven to be highly valuable to the Association. Those within ACRA who have used the FPB's services have found them excellent and Ian will be talking about the benefits that membership of the FPB confers and will give an overview of how the FPB's lobbying helps the UK's small businesses.



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01 Business details

Company/Business Name

Address

Phone Number

This business is an ACRA member Yes / No

02 First delegate's details

Name

Title (Dr, Mr, Mrs, etc)

Email address

03 Other delegates, if any

Second delegate's name

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Third delegate's name

Title (Dr, Mr, Mrs, etc)

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For more than three delegates, please contact phil.vibrans@acra-uk.org

04 Payment (For additional delegates please copy this form)

£120 (incl VAT) to members (€96 inc VAT to members paid before 31 December 2018)

£180 inc VAT to non-members (€144 inc VAT to non-members paid before 31 December 2018)

Fees are per delegate

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