



EXECUTIVE BOARD

AMANDA HAMILTON LLB (HONS) CEO, NALP

After completing her LLB, Amanda spent five years working as a Paralegal in a small international law firm in London's West End. Then due to personal loss of a family member, Amanda branched out into the property business and spent eight years running her own Lettings Consultancy before being head-hunted to work for an exclusive estate agency, where she worked for a couple of years before being made redundant. Amanda started teaching purely by chance and has been teaching practical paralegal skills to graduates and undergraduates now for sixteen years. She has her own training company. During this time she worked closely with the former head of NALP until his retirement in 2008 when she was offered the opportunity to take over the NALP. Amanda is a senior tutor for ILSPA (Institute of Legal Secretaries and PAs) and also has taught various units of the NALP Level 7 Diploma in Paralegal Practice. Amanda is a trained actor and has performed on stage as well as trying her hand at stand-up. She is an obsessive Argentine Tango dancer and enjoys cooking, eating and fine wines. She also loves football!

MELISSA HARDEE SOLICITOR

Melissa was admitted as a Solicitor in 1991, admitted in Australia in 1995, International Consultant to Professional Service Firms, Educational Institutions and Regulators in the areas of legal education and training, knowledge management, practice management and professional regulation.

LEROY REDHEAD – LLB, LLM, CRIMINAL BARRISTER

Leory was called to the Bar in 1982 - with an interest in International Law, has an expertise in crime general fraud and international criminal law

LESLEY DUNLOP

Lesley has more than 20 years senior management experience in organisational development and skills, the past 10 at senior leadership level in national skills and standard-setting organisations in the UK. She has recently returned to an earlier career as an independent consultant, bringing a track record in delivering complex national development programmes in challenging and fast-changing political environments with multiple stakeholders. Most recently she was Director at the Skills for Justice, the Government-licensed Sector Skills Council for Justice, Community Safety and Legal Services, where she led national programmes of work to: identify and address skills needs; research and report demographic information on the current and future workforce; develop professional standards and related training and qualifications to meet employer needs. Lesley combines extensive experience of developing and implementing national skills policy with a detailed technical knowledge of the UK's skills systems and how they can operate in the interests of employers and learners.

PROFESSOR MIKE MOLAN

Mike Molan is the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences at London South Bank University and a Professor of Educational Development. Mike has been teaching Under Graduate and Post Graduate students in the areas of Public Law and Criminal Law for over 29 years, and was Head of the Law Department at London South Bank University for 10 years. Currently an Executive Committee member of the Council of University Deans in Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, a member of the BSB BPTC sub-committee, Mike has published several student texts on Criminal Law and continues to be involved in research projects investigating aspects of legal pedagogy and the student experience. Earlier this year Mike was appointed by the BSB as the inaugural Chair of the Centralised Examination Board which will have oversight of the assessment of all intending barristers in England and Wales in respect of their compulsory knowledge areas of their training.

RITA LEAT LLB (Hons), LLM (Commercial Law), MCMI

The Managing Director of Leat Services Ltd, Rita, is a former commercial lawyer and CEO of a professional representative and regulatory body. Rita offers consultancy and coaching services in Strategic Planning and Business Development; Board Development and Change Management. Rita also offers a dedicated not-for-profit strategic planning service to include CEO/Director Coaching as well as offering a full range of soft-skills and business training to enhance performance. Rita has extensive experience of training and qualification design to offer clients bespoke training courses and accredited qualifications.

LYNDSEY JONES – JOURNALIST AND MEDIA

Lyndsey has been involved in journalism for the last 25 years. Currently as a senior news journalist, she leads a team in the editing and production of the UK and World news and Comment sections of the Financial Times and FT.com. She is also the freelance editor of Paralegal News, the NALP's quarterly newsletter. She has a strong track record in the media industry and uses that experience to help small and medium-sized companies communicate effectively with their customers in order to drive their business.

SU MCLAUGHLIN - MARKETING

Su has over fifteen years integrated marketing experience working for some of London's key agencies, as well as over two years as Marketing Manager for the NSPCC. Working on campaigns and strategy across-the-board, Su's experience spans a wide mix of clients and industries, from charities and not-for-profit, to fully commercial sectors. She is passionate about providing an excellent service for her clients, striving to produce the best possible strategic, creative and cost-efficient solutions for them.

Outside work, Su is a trained actor and enjoys writing plays, sketches and tips her hat on occasion to writing poetry. She is also a passionate cook and can vouch for many a satisfied scoffer.

RACHAEL MEECH – EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT

For the past four years, Rachael has been a freelance educational consultant who has worked with a wide range of education and training organisations providing specialist advice and guidance on qualifications development and accreditation, providing support for awarding bodies and trial sites for new initiatives such as the 14-19 Diploma, the Qualifications and Credit Framework and the Foundation Learning Tier and carrying out research into new areas of work and evaluating projects on behalf of organisations.