

Press Release

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Barlow Robbins Sponsors the National Schools Equestrian Association Championship

Leading South East law firm Barlow Robbins LLP (Barlow Robbins) is sponsoring the 2011 National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) Championship. The firm hopes to help the NSEA in its mission to gain recognition in schools nationwide.

Barlow Robbins will be official sponsor of three of the regional events scheduled in the South East which include a jumping with style qualifier on 1 May at Berkshire College, a grassroots competition on 28 May at Cranleigh School, and a **regional** show jumping qualifier on 19 June which will be held at Royal Leisure in Henfield. The firm will also be the **major** sponsor for the Championship finals which will be held in October.

The NSEA has been established for 20 years and their aim is to promote and encourage equestrianism in State and Independent schools nationwide. They support inter schools riding competitions throughout the UK. Currently, over 50% of NSEA's memberships are held by Independent schools and they would like to see an increased number of pupils riding in curriculum time.

Barlow Robbins has a highly regarded education and independent schools practice and undertakes a considerable amount of work in the equestrian and agricultural sectors making the NSEA Championship a perfect fit for a partnership between the two organisations. The Barlow Robbins team has been nationally recognised in the Schools Financial Yearbook 2010/2011 for their provision of legal advice to Independent schools. The firm has regularly worked alongside schools, colleges and universities for many years.

Commenting on the upcoming event, Barlow Robbins Residential Property Partner, Sarah Ambrose said:

“I have been involved with the NSEA for quite some time now and felt the Championships were ideal for us to support and sponsor. The team at the NSEA have worked hard over the last 20 years to encourage what we believe to be an invaluable sport in schools around the country. We are absolutely delighted to be involved and look forward to what promises to be a brilliant event.”

Comment from Championships Organiser and NSEA General Secretary, Sophie Spear

I am really pleased that Barlow Robbins are involved with the NSEA from Grass Roots, right up to National Championships. This will influence riders of all levels and enable them to have an even better inter-school equestrian experience.

Comment from NSEA founder and Chairman, Jill Barker ‘ The NSEA is thrilled to be associated with Barlow Robbins and we are looking forward to a great Championships this autumn. There is no doubt that participation in schools’ equestrianism is increasing greatly all over the country and schools are beginning to recognise the level of commitment necessary to succeed. Barlow Robbins involvement with the Championships enables us to highlight both the relevance of equestrianism in schools and also the high standard of riding that these pupils are attaining. Head Teachers should feel very proud.’

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Notes to editors:

Barlow Robbins LLP was formed by the merger of the two well regarded and long established legal practices of Barlows and Robbins Olivey in 2004. It is now one of the larger law firms in the South East region with a thriving portfolio of private and commercial clients.

The firm has 24 partners and 180 staff.

Barlow Robbins has offices in Guildford, Woking and Godalming and provides a full range of legal services to commercial and private clients throughout the South East, London, nationally and internationally.

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