

Admissions & Appeals in MATs and Single Academies

Meet your legal duties as your own admissions authority, utilise your freedoms and effectively manage appeals

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09:00 – 09:45	Registration and refreshments	
09:45 – 10:00	Chair's Introduction & Welcome: Dai Dubridge, Partner, Browne Jacobson	
10:00 – 10:30 Admissions Update	What's new in admissions and appeals A review of the main stories and rulings of the past twelve months and their implications for academies and MATs Yvonne Spencer, Partner, Veale Wasbrough Vizards	
10:30 – 11:00 Panel session	In conversation: Admissions and MATs in practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAT focused criteria and their impact on the development, success and ethos of the MAT Managing and overcoming local challenges The OSA process and the importance of strong legal support Richard Freeth, Partner, Browne Jacobson Stuart Gardner, CEO, Thinking Schools Academy Trust	
11:00 – 11:10	Questions	
11:10 – 11:40	Morning Refreshments	
11:40 – 12:30	Streamed Sessions 1	
	1A - Mock appeal: primary	1B - Mock appeal: secondary
	<p>Clear guidance and advice when preparing for an infant class school appeal: Know how to present your case, prepare a strong Prejudice Statement and ensure your case stands up to challenge</p> <p>This session will run as a live example of an infant class size appeal</p> <p><i>VWV and Browne Jacobson</i></p>	<p>Clear guidance and advice when preparing for an secondary school appeal: Know how to present your case, prepare a strong Prejudice Statement and ensure your case stands up to challenge</p> <p>This session will run as a live example of a secondary school appeal</p> <p><i>VWV and Browne Jacobson</i></p>
12:30 – 13:20	Lunch & Networking	
13:20 – 13:50 Parental View	The view from the other side. Understand how parents prepare for appeals and how they are represented	
13:50 – 14:00	Questions	
14:00 – 14:50	Streamed Sessions 2	
	2A – Admissions strategies in MATs	2B – Best practice from a local authority
	<p>How to remain compliant and rewrite admissions criteria as an expanding MAT.</p> <p><i>Understand timelines and protocols for consultation</i></p> <p>Dai Dubridge, Partner, Browne Jacobson</p>	<p>Hear how a local authority prepares for appeals, understand how to challenge effectively and takeaway guidance for a model pack of paperwork</p> <p>Jayne Abery, Strategy and Policy Manager and Liz Houghton, School Appeals Manager, Hertfordshire County Council</p>
14:50 – 15:10	Afternoon refreshments	
15:10 – 16:00	Streamed Sessions 3	
	3A – Prejudice Statement masterclass	3B – Freedom of Information Requests and GDPR
	<p>Clarify what evidence is permissible, how to collect it legally and how to write a strong Prejudice Statement which favours your school</p> <p>Dai Dubridge, Partner, Browne Jacobson</p>	<p>Ensure compliance, protect the information you have, and understand best practice for responding to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>Yvonne Spencer, Partner, Veale Wasbrough Vizards</p>
16:00	Conference Close	

