

LEGAL CORE

Legal Collaboration on Race and Ethnicity

April 2026 Newsletter

Dear Legal CORE members,

We hope the first few months of 2026 have treated you well - no small feat given everything going on in the world at the moment. Welcome to our first Legal CORE newsletter. We've launched this after members shared with us how they would like more regular updates from the collaboration. And in this edition we have plenty to update you on.

New members

A warm welcome to the law firms who have joined Legal CORE over the past few months. We're delighted to have you on board and look forward to working together, sharing ideas and learning from each other.

Womble Bond Dickinson | Weightmans | Blake Morgan | Michelmores | Lewis Silkin

Expanding our regional reach

As our membership grows, so does our presence across the country.

This year, we will begin establishing regional hubs that bring together locally based member firms, giving D&I leads the opportunity to form local networks, share experiences and collaborate on the challenges most relevant to their region. These hubs will create space for more tailored conversations and peer support. More details on locations and timings will follow shortly. If you'd like to help create a local hub in your area, [please do get in touch](#).

Think Tank report

We're delighted to share the [report](#) following our Think Tank in February. It captures the discussions, outcomes and suggested actions from our third annual Think Tank last month.

It was such an energising morning, and the report reflects the breadth and depth of ideas generated across the room. Please do have a read, and [get in touch](#) if you'd like to explore any of the themes further – or discuss how they might apply within your firm – during one of our monthly drop-ins.

Collaborating together to support students

Collectively, our firms have been supporting **Hemisphere Education (HE)**

The impact of the Legal CORE partnership so far:

- 10,678 training sessions completed
- 85% of school staff take action to create a more inclusive environment within 12 months of completing HE
- Delivers up to £3 of value for every £1 we invest
- Provides a measurable, award-winning intervention
- Supports long-term pipeline development by tackling inequitable treatment and outcomes at school level

We are now working with HE on the next three-year partnership cycle (2026–29).

We look forward to continuing to drive meaningful, measurable change for schools together, and hope as many firms as possible can join us in doing that. Please email yasmina.kone@hemisphereeducation.com for next steps.

Monthly drop in calls

During our March drop in, we heard from Julian at extense, who talked us through the Think Tank discussions and outcomes. We also started to discuss how Inclusion networks/ERGs are operating and we will pick this up in a future session.

Finally, if you have colleagues at your firm that you feel would like to receive newsletter, please let us know and we can add them to the newsletter distribution list.

Thank you for being part of this community.

Nina and Louise



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Louise Zekaria