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Hogan Lovells pension group is delighted to send you our April e-newsletter. In this newsletter you will find:

- An alert for trustees about legal risks associated with some investment opportunities;
- Three pension news articles, with comment and action points;
- Links to our pension news updates;
- An invitation to our alternative investments by pension schemes seminar in May; and
- Client briefings – including two new briefings on the new pensions advice allowance and DC charges and governance requirements, the authorisation of master trusts and our regular summary of upcoming pension cases.

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PENSION SCHEME INVESTMENT

New investment could have faced trustees with unlimited liability

Our investment funds team recently identified some highly detrimental terms, including potential unlimited liability, in the governing documentation of a proposed private equity investment by pension scheme trustees. Despite the trustees being introduced to the investment after other co-investors, and being told that the terms were "market standard", it was possible to negotiate solutions to the issues and agree fairer terms for our client. For more information, please [click here](#).

Our next pension seminar, on 10 May, will provide an insight into the different legal risks which pension trustees should understand and address before they agree to any new investment. For an invitation please [click here](#).

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PENSION NEWS STORIES

Call off the lifeboat? Deal agreed over BHS pension deficit

The Pensions Regulator has announced that it has reached a settlement with Sir Philip Green on the BHS pension schemes. As a result of the cash settlement, the schemes will not enter the Pension Protection Fund and the Regulator's anti-avoidance enforcement action against Sir Philip and two of the companies involved in the sale of BHS will cease.

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Level playing field – requirement for written nomination for survivor's pension was unjustified discrimination

The Supreme Court in *Brewster* held that a provision in the Local Government Pension Scheme that required an unmarried cohabitee to be nominated by the member before death in order to be entitled to receive a survivor's pension was a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights. It was discriminatory on the basis of marital status. The nomination requirement did not apply to members who were married or in a civil partnership.

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NEWS UPDATE

Please click [Latest News](#) for summaries of the most recent legislative and regulatory developments in pensions and new pension case law.

For information on developments over the past 12 months, please visit our online [Pension Planner](#), where you will find summaries arranged by topic and by time period in force (or expected in force).

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 May 2017 – alternative investments by pension schemes: avoiding the legal pitfalls

Pension scheme trustees are increasingly encouraged to consider alternative investments as a means of delivering returns and diversifying their portfolios. At our May half-day pension seminar experts from the Hogan Lovells pensions, real estate, banking and corporate teams, together with a guest speaker from Aon Hewitt, will consider the legal aspects of alternative investments for pension schemes. To book a place, [click here](#).

5 July 2017 – recent developments in pensions

Our informal breakfast seminar aimed at trustees and sponsors of occupational pension schemes and their advisers. Speakers from the Hogan Lovells pension team will review legal developments over the past few months and will explain the practical implications for pension schemes. To pre-book your place, [click here](#).

For details of our future events, please see our [client training programme 2017](#).

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