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IN BRIEF
FINED OVER REPORTING

National firm **Duncan Lewis Solicitors** was fined £1,500 by the **Solicitors Regulation Authority** for failing to report the apparent misappropriation by a former employee of £6,100 from bank accounts.

HINES TAKES HELM AT FOIL

The **Forum of Insurance Lawyers** has elected its first practising barrister to serve as president in its 25th anniversary year. **Stephen Hines** of Peterborough-based **CityGate Chambers**, is also a



solicitor, admitted in 2009.

BRUSSELS ON HORIZON

Technology and intellectual property firm **Bristows** has responded to concern surrounding Britain's departure from the EU by announcing it will set up its first non-UK office, in **Brussels**.

SIMON SPEIRS

Simon Speirs (pictured), former head of property at international firm **Osborne Clarke**, has died at 60 while taking part in a round the world yacht

race. Speirs practised for 31 years at **Osborne Clarke**, specialising in commercial real estate.

CONTRACT EXTENSION

The **Legal Aid Agency** is issuing civil contract extension notices to providers to ensure coverage ahead of new contracts starting next September.

AGENCIES DATA PLEDGE

HM Land Registry and the **Valuation Office Agency** are among the agencies whose data will be made available via the new **Geospatial Commission**, the **Cabinet Office** announced last week.