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Chris Lawrenson has been Head of Legal Services at the Building Societies Association since 1997. He manages the BSA's Legal and Practice Department and is a member of the management team. His policy areas include legislation affecting building societies, constitutional issues, banking and investment, treating customers fairly, unfair terms and ombudsman issues. He chairs the BSA Legal Panel and the BSA Treating Customers Fairly Working Group, is a member of the FSA TCF Consultative Group and the BSA/BBA/CML Banking & Loans Liaison Group, and secretary of and legal adviser to the Building Societies Trust Ltd.

Chris joined the Association in 1991 and, until 1997, also worked for the Council of Mortgage Lenders, dealing with conveyancing-related issues, relations with solicitors etc. Previous jobs included private practice solicitor (admitted in 1980), lecturer in further education, and solicitor and securities manager at Sussex County, subsequently, Southdown Building Society.