

LEGAL SERVICES BOARD'S DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN 2019/20 CONSULTATION PAPER

INTRODUCTION

Founded in 1965, the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry ("BACFI") represents the interests of employed barristers working in commerce, finance and industry. BACFIs members include barristers employed in commercial organisations and law firms, employed by the government legal services, and those working through their own consultancy practices.

BACFI is keen to play its part as a representative organisation in helping shape the development of the Bar of England and Wales, by bringing forward the views of its members. BACFI actively supports the objective of an independent and high-quality bar, accessible to all.

GENERAL REMARKS

Having looked at the questions posed by the Consultation and having seen the Bar Council's Response to the Consultation, BACFI is in agreement with the Bar Council.

BACFI is open to discussion with the LSB on potential areas for joint working and providing on-going representations relating to issues affecting the employed bar.

FURTHER CONSULTATION AND CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT

BACFI is grateful to the LSB for providing an opportunity for comment on these areas and looks forward to engaging further with the LSB regarding employed Bar matters in the future.

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