



## **BACFI QUARTERLY UPDATE: No 14. January 2014**

### **NEWS UPDATE**

#### **Election of new Committee Members:**

Following the AGM on 11 December 2013, we are delighted to welcome to the BACFI committee: Cariss Hamilton, Ian Brookes-Howells, Julian Abenbrook, Sally Bevan, and Hannah Laming. Furthermore, many congratulations to BACFI committee members: Lorinda Long and James Kitching for their election to Bar Council in November, and to member Kevin McGinty who has taken over as Chair of the Employed Barristers' Committee on the Bar Council and will be conducting a review into the EBC's terms of reference, constitution and composition.

#### **New Handbook for the Bar:**

As of 6 January 2014, the new Handbook for the Bar has now come into force. For those of our members who are unregistered barristers, please see our website for guidance from the BSB on what the new handbook means for "holding out" and "reserved legal activities" etc: <http://www.bacfi.org/files/Unregistered%20barristers%20guidance.pdf>. There will be an opportunity for members to debate and explore the impact of the new handbook at our Professional Issues seminar, which is to be held later on in the Spring.

#### **2013 CPD Record Cards:**

This year's CPD record cards will NOT have to be sent in to the BSB by 31 January 2014. The BSB has decided to move to a "spot-check" regime; however, you must still keep a personal record of the 12 hours you undertook last year and next year, and retain each record for a period of 12 months.

#### **QASA:**

Judgment was handed down on 20 January 2014, in the Judicial Review brought by the Criminal Barristers Association, on the legality of Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocated. The judgment citation is [2013] EWHC 28 (Admin). Their Lordships found in favour of the LSB, and the QASA scheme will now continue in its roll out and implementation.

#### **Consultation on Court Fees:**

The Ministry of Justice issued a consultation on court fees in early December 2013, which closes on 21 January 2014. As one of the proposals, a 5% charge for the value of the claim was suggested for cases, with a payable fee cap of £10,000. This "enhanced fee" has been vigorously opposed by the Bar Council, whose response will be published on the Bar Council website in due course.

### **Judicial Appointments:**

The Judicial Appointments Commission has advertised for 22 new Circuit Judges, to take up positions across the country. Those interested in applying, please see the following link:

[http://www.bacfi.org/situations\\_and\\_vacancies.htm](http://www.bacfi.org/situations_and_vacancies.htm).

A seminar will be held in February specifically on Employed barristers applying for judicial offices (please see more below under Forthcoming BACFI events).

### **Denning Lecture 2013:**

This took place at 6 pm on Monday, 25 November 2013 at the Old Hall in Lincoln's Inn with over 100 members and their guests in attendance. Lord Justice Moses, gave a deeply impressive lecture on "The Reputation of the Law". He explained how fundamental trust was between the public and lawyers, and the government and lawyers. He also provided (surely a first for a Court of Appeal Judge!) an extremely impressive array of accompanying slides of great works of art to assist in illustrating his points. The annual Christmas party followed in the crypt.

For those of you who were unable to attend, or for those who did attend and would like to review the script - a copy of Moses LJ's lecture can be read:

<http://www.bacfi.org/files/Denning%20Lecture%202013.pdf>.

The event was very kindly sponsored by Taylor & Francis of Routledge books, in association with Informa Law.

### **Brian Russell OBE:**

BACFI is sad to announce that one of BACFI's founding members and its first Chairman, Brian Russell OBE, passed away last year on 13 August 2013. Brian was awarded his OBE for services to the Pensions Industry in Local Government.

## **FORTHCOMING BACFI EVENTS & DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **Wednesday 22 January 2014: Recent Developments in Competition Law**

Speaker: Professor Richard Whish, King's College, London

Location: Winckworth Sherwood, Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London SE1 9BB

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

*\*\* places still available \*\**

### **Wednesday 19 February 2014: Applying for Judicial Appointments from the Employed Bar perspective**

Speaker: Martin Forde, QC

Location: Sherrard Room, Advocacy Training Suite, Middle Temple

### **Wednesday 25 June 2014: BACFI Garden Party**

Location: Middle Temple

**CPD seminars:** BACFI remains an accredited provider of CPD seminars.

**Our website** [www.bacfi.org](http://www.bacfi.org) contains details of all our events, Responses to and details of BC and BSB consultation papers and we are also on <http://www.linkedin.com>.

## **RECRUITMENT**

We remain keen to recruit **members for BACFI's own committees**. Please think about contributing to your professional association. Contact [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org) if you are interested.

**Corporate Members:** This class of membership is non-voting but will entitle employees of the corporate member to ordinary individual membership of BACFI at a reduced rate. Would any member who thinks his/her firm would be interested in Corporate Membership of BACFI, please contact: [lucindaorr@hotmail.com](mailto:lucindaorr@hotmail.com).

**Membership drive:** If you know someone in your firm who might like to join BACFI, or if your firm would be interested in corporate membership, do point them to our website where the membership forms can be downloaded: [www.bacfi.org](http://www.bacfi.org).

**Reconnection with the Inns:** If you are prepared to serve as an Inn representative, please contact Sandra: [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org). We especially need volunteers for Inner and Middle Temple.

Current BACFI Inn representatives are:

Middle Temple	<a href="mailto:Christiane@valansot.com">Christiane@valansot.com</a> ;
Gray's Inn	<a href="mailto:Tricia.Howse@hotmail.co.uk">Tricia.Howse@hotmail.co.uk</a> ; <a href="mailto:hfrogers@bacfi.org">hfrogers@bacfi.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:lucindaorr@hotmail.co.uk">lucindaorr@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Inner Temple	Alexandria Carr <a href="mailto:ACarr@mayerbrown.com">ACarr@mayerbrown.com</a>
Lincoln's Inn	<a href="mailto:William.sprigge@orange.net">William.sprigge@orange.net</a> <a href="mailto:Simon.broomfield@brooksmacdonald.com">Simon.broomfield@brooksmacdonald.com</a> Hussain Khan <a href="mailto:hussain@khan.cc">hussain@khan.cc</a>

**BSB and BC committees: 2013** BACFI members sitting on Bar Council or Bar Standards Board committees and subcommittees:

Bar Council	Lucinda Orr, Kevin McGinty, Stephen Collier (Treasurer) & Lorinda Long (elected), James Kitching (elected) and Alexandria Carr (ex Officio)
General Management Committee	Lucinda Orr (ex officio)
Employed Bar Committee	Lucinda Orr, James Kitching, Tim Reading & Sara George
Professional Practice Committee	Sara George
Policy Advisory Group	Stephen Collier
Finance & Accounts Committee	Stephen Collier
International Committee	Lucinda Orr & Lorinda Long
European Committee	Lorinda Long & Alexandria Carr
International Business Development Working Group	Lorinda Long
Training for the Bar Committee	Sara George & Tim Reading
Bar Conference Committee	Lucinda Orr
Social Mobility Committee	Lucinda Orr
City Working Group	Lorinda Long
BSB Governance, Risk and Audit Committee	Nicholas Dee
BSB CPD sub-committee	Tricia Howse

## **EXTRAS**

BACFI has a section on its website for appointments – including student internships and opportunities in Europe for a *stage*. The BACFI office holds further details: [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org).

BACFI also publicises **events run by other organizations** that might be of interest to members. To attend, you must book direct with the organizer.

If you would like to have something put on our website, contact Sandra: [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org).