



BACFI QUARTERLY UPDATE: No 12. April 2013

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL REMINDER

If you haven't yet renewed your subscription (due on 1 March 2013!) please can you either send Sandra a cheque (BACFI, PO Box 4352, Edlesborough, Dunstable, Beds LU6 9EF) or make a payment by bank transfer, details for which can be obtained from Sandra on secretary@bacfi.org. Rates are £70 for ordinary membership and £20 for student and retired. If you do not intend to renew for whatever reason we would appreciate it if you could let us know.

NEWS UPDATE

QC Applications

From 6 March 2013, the Queen's Counsel Selection Panel has been taking applications for appointment as Queen's Counsel in 2014, from suitably qualified practitioners. The application form and Guidance for Applicants can be downloaded from the QCA website at www.qcappointments.org. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 17th April 2013. On current expectations the outcome of the applications is likely to be announced in the early part of 2014.

The Panel welcomes applications from groups that are under-represented in Silk including women, members of ethnic minorities and people with disabilities. They are also welcome applications from solicitor advocates and employed advocates. The Secretariat is happy to answer any queries or provide advice on the process or on making an application. If any members require further information, please ring 020 7831 0020, or send an email to enquiries@qcapplications.org.uk.

Changes to CPD Guidelines

There have been some changes to the list of activities which cannot count for CPD since 31 January 2013. Members are more generally advised to familiarise themselves with the CPD Guidelines on the BSB website: <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/regulatory-requirements/for-barristers/continuing-professional-development/frequently-asked-questions-about-cpd/>.

Admission in Scotland

As many of you will be aware, not only are English barristers refused rights of audience before Scottish Courts and certain tribunals - the Faculty of Advocates will not even allow temporary admission on a case by case basis. The International Committee of the Bar Council is currently reviewing this problem and considering the steps it might take to facilitate change in relation to this matter. In that context, it would help if members could provide information regarding if in the past, they been in a position where they could have represented clients in Scottish courts or Tribunals, had it not been for the above mentioned restrictions.

If members could briefly identify generically the type of case(s), the relevant court(s)/tribunal(s) and time(s) (e.g. appeal from Employment Appeals Tribunal Glasgow to Court of Session in 2011) and email JHargreave@barcouncil.org.uk using the subject line: "Scotland", that would be greatly appreciated. All information will be treated in strict confidence.

Law Reform Committee Essay

The Law Reform Committee of the General Council of the Bar organises an annual Essay Competition designed to encourage and foster an interest in law reform. The Competition is open to Pupil barristers; BPTC students; CPE/GDL students; and Qualifying law degree students and those aiming for a career at the Bar. Entrants are invited to submit an essay of not more than 3,000 words that identifies and makes the case for a law reform that is desirable, practical and useful. The Competition is sponsored by the Bar Council Scholarship Trust and the prizes are £4,000 for the winner; £2,500 for the runner up; £1,500 for the best CPE/GDL student entry; £1,000 for the runner up CPE/GDL entry; and 2 x £500 high commended awards.

Closing date for the competition is 17:00 on 10 October 2013. The prizes will be presented immediately after the Annual Law Reform Lecture, which this year will be given by The Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales - The Rt Hon Lord Judge on Thursday 21 November 2013 at 17:30 in Inner Temple Hall.

Notices

It is with great sadness we also record the passing of a past Chairman of BACFI, Sheila Anderson (Chairman, 1974-1976), who was the Legal Advisor to 3i for 33 years and passed away on 8 January 2013, aged 77.

RECENT EVENTS

13th February 2013 saw the now annual and increasingly popular **In House Lawyers' Ethics Workshop and Amity Supper**, held together with the C&I Group, at Middle Temple.

The speakers were Professor Andy Boon, City University; Nina Barakzai, Chairman of the C&I Group; and Christiane Valansot, ably chaired by Lord Hoffman, our President. This evening yet again proved stimulating on the professional and ethical dilemmas that in-house lawyers face in the daily course of their work.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14th May 2013: **Legal Practice Forum**

Speakers: John Flood, Professor of Law and Sociology, University of Westminster and Simon Price, Partner, Squire Sanders

Location: Squire Sanders, 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YH

Time: 5pm-7pm followed by drinks.

26th June 2013: **Employed Bar Garden Party** with (and at!) Middle Temple

Location: The Rose Garden, Middle Temple 6pm – 8.30pm. Tickets £25 from Middle Temple Treasury, members@middletemple.org.uk, tel: 020 7427 4800.

19th September 2013: **Competition Act Update**

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

Location: IBM United Kingdom Limited, 76/78 Upper Ground, South Bank, London SE1 9PZ

Time: 6pm

15th October 2013: **Gray's Inn Dinner for the Employed Bar**

Location: Gray's Inn

22nd October 2013: **Bribery Act 2010: one year on from the SFO's restated Guidance**

Speaker: David Green, QC, Director Serious Fraud Office

Hosted by Mayer, Brown International, LLP

25th November 2013: **Denning Lecture by Lord Justice Moses**

Be sure to book your places at events with Sandra: events@bacfi.org or (01525) 222 244.

For more details, links to maps and the full year's events, please see [diary](#) on website.

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

Our website: www.bacfi.org contains details of all our events, responses to and details of BC and BSB consultation papers and we are also on 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 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.

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.

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

Current BACFI Inn representatives are:

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

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) and Alexandria Carr (ex Officio)
General Management Committee	Lucinda Orr (ex officio)
Employed Bar Committee	Lucinda Orr, Tim Reading & Sara George
Professional Practice Committee	Sara George
Young Barristers' Committee	Lucinda Orr
Policy Advisory Group	Stephen Collier
Finance & Accounts Committee	Stephen Collier
International Committee	Lucinda Orr & Lorinda Long
European Committee	Lorinda Long
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 Qualifications committee and PTO panels	Helen Fletcher Rogers
BSB CPD sub committee	Tricia Howse
BSB Governance, Risk and Audit Committee	Nicholas Dee

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

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.