



Message from the Chair

Dear Members

I cannot believe we are already at the end of the first quarter of 2017.

BACFI has continued to represent its members by contributing to the Bar Council's responses to consultations. As I explained at the AGM at the end of 2016, we intend to contribute to the Bar Council's responses except where we feel it would be in the best interests of members to make our own independent response. This might be because we wish to take a different position to the Bar Council or because notwithstanding that we agree with the Bar Council's position, we feel the issues are so important that an independent response is necessary. It was for this reason that BACFI made its own response to the Future Bar Training consultation. You can read about the outcome of that consultation in this newsletter.

If there is a forthcoming consultation or an issue on which you would like BACFI to take action, please get in touch.

BACFI's programme of events for 2017 is now starting to take shape and we will once again have a very full programme. Details of forthcoming events are provided in this newsletter and on BACFI's website. I am particularly looking forward to the garden party and hope to see many of you there. Later in the year we are hoping to have more networking events.

If there is a particular topic you would like BACFI to address, please let us know.

I hope you find this latest newsletter interesting.

Best wishes

Simon

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Education, support and representation for the employed Bar

BACFI / BSB CPD Workshop

Our 2017 programme of events began with a BSB CPD workshop given by Dr Vanessa Davies, Director of the BSB. This took place at the BSB on 15th February and was attended by many members and non-members alike. Dr Davies spoke about the new regime and how to go about setting your CPD goals, keeping a record of what you have completed, reflecting on whether the training has covered what you set out to achieve and reporting to the BSB at the end of the year. There is now no minimum hours required but you have to be seen to be fulfilling CPD training which is relevant to your practice. The remit of CPD is also more far reaching.

We will be holding a follow up session on 21st June when you can bring along your CPD plan and discuss how things are going.

Here is a link to the guidance:

https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1800835/cpd_guidance_for_barristers.pdf and this link shows a compliant record example: https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1800972/bsb_cpd_example_1.pdf.

You can find other resources on the BSB website here:

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/regulatory-requirements/for-barristers/continuing-professional-development-from-1-january-2017/established-practitioners-programme/>

Inn Lunches

Inn lunches will continue next term and dates will be emailed out shortly. We thank the Inn reps for leading the lunches.

All lunches are from 12.30pm. Please let Sandra know if you are intending to come along so we can ensure that enough spaces are reserved. Guests are very welcome.

Forthcoming events

27th April: Seminar and Supper evening at Middle Temple: Agile Legal Services

10th May: Artificial Intelligence: Regulatory Risk and Opportunity at Peters and Peters LLP

24th May: Sports Law seminar at Middle Temple

14th June: BACFI / Middle Temple Employed Bar Garden Party at Middle Temple

21st June: CPD workshop at Atkin Building, Gray's Inn

5th July: Meet the Regulators: Annual update from the BSB at Atkin Building, Gray's Inn

3rd October: A Day in the Life of a Lawyer from: at Middle Temple

24th November: Denning Lecture at Inner Temple

For more information about any of our events or to purchase tickets please contact Sandra at secretary@bacfi.org

Employed Bar Awards

BACFI is proud to be sponsoring the award for outstanding achievement by a barrister in a corporate organisation or solicitors' firm.

All the details can be found on the website for the Employed Bar Committee who have organised these awards www.employedbar.com. Closing date for nominations is 28th April. Please do consider nominating someone who you feel is deserving of an award or why not nominate yourself!

This initiative was inspired by the responses in the Employed Bar Survey conducted last autumn and is intended to celebrate the successes and to recognise the diverse achievements of employed barristers.

The Awards ceremony will be held at the **Tower of London on the 30 June 2017**. On the night, you can expect:

- Yeoman Warders to greet you and escort you around the site;
- A private tour of the Crown Jewels;
- A drinks reception in the White Tower;
- A three course meal in the New Armouries;
- The presentation of the awards;
- Yeoman Warders locking you in the Tower in the historic 'Ceremony of the Keys'!

Tickets are £114 for those barristers who pay the Bar Representation Fee (BRF) and £138 for those barristers who have opted out. Tickets for guests are priced at the non-BRF rate. If you want to buy a table (for 10 people), a discount of 5% will be given. Bookings can be made here:

<https://thebarcouncil.sym-online.com/registrationforms/eba2017/>

If you have not paid the BRF, but do decide to do so prior to purchasing your tickets, you will be able to obtain them at the BRF discount rate.

Reconnecting with the Inns

If you would like to become an Inn representative, please contact Sandra: secretary@bacfi.org

Current Inn representatives are:

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News

Our next event is Agile Legal Services & Legal Outsourcing: Driving value and optimising legal costs.

This is a seminar looking at the different ways in-house counsel can get value for money legal services whilst still maintaining quality by the use of:

- Outsourced legal services;
- On demand legal services;
- Interim contractor lawyers;
- Technology.

It will take place on 27th April at Middle Temple and is followed by our annual supper party. Attendance at the seminar is free for BACFI members. Cost for the drinks reception and supper is £40 payable in advance. Please book with Sandra.

Don't forget to join our LinkedIn group – we have over 100 members!

If you have any news you would like to share with members please let Sandra know

BACFI members on Bar Council and BSB Committees

Bar Council

Simon Broomfield, Lucinda Orr (elected), Lorinda Long (Treasurer), James Kitching (elected), Alexandria Carr (elected), Grant Warnsby (elected)

General Management Committee

Lorinda Long, Simon Broomfield, Lucinda Orr

Employed Bar Committee

Lucinda Orr, James Kitching, Sara George, Alexandria Carr, Patrick Rappo, Grant Warnsby, Kevin McGinty

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Alexandria Carr

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Lorinda Long

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Lucinda Orr

Member Services Committee

Lucinda Orr, James Kitching

European Committee

Alexandria Carr

Bar Conference Organising Committee

Lucinda Orr, Kevin McGinty

BSB Governance, Risk and Audit Committee

Nicholas Dee

Bar Council Wellbeing Group

Grant Warnsby

Bar Complaints Advisory Service

Helen Fletcher Rogers

Future Training for the Bar Consultation

The BSB has announced its decision on the future of bar training. A limited number of new routes to qualification will be authorised:

- The COIC proposal to split the current BPTC course into two parts. Part one to be a knowledge assessment and only those who pass part one will be able to proceed to the part two skills course
 - The current combined academic and vocational model
 - The modular or apprenticeship model

Current BPTC courses will of course continue for now but as the licences of providers expire new proposals in the categories above will be solicited with a view to licensing new models over the next few years.

The good news for employed barristers is that the BSB recognises the need for greater flexibility in routes to qualification including a more open-minded approach to pupillage which we hope will result in the introduction of more employed bar pupillages.

Subscription payments:

Thank you to all who have paid their 2017/18 subscriptions. Sandra will be pleased to receive payment from those who have yet to pay. Please do let her know if you no longer wish to be a BACFI member.

ICCA training courses

The Inns of Court College of Advocacy are running two one day training courses in relation to preparation for the cross-examination of experts and the practical exercises in relation thereto. The dates are Saturday 22 July and Saturday 7 October 2017 at Middle Temple. They are looking for people who have trained barristers up to 5 years' call and people who have acted as medical or accounting experts to act as witnesses in a mock trial. If you are able to help please let Sandra know.

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