



## BACFI QUARTERLY UPDATE: No 13. August 2013

### NEWS UPDATE

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

A new Handbook has been published replacing the Code of Conduct. The Handbook, brings together all the BSB's regulations and guidance for barristers into one publication. The "Core Duties" will apply to all barristers whether registered or not when they are providing legal services, and that there will be new Guidance for unregistered barristers, which is yet to be published. BACFI is assisting in this consultation. The Handbook will come into effect on 1 January 2014. For further details or to attend one of the roadshows, please see the following link: <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/handbook>.

#### **Sentencing for Barrister's disciplinary matters:**

The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service (BTAS) has issued a consultation on Sentencing Guidance for Barrister's disciplinary matters and would welcome comments. Please follow the link below to the consultation: <http://www.tbta.org.uk/>.

#### **Publication of LETR (Legal Education and Training Review Report):**

This was finally published earlier this summer and identifies plenty of challenges for the future, whilst still recognising that the current system provides a good standard of education and training upon which to build. It also emphasizes the need for professional ethics to be at the core of legal education. BACFI's paper was noted and the PISC team are drafting a response. The report can be downloaded at: <http://letr.org.uk/index.html>.

#### **Devilling:**

The Bar Council's Professional Practice Committee has issued draft guidance on Devilling and related practices, recommending that client consent should be sought before a junior is engaged by a senior barrister.

#### **Rule of Law Working Group:**

The International Committee of the Bar Council is founding a Rule of Law Working Group, the aim of which is to develop the capacity to deliver externally funded projects to assist in strengthening legal structures in jurisdictions where the Rule of Law is not sufficiently well developed. The Group will be co-chaired by Mark Muller QC, immediate past-Chairman of the Bar Human Rights Committee and Amanda Pinto QC, Vice-Chairman of the International Committee. The Group will meet approximately 4 times per year, so the regular commitment will not be too onerous. Of course we hope very much that committee member will be willing to resource international activities as speakers, trainers, experts, etc. and help with programme development. This should be an exciting opportunity for members to widen and strengthen their professional skills. If you are interested in being part of this Working Group, please email: [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org).

**QASA:**

The Legal Services Board has approved QASA (Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates) and registration is from 30 September 2013 - 7 March 2014 for the Midland and Western Circuits, where it is being rolled out first. A QASA Handbook has been published and a series of roadshow events are planned. For more information about QASA, visit:

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/qasa>.

**Bar Council Annual General Meeting:**

This will taking place on Saturday 21 September at 11:00 am in the Bar Council offices. All members with practising certificates are encouraged to attend.

**Opening of the Legal Year Seminar:**

As part of the Opening of the Legal Year events, the Bar Council and the Law Society will be hosting seminars on: International Developments in the field of ADR and Justice in times of austerity, on Monday 30 September 2013 from 9:30 - 12:00 pm in Inner and Middle Temple. The event is free and will expected to be accredited with CPD points. The seminar will be followed by a networking lunch 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please email: [CMuorah@Barcouncil.org.uk](mailto:CMuorah@Barcouncil.org.uk).

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

**The International Weekend** held jointly between the Junior Division of the Law Society, the European Young Bar Association and the Young Bar Committee of the Bar Council takes place from Thursday 26 September - Saturday 28 September in London, based at the Law Society on Chancery Lane. It is open to any lawyer who is less than 10 years in practise. For booking and further information email: [internationalweekend2013@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:internationalweekend2013@yahoo.co.uk).

The **Young Bar Conference** will take place on Saturday 5 October 2013 at the Hotel Russell in Russell Square, registration starting at 9:30 am. There will also be a dinner the previous evening on Friday 4 October 2013. If you are interested in attending, please email: [YBC@BarCouncil.org.uk](mailto:YBC@BarCouncil.org.uk).

The **Annual Bar Conference** will be taking place on Saturday 9 November 2013 at the Park Plaza near Westminster Bridge, from 8:00 - 6:00 pm. For further details on the conference and how to book, please visit: <http://thebarcouncil.sym-online.com/barconf2013/>.

**FORTHCOMING BACFI EVENTS****Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013: Competition Act Update**

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

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

Time: 6:00 pm

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013: Gray's Inn Dinner for the Employed Bar**

Location: Gray's Inn

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Time: 6:00 pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013: Denning Lecture: "The Reputation of the Law" by Lord Justice Moses.**

Location: Lincoln's Inn, Old Hall

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

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

Time: 6:00 pm

**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>
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**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](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).