



BACFI QUARTERLY UPDATE: No 19.

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NEWS UPDATE

BACFI Elections

Further to the AGM held on 3 December 2015, we are delighted to congratulate the following on their new roles:

President: Baroness Hale of Richmond

Having been duly proposed and seconded the following were nominated for election to the General Committee:

Chair: Simon Broomfield

Senior Vice-Chair: Lucinda Orr

Hon Secretary: Rebecca Dix

Hon Treasurer: Lorinda Long

General committee members: **Cecilia Xu, James Kitching, Grant Warnsby and Ian Brookes-Howells**. No election took place as there were 4 vacancies on the general committee.

Three committee members were co-opted: **Hussain Khan, Hannah Laming and Christiane Valansot**.

Thanks was also recorded to **Cariss Hamilton** and **Ayah Elmaazi**, retiring from the Committee; **Tim Reading** retiring at Vice Chair, **William Sprigge** retiring as Treasurer and **Lord Hoffman** as President.

Denning Lecture 2015

This year's Denning lecture was held on 24 November 2015, with Lord Reed as our distinguished lecturer. His lecture on "Cyberspace and the Law" was fascinating and provoked excellent questions from the audience at the end. The text is now available on the BACFI website here:

<http://www.bacfi.org/files/Denning%20Lecture%202015.pdf>.

BACFI's 50th Anniversary Dinner

This event was held on 25 September 2015. The guests were treated to tours of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, shopping in the House of Lords shop, a drinks reception and a three course dinner in the Lords' Dining Room. The general consensus was that it was a great evening, and it may be a shame to have to wait another half a century before doing something similar again! As such, the committee is considering other venues and potentially making this a dinner held for outgoing Chairs every 2-3 years.

If any members have any suggestions for venues – please do contact Sandra!

In the meantime, pictures from the 50th Anniversary Dinner and the Denning Lecture are available on the BACFI website at: http://www.bacfi.org/past_events15.htm.

The Judicial Appointments Commission

The Judicial Appointment Commission has launched a new website: <https://jac.judiciary.gov.uk/>.

Having met with Lucinda Orr, BACFI's retiring Chair, the JAC are very keen to encourage more employed barristers from diverse legal backgrounds to consider applying for judicial and tribunal roles.

The JAC particularly want to encourage using their website and signing up for their e-newsletter "*Judging Your Future*" where adverts for the opening of competitions are listed. It is also possible to sign up for their tweets.

BACFI also advertises positions under the "Situations and Vacancies" tab of the website.

BSB Responses

BACFI has been particularly active in responding to papers of interest to our members recently:

- BSB Consultation on Employed Barristers (Dec 2015)
- BSB Bar Training Consultation Paper (Oct 2015)
- BSB Future Bar Training: The Professional Statement (June 2015)

Members can find copies of the responses here: http://www.bacfi.org/professional_issues.htm

As ever, if members wish to contribute to responses, please do get in contact!

Employed Barristers Interim Statement

This document has been produced by the BSB further to the consultation on the definition of an employed barrister. The purpose of the statement is to provide guidance on those barristers whose current working practices may constitute a technical breach of the rules, whilst the BSB considers amending its rules. A rule change submission to the LSB is expected in March 2016 (the LSB is then likely to take a further 3 months to consider it). In the interim period, the BSB will take a risk-based approach to any barrister who may be in technical breach of r.S39.

CLS BACFI Prize Winner

The top student in Commercial Law this year was Dr George Molyneaux who achieved an overall grade of Outstanding whilst on the BPTC and is currently undertaking pupillage at Blackstone Chambers.

He was presented with his cheque by the Chair, Lucinda Orr on 2 December 2015 at a ceremony at City Law School.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

BACFI has partnered with S-Tech Insurance Services Ltd, an independent chartered insurance broker with a specialist PI team. They have access to a number of specialist insurers, allowing them to provide competitively priced PI insurance on a policy wording that it trusted. S-Tech have agreed to waive their standard fee for all BACFI members.

Please contact Martin Taylor on 01223 445408 or email MartinT@s-tech.co.uk if you would like further information.

Mark Littman QC

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Mark Littman, Chairman of BACFI in 1976-1980, since our last newsletter. A titan of the employed bar, Mark Littman led the way with a career in industry in the 1960s and 1970s, post Silk, before returning to the Bar in the 1980s. He was Treasurer of Middle Temple in 1970 and was held in the highest esteem.

FORTHCOMING BACFI EVENTS

The full diary of events for 2016 will be published shortly. Dates confirmed so far are:

- **13 April 2016:** Seminar and supper party at Middle Temple
- **14 June 2016:** Employed Bar Garden Party at Middle Temple
- **6 July 2016:** Meet the Regulators – our annual update with the BSB: Atkin Building, City Law School

CPD seminars: BACFI remains an accredited provider of CPD seminars. Its number is: 1113.

REPRESENTATION

BSB and BC committees 2016: BACFI members sitting on Bar Council or Bar Standards Board committees and subcommittees:

Bar Council	Lucinda Orr, Kevin McGinty and Lorinda Long (Treasurer), James Kitching (elected), Alexandria Carr (elected), Grant Warnsby (elected)
General Management Committee	Lorinda Long
Employed Bar Committee	Lucinda Orr, James Kitching, Sara George, Alexandria Carr
Audit Committee	Alexandria Carr
Finance & Accounts Committee	Lorinda Long
International Committee	Lucinda Orr
Member Services Committee	James Kitching
European Committee	Lorinda Long and Alexandria Carr
Education and Training Committee	Lucinda Orr
Ethics Committee – EB sub-committee	Amanda-Jane Field
BSB Governance, Risk and Audit Committee	Nicholas Dee

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: chairman@bacfi.org.

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.

Current BACFI Inn representatives are:

Middle Temple	Christiane Valansot Christiane@valansot.com ; Bart Kavanagh Amanda-Jane Field Michel Reznik
Gray's Inn	Tricia Howse triciaghowse@gmail.com Helen Fletcher Rogers hfringers@bacfi.org ; Lucinda Orr lucindaorr@hotmail.co.uk
Inner Temple	Alexandria Carr ACarr@mayerbrown.com James Kitching Ayah Elmaazi Elaine Ngai Rosalee Dorfman
Lincoln's Inn	Simon Broomfield Simon.broomfield@brooksmacdonald.com Hussain Khan hussain@khan.cc

EXTRAS

BACFI also publicises **events run by other organisations** 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.

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