



## Message from the Chair

Dear Members

It was nice to see some of you at the inaugural Employed Bar Awards at the Tower of London on 30 June. It was a fantastic event, which showcased the achievements of employed barristers. I was particularly honoured to be able to present the award for an Outstanding Achievement by a Barrister in a Corporate Organisation or Solicitors' Firm, which was won by BACFI member, Hannah Laming. Congratulations again to Hannah and thanks to Lucinda and the Employed Bar Committee for organising a great evening.

We have had some fantastic events so far and are now working on the programme for the second half of the year. However, we want to make sure we put on events that are interesting and relevant to our members. Please let us know what you think about our events and what sorts of events you would like to see in the future.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped organise events and respond to consultations so far this year. If you would like to get involved with the work that BACFI does for its members, please get in touch. We are always looking for people to help with consultation responses and we still need someone to volunteer to be our Membership Secretary.

Enjoy the summer,

Simon

### Officers and General Committee Members

Chair	Simon Broomfield
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## Artificial Intelligence: Regulatory Risk and Opportunity

This seminar took place on 10<sup>th</sup> May at Peters & Peters LLP. Chaired by Hannah Laming a partner at Peters & Peters, the seminar was well attended by both members and non-members who enjoyed drinks and canapes afterwards. The speakers were Dr. Alexis Stenfors, Senior Lecturer and Former Trader from the University of Portsmouth who spoke about algorithmic and high-frequency trading: conduct and systemic risk, Nelson Jung a Partner at Clifford Chance LLP who covered the ways in which artificial intelligence may give rise to anti-competitive behaviour and how this is being addressed by enforcement agencies and Peter Wallqvist, CSO & Co-Founder of Ravn Systems who spoke about the use of RAVN's software to assist in complex investigations involving voluminous case material and how technology is making enforcement investigations more efficient. Thanks to Peters and Peters for generously hosting this event.

### Inn Lunches

The final lunch of the term took place at Inner Temple on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Lunches will continue in October so watch out for dates in September.

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

Thursday 21 September : Temple Employed Bar Forum. 6.30pm for 7.15pm at Inner Temple

Speaker: Rupert Bondy (former GC of PB Plc and current GC of Reckitt Benckiser Group Plc)

3<sup>rd</sup> October: A Day in the Life of a Lawyer from .....: at Middle Temple

24<sup>th</sup> November: Denning Lecture at Inner Temple. Speaker Sir Christopher Clarke

For more information about any of our events or to purchase tickets please contact Sandra at [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org)

## Employed Bar Awards

BACFI was proud to sponsor the award for outstanding achievement by a barrister in a corporate organisation or solicitors' firm. The award was won by Hannah Laming, partner at Peters and Peters LLP as mentioned above.



A fantastic evening was enjoyed at the Tower of London on 30<sup>th</sup> June where we were treated to a private viewing of the Crown Jewels, a drinks reception in the White Tower and dinner in the New Armouries.

Thanks to the Employed Barristers' Committee for organising such a wonderful event. Photos can be found on the Employed Bar website <https://employedbar.com/2017/07/02/employed-bar-awards-photo-gallery/>.

## Celebrating the Centenary of Women Lawyers

An exhibition at Lincoln's Inn to celebrate 100 years of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act and the first women lawyers.

Join us for a drinks reception on Wednesday 19 July in the Old Hall Crypt, Lincoln's Inn between 6 – 8pm to celebrate and be inspired.

Register for free tickets at

[www.celebratingthecentenary.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.celebratingthecentenary.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Reconnecting with the Inns

If you would like to become an Inn representative, please contact Sandra: [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org)

**Current Inn representatives are:**

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# News

## Garden Party

What a lovely evening we had at the annual BACFI / Temple Employed Bar Forum / Middle Temple Employed Bar Garden Party on 14<sup>th</sup> June. The weather was perfect for enjoying some wine and canapes in the Rose Garden at Middle Temple. We were very pleased to see friends old and new at the event. More photos (courtesy of Ryan Porter) are available on the website.



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

#### Audit Committee

Alexandria Carr

#### Finance & Accounts Committee

Lorinda Long

#### Bar Pro Bono Panel

Lucinda Orr

#### Member Services Committee

Lucinda Orr, James Kitching

#### European Committee

Alexandria Carr

#### Bar Conference Organising Committee

Lucinda Orr, Kevin McGinty

#### Susskind Challenge Working Group

Amanda Williams

#### BSB Governance, Risk and Audit Committee

Nicholas Dee

#### Bar Council Wellbeing Group

Grant Warnsby

#### Bar Complaints Advisory Service

Helen Fletcher Rogers

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## Corporate Membership

We are pleased to welcome ACCA as a BACFI Corporate member. This membership costs £300 pa and entitles the corporate member organisation to send along 10 delegates to each of our seminars throughout the year. The member's logo is also featured on our website and mentioned here in our newsletter.

Further information on corporate membership can be obtained from Sandra.

## Professional Issues Update

We held a Professional Issues Forum on 5th July and had an interesting presentation from Dr Vanessa Davies and Ewan MacLeod of the Bar Standards Board on the two issues currently at the top of their list:

Future Bar Training. Leading on from the consultation last year a decision has been made in principle to adopt a managed pathways approach including 4 routes through bar training. Details available on the BSB website.

There will be a further consultation in the autumn and BACFI will be responding to that consultation.

The BSB are also busy responding to a report of the Competition and Markets Authority into the legal services sector. There has been some criticism of the lack of transparency about the different kinds of services available and an indication that barriers for consumers need to be broken down. There will also be a consultation on this issue later this year with new rules expected by the end of 2018.

No meeting with the BSB would be complete without an airing of our views on the scope of practice rules as they apply to "non-practising" barristers and the three year rule.

New guidance is to be published shortly amending rule 39 to permit employed barristers to provide services to clients "connected to their employers not entitled to complain to the Legal Ombudsman". This will enable those of us who provide services to clients through a company to provide legal services to all but the smallest companies and individuals. This is a step in the right direction but does not go far enough. They have also promised to be more helpful and flexible to waiver requests.

The back half of this year promises to be a busy time for the professional issues sub-committee (PISC) in responding to these initiatives. Any members inspired to get involved please contact Sally Bevan, Chair of PISC on [sally@legalside.co.uk](mailto:sally@legalside.co.uk). We are a diverse bunch and all our view need to be heard. The more involvement we get from members the better we can represent you.

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