



## BACFI QUARTERLY UPDATE: No 18.

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### NEWS UPDATE

#### **BACFI President**

After six years in post, Lord Hoffman will be retiring as BACFI's President in December 2015.

As a barrister who spent the majority of her career as an employed barrister in academia, we are delighted to announce that Baroness Hale of Richmond has kindly agreed to take over from Lord Hoffman as BACFI's President from 2016 onwards.

#### **Bar Council Officer Elections**

Andrew Langdon, Leader of the Western Circuit, has been elected to the post of Vice Chairman of the Bar for 2016, alongside BACFI's Lorinda Long, who has been elected to serve again as the Treasurer of the Bar Council for 2016 and Chantal-Aimee Doerries QC, who will be the Chairman of the Bar Council in 2016.

#### **Geoffrey Hughes**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Geoffrey Hughes, Chairman of BACFI in 1987. Should any members wish to pass on their condolences to his widow, Penny, please contact Sandra [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org) for details.

#### **Bar Council Debates**

There has been a proposal that 25 minutes of the Saturday morning Bar Council meetings be set aside for debates of interest to the profession. The first debate, scheduled for 11 July 2015, is on the Employed Bar. This is a good opportunity for the EBC and BACFI to present to a wider audience issues which may be of particular concern to us as employed barristers. It is hoped it will provide BACFI with a chance to better engage other members of the Bar Council in our concerns and obtain their advice and support.

No specific topic has yet been suggested and whilst there are some common topics of interest to the employed bar, such as: judicial and silk appointments; the one Bar concept; and ongoing reforms, please email: [Chairman@bacfi.org](mailto:Chairman@bacfi.org) with your views as to what you think should be discussed!

#### **Open Consultations**

Consultations that are currently open which may be of interest to BACFI members are:

- The BSB's "*Future Bar Training Consultation: The Professional Statement*" (closing date of 24 June)  
[https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1661549/professional\\_statement\\_consultation.pdf](https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1661549/professional_statement_consultation.pdf) and

- "*Insurance requirements for single person entities*" (closing date 30 June 2015)  
[https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1662760/consultation\\_paper\\_on\\_insurance\\_requirements\\_for\\_single\\_person\\_entities\\_-\\_pdf\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1662760/consultation_paper_on_insurance_requirements_for_single_person_entities_-_pdf_-_final.pdf)

If you have comments on these consultations, please email: [Chairman@bacfi.org](mailto:Chairman@bacfi.org) with your views, or alternatively, submit a personal response yourself.

### **Pupillage Gateway**

The General Management Committee of the Bar Council has approved the recommendation of the Education and Training Committee to move the timetable forward. The online gateway currently closes on 30 April, with interviews in the following months, and offers received on 1 August each year. The gateway will now close in January with offers to be received in April each year. Further details will be available in due course.

### **Abolishment of Keeping on the Roll**

The annual keeping of the roll exercise, which required solicitors who do not hold a practising certificate to apply online to keep their name on the Roll of Solicitors, will no longer be undertaken. If you are exempt from holding a practising certificate (PC) due to your employment, perhaps because you work in a government department, you no longer need to confirm your exempt status each year. However, if you change your employment and lose your exempt status, you must update your details on "mySRA" and apply for a PC.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**

Please do buy your tickets for BACFI's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in the House of Lords on Friday, 25 September 2015, as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!!

The event is selling very well and it would be a great shame to miss out. Please contact Sandra for details at [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org)

### **Denning Lecture 2015**

Lord Reed, Scottish Judge and member of the Supreme Court, will be this year's lecturer. It will be held at 6:00 pm on 24 November in Inner Temple, should you wish to diarise already!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **10 June 2015 – Data Protection for Disputes Lawyers**

Prince's Room, Middle Temple, with Registration from 5:30 pm, Seminar commencing at 6:00 pm

### **17 June 2015 – BACFI and MT Employed Bar Garden Party**

There are still tickets for this event. £30 each or £25 for groups of 10 or more – please phone directly to Middle Temple's Treasury Office: 020 7427 4800

### **13 July 2015 – Meet the Regulators**

Lecture Theatre, Atkin Building, with Registration from 5:45pm, Seminar commencing at 6:15 pm

### **10 September 2015 – The EU Alternative Dispute Resolution Directive and Online Dispute Resolution Regulation**

Venue TBA.

### **BACFI Website:**

BACFI is improving its website. It has initiated a working group, but as the website is our face to the world – please let us know your thoughts on how its functionality and content could be improved! Please contact Sandra with suggestions at [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org)

**CPD seminars:** BACFI remains an accredited provider of CPD seminars for 2015.

**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: [chairman@bacfi.org](mailto: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](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).

Current BACFI Inn representatives are:

Middle Temple	Christiane Valansot <a href="mailto:Christiane@valansot.com">Christiane@valansot.com</a> Michel Reznik Bart Kavanagh Amanda-Jane Field Peter Grieves-Smith
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## REPRESENTATION

**BSB and BC committees 2015:** BACFI members sitting on Bar Council or Bar Standards Board committees and subcommittees:

Bar Council	Lucinda Orr (elected), Lorinda Long (Treasurer), James Kitching (elected), Alexandria Carr (ex-officio), Amanda Jane Field (elected)
General Management Committee	Lucinda Orr (ex officio)
Employed Bar Committee	Lucinda Orr, James Kitching, Tim Reading, Sara George, Patrick Rappo, Kevin McGinty
Member Services Board	James Kitching
Professional Practice Committee	Sara George
Finance Committee	Lorinda Long
Audit committee	Lorinda Long
Emoluments committee	Lorinda Long
International Committee	Lucinda Orr
European Committee	Alexandria Carr
Education and Training for the Bar Committee	Sara George, Lucinda Orr
Bar Conference Committee	Lucinda Orr
Ethics Committee	Amanda-Jane Field
Legal Services Committee	Amanda-Jane Field
BSB Governance, Risk and Audit Committee	Nicholas Dee

## EXTRAS

BACFI has a section on its website for appointments – please do take a look! The BACFI office holds further details at: [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)