



Message from the Chair

Dear Members

I am pleased to note that we have managed to make a number of significant strides for the benefit of our members in Q1:

First, we are pleased to announce that the BACFI Business Plan for 2018 is not only up and running but on our website – I urge you to read it and see how we plan to represent your interests throughout the rest of the year and beyond.

As you will see our key objectives are to -

- ❖ **Represent** the interests of our members and the employed bar;
- ❖ **Lead** on key issues;
- ❖ **Inform**, through provision of resources and training;
- ❖ **Develop and maintain** effective relations and networks with the wider legal community;
- ❖ **Increase our impact**, through more members and greater reach; and
- ❖ **Provide value** for money

Second, in furtherance of our objectives, we have been liaising with the BSB regarding new requirements to provide information on practice areas when applying for authorisation to practice. This has led to a new category of “general” being added - for those employed barristers who cannot easily categorise the wide range of work that they do. Please see the helpful factsheet produced by the Bar Council, which also deals with the new Money Laundering declarations that are also required:

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/regulatory-requirements/for-barristers/practising-certificate/authorisation-to-practise/frequently-asked-questions-authorisation-to-practise-201819/>

Third, BACFI’s programme of events for 2018 has successfully started with an excellent seminar on Islamic Finance. For details of other events over the course of the year, read on within this newsletter and on BACFI’s website. We look forward to seeing you at the next event on Judicial and QC appointments on 22 March,

Fourth, we have added information on our website to provide guidance on firms looking to become approved training providers, helpful links to the Bar Pro Bono Hub, and undertaken a review of how we can provide members with access to presentation materials online.

We hope that these will all be of value to you. Please let us know what else we can do and enjoy the rest of the newsletter!

Best wishes

Patrick

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Education, support and representation for the employed Bar

Islamic Finance and the English Court

On 22 February, we held a very informative event on Islamic Finance and the English Courts. Our speaker was Dr Scott Morrison, Reader in Commercial Law at Oxford Brookes University. Dr Morrison provided a background to Islamic finance, including the various instruments used, notable deals that have taken place in the City, the key players, and size of the industry. He then gave an overview of why England & Wales is a favoured jurisdiction for Islamic finance disputes and discussed several important cases that have been heard in the English courts, the lessons learned, and suggestions for best practice. This was followed by a lively Q&A session with comments requesting similar sessions to be held again. As requested by several attendees, Dr Morrison's presentation can be found on our website shortly. We thank Dr Morrison for his enjoyable and enlightening talk, and for TT International for kindly hosting the event.

A message from the Bar Pro Bono Unit

During Authorisation to Practice the profession comes together to support the Bars charity, the Bar Pro Bono Unit, through a £30 donation. This year for the first time you can choose to give more than £30, and UK taxpayers can also make a gift aid declaration at the same time, increasing their contribution by 25% which we can reclaim from HMRC.

The income we receive from this initiative represents 50% of our total income, and enables us to continue to operate, facilitating your expertise reaching those most in need.

Almost 52% of the Bar last year made the contribution. The amount we didn't receive from barristers who unticked the donation box added up to over £200,000.

As a small, independent, charity, founded by barristers with ambitious plans to provide structure for barristers from all areas of law to give their time to deserving cases, we rely on the financial support of the Bar at this time. Please help us to carry on our work when renewing your practising certificate.

Forthcoming events

17th May: Students' evening at City Law School, Gray's Inn

23rd May: Should Whistleblowers be paid? At Peters and Peters

19th June : Employed Bar Garden Party at Middle Temple

29th June: Employed Bar Awards at the Imperial War Museum

4th July : Meet the Regulators – our annual update from the BSB

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

Updates: BACFI's Business Plan, GDPR policy and pupillage provider guidelines

Our Business Plan for the year is available on the [website](#). If you have any comments please let Sandra know.

BACFI now has a GDPR privacy policy available to view on the website http://www.bacfi.org/GDPR_Privacy_Notice.htm. Within the next month all members will be sent a form to complete to let us know how they wish BACFI to communicate with them and what type of communications they wish to receive. Please make sure that you respond to this request otherwise you will not receive any correspondence from us.

Our guidelines on becoming a Pupillage Training Organisation are also now on the [website](#). If your organisation is thinking of becoming a PTO we hope that this document will answer your questions but please contact Sandra should you have any specific queries you would like us to help with.

Bar Pro Bono Hub

Now that employed barristers are able to top up their PI insurance in order to be covered to undertake Pro Bono work we invite you to look at the [Bar Pro Bono Hub](#) for opportunities.

BSB Handbook

The latest issue of the BSB Handbook was published in February <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/regulatory-requirements/bsb-handbook/>.

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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Inn Drinks

Evening drinks

around the Inns are being planned for the summer term.

The dates confirmed so far are Lincoln's Inn on 14th June and Middle Temple on 28th June.

Watch out for emails with further details.

A Student member's account of work experience at ACCA

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at ACCA. Jamie and his team were very warm and welcoming. My time there has given me a full insight into business law and what it is like working as an in-house Lawyer.

My week was varied: I spent the mornings in hearings with the Regulatory Litigation team and the afternoons with a Manager from one of the other legal teams, in particular, Commercial and Alternative Dispute Regulations. From day one I was diarised to sit in on Regulatory hearings, which consisted of a Case Presenter (Barrister or Solicitor), Hearings Officer (Clerk) and a decision Committee with three independent members and an External Legal Adviser.

Before and after hearings I would be provided with the papers and the Case Presenters would explain the case to me and iron out any questions I might have. I watched five hearings and saw four different case presentation styles and four different committees' decisions. This gave me a full understanding of the various types of breaches committed by members and the disciplinary actions taken by ACCA.

On a few occasions, I was involved in drafting the argument to be presented to the committee. A Case Presenter sat with me and went through the case step by step. And I was able to analyse the case and input where necessary; this was exciting as I had the opportunity to add a valuable contribution after only being there for a few days.

The legal teams were well informed of the legal sphere and were able to give career advice on joining the Bar or going down the Solicitors route as they all worked in practice before going in-house.

It was great to be given this opportunity which demonstrated that a successful and fulfilling legal career can be forged in-house.

Think Ahead



BACFI members on Bar Council and BSB Committees

Bar Council

Patrick Rappo, Lucinda Orr (elected), Lorinda Long (Treasurer), James Kitching (elected), Alexandria Carr (elected), Grant Warnsby (elected)

General Management Committee

Lorinda Long, Patrick Rappo, Lucinda Orr, Alex Carr

Employed Bar Committee

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

Audit Committee

Alexandria Carr

Finance Committee Chair

Lorinda Long

Bar Pro Bono Panel

Lucinda Orr

Member Services Committee

Lucinda Orr, James Kitching

European Law Committee

Alexandria Carr

Bar Conference 2018 Chair

Lucinda Orr

Susskind Challenge Working Group

Amanda Williams

Bar Standards Board Authorisations Review Panel

Jamie Hunt

Bar Council Wellbeing Group

Grant Warnsby

Bar Council Brexit Working Group

Alex Carr

BACFI / EBC seminar: The Dos and Don'ts of QC and Judicial Applications

This seminar took place on 22nd March with the following inspirational speakers Maggie Semple, Alice Ripley, Mike Jones QC, Nicholas Khan QC and Mrs Justice Rose who gave outstanding overviews of the process and shared insightful tips for success. Kindly hosted by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson LLP the audience was highly engaged with the evening finishing with a lively session of questions from the floor. The feedback has been enormously positive. The session will be uploaded onto our website as a podcast. Please do let us know if you would like a similar session to be held in the future.

Employed Bar Awards 2018: 29th June at the Imperial War Museum



BACFI is proud to be sponsoring the award for Exceptional Contribution to the Employed Bar which is a new award category for this year.

We would encourage you to look at this year's Award categories and nominate yourself or your colleagues for an Award. Nominations will close at 5 pm on Friday 27 April.

To buy tickets for the event, please go to the [Employed Bar Hub](#). We would advise getting your tickets sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment as last year's event sold out. It will be a fantastic night to remember.

Anti- Money Laundering certification

In relation to the new Authorisation to Practice Anti Money Laundering declaration, the Bar Council Ethics Team were recently asked whether a barrister employed by a law firm need certify that their work falls within the Money Laundering Regulations?

The Ethics Team have confirmed that employed barristers (within companies/law firms) do not themselves fall under the Money Laundering Regulations as they are not "independent legal professionals" under the meaning in the Regulations (it will be their firms/companies which are captured, if relevant). Therefore, when answering the Authorisation to Practice questions for the Anti Money Laundering certification, employed barristers should answer "no" regardless of the type of work they do for their firms.

Please note that this advice comes from the Bar Council Ethics Team and not the Bar Standards Board (BSB).

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