



Message from the Chair

Dear Members

This will be my last newsletter as Chair, as my tenure comes to an end at the forthcoming AGM on 12 December. It doesn't seem long ago that I was writing my first newsletter but two years have passed very quickly.

I am pleased that BACFI has continued to put on good quality events that are relevant to its members. BACFI has also represented its members at the Bar Council and its committees and contributed to relevant consultations (sometimes via the Bar Council and, where necessary, directly) throughout the year. The BSB has been consulting on the future of training for the Bar and BACFI has continued to press for more flexibility, particularly at the pupillage stage, to promote access to training via the employed Bar.

I would like to thank the members of the General Committee, who have contributed to consultations, organised events and represented BACFI members on Bar Council committees. In particular, I would like to thank Sally Bevan, who has acted as Chair of the Professional Issues Sub-Committee and taken the lead on some important initiatives during the year. I would also like to thank Helen Fletcher Rogers and Tricia Howse; both of whom have continued to be actively involved with matters of interest to BACFI. I must also thank Sandra Janes, who has done her very best to get me to do things on time and without whom BACFI simply wouldn't be able to operate.

At the AGM in December, some of the members of the General Committee will be standing for re-election and you will have an opportunity to elect the next Chair. Do please consider whether or not you have the time and desire to stand for office or to become more involved in the work of BACFI. We have vacancies for: Hon. Secretary, Junior Vice Chair, Chair of the Professional Issues Sub-Committee and Membership Secretary.

I am looking forward to the Denning Lecture on 24 November 2017, which will be presented by Sir Christopher Clarke and hosted by our President, Lady Hale. Looking further ahead, we have already started to plan events for 2018 and I wish my successor all the very best.

Thank you for supporting BACFI.

Simon Broomfield

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Chair	Simon Broomfield
Senior Vice-Chair	Lucinda Orr
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	Hussain Khan
	Christiane Valansot
	Stephen Potts
	Richard Ryan
	Alexandria Carr
	Sally Bevan
	Jenny Barker
	Lorinda Long

A Day in the Life of a Lawyer from.....

Amali deSilva, General Counsel at Channel 4, Mark Karpiniski of the RAF Police, Akbar Khan, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and Simon Puleston-Jones, Head of Europe, Futures Industry Association, formed the panel at our seminar on 3 October at Middle Temple. They shared anecdotes about their work experience, how they came to have their jobs, and what a typical day for them involves, which is often not typical! The seminar was well attended by both those working in various in-house roles and students. Everyone agreed that the evening was very worthwhile and gave delegates lots to think about as to which direction they would like to take with their careers, and made them aware of the wide range of positions available to lawyers. We thank the speakers for providing excellent insights into their very different jobs. It is hoped that we will organise a similar event next year with different speakers so if you would like to speak please let Sandra know.

Inn Lunches

15th November: Gray's Inn

More dates will be organised shortly so please keep a look out for emails.

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

24th November: Denning Lecture at Inner Temple. Speaker Sir Christopher Clarke

12th December: BACFI AGM at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson LLP. Speaker: Stephen Bacon, formerly of Express Newspapers

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

BACFI 2017 Denning Lecture and Christmas Reception, 24th November

We are delighted that Sir Christopher Clarke QC, recently retired from the Court of Appeal, will give our Denning Lecture on Friday 24th November in the Parliament Chamber, Inner Temple at 6pm. His lecture is entitled "The English Courts - good for future business?" and will be chaired by Baroness Hale, the BACFI President.

As usual, the lecture is free for all to attend (but you must register in advance) and tickets for the Christmas Reception are priced at £20 each and can be obtained from the BACFI office. Guests are most welcome. Places for the lecture are filling up fast so reserve your seat now!

Internships – can you help?

We have some new student members who are looking for internships. BACFI are aiming to put together a list of companies and individuals who are prepared to consider students for internships so if you can help with this please let Sandra know.

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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BACFI AGM 12th December

It's that time of year again and we are pleased to announce that Stephen Bacon, a Vice President of BACFI, will be giving the AGM address this year. Stephen has been a Fleet Street Lawyer for a number of years and his talk will be entitled "The employed bar - a success story". The meeting will take place at the offices of Fried, Frank, Shriver, Harris and Jacobson LLP, 41 Lothbury at 6pm.

After Stephen's talk the AGM business will take place so if you would like to consider standing for election to the BACFI committee please look out for the nomination forms which will be sent in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions about this please contact Sandra.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and please note that due to security at the offices you must register in advance to attend.

Forthcoming events in 2018

Please let us know what events you would like to see next year and also which events your or your firm would like to sponsor. Please contact Sandra at secretary@bacfi.org.

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

Professional Issues Update

The BSB has recently published policy consultations on two very important topics.

The first contains the proposed approach for ensuring that the Competition and Markets Authority's recent recommendations for greater transparency about service, price and consumer redress for all lawyers are reflected in regulations for the Bar.

The second concerns some proposed updates to regulations governing parts of the education and training system for prospective barristers. It includes a review of the rules about pupillage.

The BACFI Professional Issues Sub-Committee will be providing responses to both these consultations and welcome any members' contributions. If you'd like to get involved please contact secretary@bacfi.org.

Naraindra Maharaj and the Legal Panel for the Government's Apprenticeship Programme

Naraindra, who is a long standing BACFI member, has been selected to be a Legal Panel Member of the UK Government's apprenticeship programme. This is to assist young individuals who would like to pursue a course of study to achieve a Legal education and at the same time make a career for themselves through being apprentices in legal depts. in law firms, industry, etc. There are 15 members in this panel and there are similar panels covering other professions, etc.

He has so far attended the only panel meeting held and met other members of the panel. At this meeting they were given more details by the Coordinator and Chair as to their responsibilities, etc. which lie ahead. He is looking forward very much to this challenge where he may be able to assist our young women and men in their chosen career paths and hopefully assist in their development.

Employed Bar Awards 2018

The Employed Bar Committee of the Bar Council are organising the second Employed Bar Awards evening on Friday 29th June 2018 at the Imperial War Museum.

Nominations for the awards open early in 2018 and forms and further details can be found on the Employed Bar Hub www.employedbar.com

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