



## BACFI QUARTERLY UPDATE: No 16.

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### NEWS UPDATE

#### **Bar Council Elections:**

Annual elections for the Bar Council will take place this autumn and successful candidates will join from 1 January 2015 for a three-year term. There are 2 full time vacancies for Employed barristers over 7 years Call (including QCs) and 2 full time vacancies for barristers under 7 years Call. This is excellent opportunity for BACFI members to represent their constituency and bring views and experience to the Bar Council that may otherwise not be represented. To be eligible as a candidate, members must hold a valid practising certificate and complete a signed nomination for and submit it no later than 17:00 on Friday, 19 September 2014. BACFI members are strongly encouraged to apply!! For further details, please contact: [Elections@BarCouncil.org.uk](mailto:Elections@BarCouncil.org.uk)

#### **BACFI Website:**

BACFI is improving its website. It has initiated a small 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)

#### **New Practitioners' Programme – call to arms!**

Middle Temple Ethics and Advocacy Training for Trainers: 8 & 19 October 2014

BACFI has supplied all four Inns with material tailored to the needs of the employed bar for the New Practitioners Programme (i.e. mandatory CPD in advocacy and ethics for barristers of 3 years call), based on the very successful courses run by Middle Temple.

Middle Temple runs three NPP courses per year over a weekend (Saturday 9am – 4pm for advocacy and Sunday 9am – 1pm for ethics) and they are happy to train trainers from other Inns. The next course is on 18 & 19 October 2014. Please contact Sandra if you are interested in being involved.

#### **Employed Bar Dinner**

Gray's is the only Inn of Court that holds an annual dinner specially for the Employed Bar.

Last year the turnout was excellent - with over 120 employed barristers attending. This year it is hoped even more employed barristers can be encouraged to attend! The dinner is to be held on Wednesday 14 October 2014 at 7 pm. The Cost is £55 and the dress is Black Tie. If you would like to attend, please contact the Administration and Events Officer at Gray's Inn by no later than Friday 3 October 2014. The address is here: <http://www.graysinn.org.uk/index.php/inn-news/332-employed-bar-dinner-14-october-2014>

**BACFI PISC Special Interest Group:**

As reported in the last newsletter, the BACFI Professional issues sub-committee have formed a Special Interest Group for self-employed barristers working outside Chambers (i.e. Independent practitioners)

Details are available here: [http://www.bacfi.org/professional\\_issues.htm#SIG](http://www.bacfi.org/professional_issues.htm#SIG), but we would like to hear from other members and the problems they face if working as an independent practitioner.

**FORTHCOMING BACFI EVENTS & DATES FOR THE DIARY****Wednesday 17 September 2014: Dawn Raids - the horror and how to avoid it**

Speakers: **Justine Miller**, Counsel – EU Competition Law, BP Plc, **Michael Dean** - Partner and head of EU, Competition & Regulatory Law, Maclay Murray & Spens LLP and **William Sprigge** - Consultant, EU, Competition & Regulatory Law, Maclay Murray & Spens LLP

Location: Maclay Murray & Spens LLP, One London Wall, EC2Y 5AB

Time: 6pm

**Wednesday 8 October 2014: Rogue Employees – Responding to the Crisis**

Speakers: **Jason Woodland**, Special Counsel, Peters and Peters Solicitors LLP; **Angharad Harris**, Partner, Watson Farley and Williams; and **Iain Burns**, Managing Director (Crisis), Bell Pottinger (P R specialists)

Location: Peters and Peters Solicitors LLP, 15 Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1BW

Time: 6:30pm

**Thursday 20 November 2014: Denning Lecture & BACFI Christmas Party**

Location: Parliament Chamber, Inner Temple

Speaker: Lady Justice Gloster

Time: Lecture 6-7pm followed by reception. Reception tickets: £15

**Wednesday 3 December 2014: Annual General Meeting**

Speaker: Helen Fletcher Rogers

Location: Atkin Building, Gray's Inn

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

**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>.

**IDEAS FOR FUTURE BACFI SEMINARS & EVENTS IN 2015!**

We are beginning to plan our seminars and events for next year. If you have an idea for a session, a topic that you really want to hear about, or suggestions for different types of events – like speed networking, or visiting an industry site – then please contact Sandra with it!

We always aim to put on interesting and different events for our members over the course of a year, but it would be wonderful to receive some ideas from members too!

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BACFI - 2015

Next year, 2015, marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BACFI.

We shall be celebrating this milestone event with an anniversary dinner in late September 2015. Further details will follow in due course...

### 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). We especially need volunteers for Inner and Middle Temple.

Current BACFI Inn representatives are:

Middle Temple	<a href="mailto:Christiane@valansot.com">Christiane@valansot.com</a> ;
Gray's Inn	<a href="mailto:Tricia.Howse@hotmail.co.uk">Tricia.Howse@hotmail.co.uk</a> ; <a href="mailto:hfrogers@bacfi.org">hfrogers@bacfi.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:lucindaorr@hotmail.co.uk">lucindaorr@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Inner Temple	Alexandria Carr <a href="mailto:ACarr@mayerbrown.com">ACarr@mayerbrown.com</a>
Lincoln's Inn	<a href="mailto:William.sprigge@orange.net">William.sprigge@orange.net</a> <a href="mailto:Simon.broomfield@brooksmacdonald.com">Simon.broomfield@brooksmacdonald.com</a> Hussain Khan <a href="mailto:hussain@khan.cc">hussain@khan.cc</a>

### REPRESENTATION

**BSB and BC committees 2014:** BACFI members sitting on Bar Council or Bar Standards Board committees and subcommittees:

Bar Council	Lucinda Orr, Kevin McGinty, Stephen Collier (Treasurer) & Lorinda Long (elected), James Kitching (elected) and Alexandria Carr (elected)
General Management Committee	Lucinda Orr (ex officio)
Employed Bar Committee	Lucinda Orr, James Kitching, Tim Reading, Sara George and Patrick Rappo
Professional Practice Committee	Sara George
Policy Advisory Group	Stephen Collier
Finance & Accounts Committee	Stephen Collier
International Committee	Lucinda Orr & Lorinda Long
European Committee	Lorinda Long & Alexandria Carr

International Business Development Working Group	Lorinda Long
Training for the Bar Committee	Sara George & Tim Reading
Bar Conference Committee	Lucinda Orr
Social Mobility Committee	Lucinda Orr
City Working Group	Lorinda Long
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).