



## **Corporate membership of BACFI**

BACFI - the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry – was founded in 1965 to promote the interests and professional status of Barristers employed in the fields of commerce, finance and industry – the CFI Bar. BACFI is dedicated to providing education, representation and support to both employed and non practising barristers who work in house for commercial financial or industrial firms, including Legal Disciplinary Partnerships. BACFI is a unique forum for barristers in business. Look at our website [www.bacfi.org](http://www.bacfi.org) for more details of our work and activities.

BACFI believes that in house lawyers need CPD education that is tailored to the needs of their employment. Many in house departments are themselves the leading centres of excellence in particular areas of substantive law, so “Black letter” law, unless it is new, may be less important to our members than the soft skills of legal and case management. Presentation skills are vital, whereas court based advocacy may not be.

BACFI’s programme of events consists of seminars and lectures closely tailored to the needs of in-house lawyers. They are often held in collaboration with solicitors’ firms or chambers; and are as attractive to in house solicitors as to barristers.

BACFI offers corporate membership to firms employing barristers. For 2019/20 this will cost £300 and will enable your legal department to send 10 barristers or solicitors to BACFI seminars during the year.

Corporate member firms will not be able to vote at AGMs or stand for office within BACFI; but their names will be prominently displayed on BACFI’s website and quarterly newsletter

In addition, corporate membership entitles barristers or solicitors on your staff to join BACFI as full, voting individual ordinary or associate members at a reduced rate. Ordinary members can stand for office in BACFI and join committees. Solicitors can join as Associate members.

Some of the advantages of corporate membership, for your firm:

- Professional support for your firm's barristers, with the Bar Council and the Bar Standards Board.
- BACFI lobbies strenuously for recognition of the diverse needs of the modern Bar and actively contributes to regulatory consultations to improve the professional support given to those practising in employment.
- BACFI can keep your barristers informed of developments in professional regulation which may affect them.
- BACFI has successfully lobbied the Government, the Bar Council and the BSB on a variety of professional issues, to ensure that employed barristers get a better deal from their Regulator.
- Past successes include securing rights of audience for employed barristers, the recognition of dual qualifications (as both barrister and solicitor), changes to the Bar's Code of Conduct relating to employed barristers and reforms to the CPD system.
- BACFI is currently lobbying to improve the rules applying to firms wishing to become BSB Approved Training Organisations.
- BACFI's annual programme offers training tailored to in house lawyers – whether they be barristers or solicitors.

Please contact Sandra Janes on [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org) if you would like to join, or complete our Corporate Membership form (below).

***Chairman and General Committee  
The Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry.***



## APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

**Please complete in block capitals**

Contact name: .....

Company/ business / chambers:.....

Position:.....

Address for correspondence: .....

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Corporate membership subscription: £..... Per annum

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Please send to BACFI, PO Box 4352, Edlesborough, Dunstable, LU6 9EF together with the attached questionnaire and a cheque for the initial subscription.

Tel: 01525 222244; e-mail: [secretary@bacfi.org](mailto:secretary@bacfi.org); website: [www.bacfi.org](http://www.bacfi.org).

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## NEW MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to ensure that BACFI is better able to serve the interests of its members. We would like to know what you expect from and what you can contribute to the Association. Please take a few moments to complete and mail to the Secretary with your completed application form

NAME: .....

1. How did you hear about BACFI?

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2. What do you expect from BACFI and what particular issues do you think BACFI should be addressing?

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3. What areas of law is your company involved in?

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4. What sector do you work in? (Please tick)

Energy ..... Media/Publishing ..... Engineering/Manufacturing .....

Transport ..... Public Services ..... Health/Pharmaceutical .....

Technology/IT ..... Financial Services.....

Other (please specify) .....

5. Please indicate what subjects you would like to see covered in future seminars

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***Annual Subscription***

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