

Regulatory Update

Monthly update from the Bar Standards Board

October 2016

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BSB publishes Professional Statement for Barristers

On 21 September, we published [a revised version of the Professional Statement](#), which now includes the Threshold Standard and Competences. It sets out in more detail the skills, knowledge and attributes which barristers are expected to have on "day one" of being issued with a practising certificate.



The Professional Statement is an important component of our [Future Bar Training](#) programme of reforms to education and

Invitation to consultation on the future of training to the Bar

On 3 October, we launched our [second consultation on the future of training for the Bar](#). As part of our [Future Bar Training Programme](#), we have developed three possible approaches to better enable students of Bar training to meet the requirements of the [Professional Statement](#). We have set out the details of each of these approaches in our consultation which can be found [on our website](#).

We will be hosting events across the country to give you the opportunity to have your say on the future of Bar training. We will be visiting:

- [London](#): 25 October 2016 (City University London)
- [Manchester](#): 27 October 2016 (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- [Newcastle](#): 1 November 2016 (University of Northumbria)
- [Leeds](#): 2 November 2016 (BPP University Law School)

- [Nottingham](#): 9 November 2016 (Nottingham Trent University)
- [Birmingham](#): 10 November 2016 (University of Law Birmingham)
- [Cardiff](#): 16 November 2016 (Cardiff University)
- [Bristol](#): 17 November 2016 (Bristol Law Society)

[read more.](#)

CPD 2017: The Final Countdown

There are 82 days until the new CPD regime for established practitioners comes into force on 1 January 2017.

To help barristers on the Established Practitioners Programme prepare for the new CPD arrangements, we have been holding a series of workshops around the country. The workshops take place this month and in November. Feedback from the first couple of events has been generally positive and we have learnt a lot from attendees to help us refine our draft guidance and support materials. Most of the workshops are fully booked. Full details of the events – including an online webinar on 10 November – were published in [last month's Regulatory Update](#). Places are still available on the webinar so [register your interest](#).

[Read more.](#)



Join our market study of the provision of legal services

Last month, we launched [an online survey](#) into how legal services are being delivered by barristers. The survey provides an opportunity for participants to let us know how future regulation can promote improved business practices, service delivery and client experience. **Responses will be treated confidentially and**

training for the Bar.

We are hosting a series of forums on the forthcoming consultation on Future Bar Training later in the year.

Calling Legal Experts!

With a new strategy in place, we are doing some things differently. APEX (the Advisory Pool of Experts) is a new way of obtaining advice and support as we develop policy. We want to engage a range of people – including practitioners. APEX offers a flexible way of contributing to big, interesting topics in BSB policy development at an early stage. We will recognise your input publicly and show your details on our website. You will be paid for your time. You will become part of a group of experts from a range of different specialisms, with regular opportunities to come together and learn.

Vacancies opened last week. We are seeking expert legal practitioners in the fields of competition, equality and diversity, and regulatory law (particularly constitutional, human rights and public law). [Check our website](#) for

provided to us anonymously. To participate, please click the button below:...[read more](#).

[Enter: Provision of legal services survey](#)

further details...[read more](#).

Legal Choices: the legal regulators' consumer website

Blog: Monthly message from our Chair Sir Andrew Burns KCMG

Last month, we published an updated version of our Professional Statement for barristers. This sets out the skills, knowledge and attributes which barristers are expected to have on "day one" of being issued with a practising certificate. An example of one of the many requirements contained within the Professional Statement is a need to be aware of the wide range of organisations supporting the administration of justice and their respective roles in providing advice and funding to clients.

We recently held a social mobility roundtable in relation to our consultation on Future Bar Training. We had a fantastic response from leading academics and institutions, including The Sutton Trust and the Social Mobility Foundation, to explore our proposed approaches to future training. It confirmed the important work that organisations such as The Sutton Trust do in this regard. A good example of this is their Pathways to Law programme.

We are pleased to see that so many of you have, or are about to attend our CPD workshops around the Circuits, which started this month. We are giving you the chance to hear about the new scheme and how we are putting professional development back into your hands...[read more](#).

We have contributed an article recently to Legal Choices for 10-17 year-olds who are defendants within a Youth Court. We explain youth courts and the work that we are doing to standardise Youth Court advocacy. You can [read it online](#).

Prosecutor Panel Recruitment

BSB Handbook Explained: BSB guidance for unregistered barristers

We have published updated Guidance for unregistered barristers [on our website](#) as of August 2016. The main change is that the guidance now includes reference to the fact that unregistered barristers are restricted from providing legal services and advice relating to immigration.

Unregistered barristers cannot:...[read more](#).

Our Professional Conduct Committee maintains a panel of prosecuting barristers to represent it at Disciplinary Tribunals and other related hearings, including appeals before the High Court and it is currently looking to replenish its panel. [Read more](#).

Alternative Business Structures and opportunities for the Bar and the wider legal profession

Specialist session hosted by the Bar Standards Board

“Alternative Business Structures and opportunities for the Bar and the wider legal profession”

In October 2016, the BSB aims to commence the authorisation of Alternative Business Structures (ABS). This will build on its entity regulation regime which has been in effect for the last 18 months.

ABS will provide lawyers and non-lawyers with an opportunity to develop innovative and competitive models for the delivery of legal services which will be able to broaden access to justice for members of the public.

In an increasingly competitive legal market there are growing challenges on barristers to think creatively about how they deliver legal services.

This session will provide information about the genesis of the ABS regime, the approach to its regulation and the opportunities that arise from their availability to barristers. You will hear from the regulator and innovators within legal services who are at the forefront of pushing the boundaries in the provision of legal services.

Up to 5
CPD Hours
available

Moderator:

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**Lively discussion
Debates
Informative
Useful**

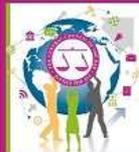
Book your place
before **Friday 2
September** (to
receive the Early
Bird rate) to listen,
learn and have your
say!

Highlights from 2015:

“Meeting and speaking with a wide range of people who together make up the Bar”

“All the sessions were very stimulating indeed!”

“Love it all, general comments: very good venue and well organised”



Annual Bar Conference and Young Bar Conference 2016

Saturday 15 October 2016

Westminster Park Plaza, London

[Please click here for information or to book your place](#)



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