Monthly update from the Bar Standards Board

October 2016

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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)

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
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)

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the first couple of events has been generally positive and we have learnt a lot from attendees to help us refine our draft guidance and support materials.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.

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

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
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.

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

Have we got correct details of your primary practice address?
Please ensure that you have informed us of your correct primary practice address in accordance with r69 of our Handbook. If your practice address changes, you must inform our Records Department within 28 days.

Give us your feedback
If you have any thoughts about how we can improve the
Regulatory Update or what content you would like to read, please email contactus@barstandardsboard.org.uk.