**Vacancy: Bar Council Barrister Representative for the Joint Bar Council and Bar Standards Board (BSB) Audit Committee**

**TERM: 3-year term, with a possibility of a further 3-year term**

The Chair of the Bar, on behalf of the Bar Council, is looking to recruit a barrister representative for the joint Bar Council/BSB Audit Committee

**About the joint Bar Council/BSB Audit Committee**

The joint Audit Committee plays an advisory role to the Bar Council in relation the Bar Council’s role as an approved regulator for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007 on all corporate governance matters.  It oversees internal and external audit processes, reviews the Bar Council and BSB’s risk management strategies, ensures that effective risk control systems are in place, makes recommendations on the processes in place to ensure that the Bar Council meets its statutory obligations, and keeps under review the Bar Council’s insurance cover.

The Committee comprises six members:
•    An independent lay Chair
•    An independent Vice Chair who is a practising barrister
•    A practising barrister nominated by the Chair of the Bar Council (this vacancy)
•    A member nominated by the Chair of the BSB
•    Two independent lay members

**About the role**

In accordance with the Standing Orders for Joint Committees of the Bar Council and the Bar Standards Board, Paragraph 14(c), the Chair of the Bar nominates a practising barrister to represent the interests of the Bar Council on the joint Audit Committee.  In practice, the role is advertised to the profession and the Chair convenes a Selection Panel to consider the applications and decide on the most suitable candidate for the role.  The successful candidate is approved by the General Management Committee.

Joint Audit Committee members are expected to play a full part in the work of the Audit Committee, and to prepare for and attend all its meetings.

The joint Audit Committee meets 4 times per year (normally on a Thursday evening in March, June, September and December), usually in Holborn, London, at the offices of the Bar Council.  Meetings of the Committee are usually held at 5pm (finishing at 6.30pm), to accommodate the need for barrister members to attend court during the day.

**Knowledge and experience**

The Chair of the Bar is seeking a practising barrister with knowledge of legal services regulation and an understanding of the governance structure of the Bar Council, especially its role in promoting, supporting and representing barristers and enabling effective regulation.  In particular, applicants should have significant experience of risk and performance management, statutory compliance and internal/external audit processes.

The role is not remunerated but reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.  Dial in options are also available for each the meetings.

Please note, practising barristers who are members of the Bar Standards Board or any of its committees are not eligible to apply.

**How to apply**

Applicants should send a copy of their CV accompanied by a short, written statement stating their suitability for the role and describing their skills and experience, to:
Amaka Rapu, Committees Governance Officer, arapu@barcouncil.org.uk.

The closing date for applications is **11pm** on **Thursday 18 November 2021**.