



The Bar Council

**Minutes of the Bar Council meeting  
Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 17.30 held remotely on Microsoft Teams**

**Present:**

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| Samuel Townend KC  | Chair of the Bar                       | STKC |
| Barbara Mills KC   | Chair Elect 2025 (Chaired the meeting) | BMKC |
| Kirsty Brimelow KC | Vice Chair Elect 2025                  | KBKC |

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**Members in attendance via Teams (in alphabetical order):**

Adam Baradon KC (ABKC), Alexander Gunning KC (AGKC), Alexandra Matthews (AM), Alice Hands (AH), Amanda Jepson (AJ), Amrit Dhanoa (AD), Andrew Howe (AHo), Andrew Twigger KC (ATKC), Annabel Graham Paul (AGP), Anton van Dellen (AvD), Aoife Kennedy (AK), Asad Maqsood (AMq), Barbara Connolly KC (BCKC), Brittany Buckell (BB), Caroline Rees KC (CRKC), Cathrine Grubb (CG), Charlie Woodhouse KC (CWKC), Christina Michalos KC (CMKC), Daniel Sheridan (DS), David Bunting (DB), David Christopher Taylor (DCT), Desphal Panesar KC (DPKC), Eleena Misra KC (EMKC), Emma Hughes (EH), Emma Southern (ES), Emma Walker (EW), Faisal Sadiq (FS), Fallon Alexis (FA), Fenner Moeran KC (FMKC), Gaynor Wood (GW), Georgios Petrochilos KC (GPKC), Guy Williamson (GWi), Hannah Smith (HS), Heidi Stonecliffe KC (HSKC), Henry King KC (HKKC), Hugh Mercer KC (HMKC), Ivor Collett (IV), Jacob Hallam KC (JHKC), Jaime Hamilton JC (JHaKC), James Paterson (JP), James Roberts KC (JRKC), Jasmine Chan (JC), Jason Pitter KC (JPKC), Jo Martin KC (JMKC), Kate Lumsdon (KL), Kathryn Stone, OBE (KSO), Kirsty Brimelow KC (KBKC), Leanne Targett-Parker (LT-P), Leon Kazakos KC (LKKC), Linda Turnbull (LT), Lorinda Long (LL), Lucinda Orr (LO), Luke Wygas (LW), Maddy Charlesworth (MC), Madeleine Deasy (MD), Martyn McLeish (MML), Mary Prior KC (MPKC), Matthew Keliris-Thomas (MK-T), Melissa Coutino (MC), Minka Braun (MB), Michael Harwood (MH), Mike Jones KC (MJKC), Mirza Ahmad (MA), Nicholas Johnson KC (NJKC), Paul Adams (PA), Paul Powlesland (PP), Peter Grieves-Smith (PG-S), Philip Moser KC (PMKC), Philip Stott (PS), Reagan Persaud (RP), Rebecca Dix (RD), Richard Honey KC (RHKC), Ruth Kirby KC (RKKC), Saira Kabir Sheikh KC (SKSKC), Sara Ibrahim (SI), Sarah Fearon (SFe), Sarah Gerrard (SG), Sean Summerfield

(SS), Shazia Akhtar (SA), Shobana Iyer (SIy), Shoshana Mitchell (SM), Simon Atkinson (SA), Simon Regis (SR), Stephen Kenny KC (SKKC), Sunny Virk (SV), Susan Jones (SJ), Tahmina Rahman (TR), William Dean (WD), Yaa Dankwa Ampadu-Sackey (YDA), Yasmin Omotosho (YO).

**In attendance:**

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| Anna Pinch              | Director of Services                         | AP  |
| Justina Naik            | Interim Governance and<br>Committees Manager | JN  |
| Malcolm Cree CBE        | Chief Executive, Bar Council                 | MC  |
| Piran Dhillon-Starkings | Adviser to the Chair of the Bar              | PDS |
| Sally Burnell           | Director, Communications &<br>Marketing      | SB  |

**Apologies:**

Ellen Wright (EW), Michelle Heeley KC (MHKC), Sahar Farooqi (SF), Rory Brown (RB), Elaine Banton (EB), Celina Colquhoun (CC).

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**1. List of Bar Council 2025 co-options and representative committee chairs / vice-chairs**

The 2025 Committee Chair and Vice-Chair changes were unanimously approved. The new Chairs and Vice-Chairs for 2025 are as follows:

**Bar Representation Committee**

Co-Chair: William Dean  
Co-Chair: Tony Singla KC  
Vice-Chair: Sarah Earl

**Education and Training Committee**

Co-Chair: Jacob Hallam KC  
Co-Chair: Fallon Alexis

**Employed Barristers' Committee**

Chair: Sara George  
Vice-Chair: Simon Regis, CBE

**Ethics Committee**

Co-Chair: James Hines KC

Co-Chair: Fenner Moeran KC

Vice-Chair (Family): Susan Grocott KC

Vice-Chair (Crime): Francis FitzGibbon KC

Vice-Chair (Civil): Andrew Granville Stafford

**Equality & Diversity and Social Mobility Committee**

Chair: Rachel Crasnow KC

Vice-Chair: Nadia Motraghi KC

**International Committee**

Chair: Hugh Mercer KC

Vice-Chair: David Josse KC

Vice-Chair: Marion Smith KC

Vice-Chair: Frederico Singarajah

Vice-Chair: Charles Hale KC

**Law Reform Committee**

Chair: Eleena Misra KC

Vice-Chair: Edite Ligere

Vice-Chair: Dominic Lewis

Vice-Chair: Celina Colquhoun

**Legal Services Committee**

Co-Chair: Susan Grocott KC

Co-Chair: Philip Stott

Vice-Chair: Shobana Iyer

Vice-Chair: Anton Van Dellen

**Pro Bono and Social Responsibility Committee**

Co-Chair: Samantha Singer

**Remuneration Committee**

Co-Chair: Sean O'Sullivan KC

Co-Chair: Richard Wright KC

**Young Barristers' Committee**

Chair: Lachlan Stewart

Vice Chair: Amelia Clegg

**Regulation Panel**

Chair: Stephen Kenny KC

The Chair thanked the Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs stepping down at the 2024 year-end for all their work:

- Heidi Stonecliffe KC
- Elaine Banton
- Philip Moser KC
- Laurie Scher
- Amrit Dhanoa

The 2025 co-options were unanimously approved. The 2025 co-options are as follows:

- Sara George
- Rachel Crasnow KC
- Samantha Singer
- Lachlan Stewart
- Jacob Hallam KC
- Hugh Mercer KC
- Eleena Misra KC
- Stephen Kenny KC

The formal meeting was closed.

## **2. Voluntary opportunity for new members to meet the incoming Chair after the close of the formal meeting**

Barbara Mills KC, Chair-Elect 2025 met and welcomed the Bar Council members for 2025.

### **Bar Council meeting dates 2025:**

- Wednesday 8 January 2025 - Chair's Inaugural Address at Inner Temple Hall (5.30pm registration for a 6pm start)
- Saturday 8 February 2025 - Bar Council offices, 10.30am start
- Tuesday 15 April 2025 - Bar Council offices, 5pm start
- Tuesday 24 June 2025 - Venue to be confirmed (in London), 5pm start (followed by the Bar Council Summer Reception)
- Saturday 13 September 2025 - Bar Council offices, 10am start. This is followed by the AGM at the Bar Council offices at 11am
- Saturday 15 November 2025 - On circuit (venue tbc), starting at 11am
- Wednesday 3 December 2025 - "First meeting of the Bar Council 2025", online only for the purposes of announcing committee chairs and co-options, 5.30pm-6pm.