

Peter Grieves-Smith

Employed King's Counsel or junior over 7 years in practice

About Me, My Practice and Professional Activities

I was called to the Bar in 1989, self-employed at 6KBW College Hill until 2007 and thereafter in the CPS. I prosecute murder and complex drugs trials – usually as leader but sometimes as junior – in Courts in the Midlands. Many of the murder cases have been high profile and been front page news on national newspapers. My appellate work has included the CCRC appeals of Kenneth Noye, Sally Challen and Andrew Malkinson.

I sit on the Equality Diversity and Social Mobility Committee and Legal Services Committee of the Bar Council. I mentor students via Bridging the Bar and the School Mock Trials competition. I started a CPS mini-pupillage scheme for prospective barristers.

Heavily involved in rugby including as Warwickshire Inclusion and Diversity Lead.

What I Can Offer the Bar Council

Experience, commitment, enthusiasm and a desire to represent the Employed Bar in an effective and persuasive way.

I have significant experience of how the Bar Council works. I have served on many Bar Council committees since 2009 [EDSM, Legal Services, Law Reform and Employed Barristers] and been involved in many aspects of their work including contributing to many consultation papers. I was on the Bar Council from 2009-2015 and since 2023 and was a Chair of the Employed Barristers Committee.

Motivation for Standing

Fabulous work has been done in recent years to enhance the reputation of the Employed Bar but there is much more to be done. We continue to be viewed as being the poor relation by far too many and this affects career progression and judicial and KC appointments. Having been self-employed for 17 years at 6KBW College Hill and then employed for 17 years I understand the issues that arise in most areas of law and practice and with my professional and Bar Council experience I believe I can contribute a great deal. I will represent all Employed Barristers forcefully but effectively.