

Rebecca Filletti

Self-employed junior over 7 years in practice

About Me, My Practice and Professional Activities

I was called to the Bar in 2009 and I am a criminal barrister practising from Lincoln House Chambers in Manchester, predominantly on the Northern Circuit.

I moved back up North just under 9 years ago, after completing my pupillage and the first chapter of my career in London.

I am on the Committee for Women in Criminal Law, Manchester where I am part of a wonderful group of women organising hugely successful networking, education and social events around Manchester to support and elevate women working in the Criminal Justice System in the local area.

Within Chambers, I have been a pupil supervisor, I am on the Pupillage Committee, the Management Committee and am joint head of the Equality and Diversity Committee.

I am a trainer for the Youth Justice Legal Centre through which I am involved in training pupil barristers representing children and young people. I am also involved in the training of psychiatrists as expert witnesses in the Criminal Justice System.

I regularly represent the profession at school and universities to talk about entering the profession and I have been involved in school outreach work to provide an insight to students who may not otherwise have experience of, or access to the profession.

What I Can Offer the Bar Council

I have spent the last few years assisting the Bar Council and I am keen to put that experience to good use.

I am committed to supporting the profession and have experience advocating for barristers, including lobbying Members of Parliament to advance the interests of the Bar and the Criminal Justice System.

I have volunteered my time to attend Parliament on a number of occasions at Bar Council events to speak against the curbing of jury trials and I have represented the Northern Circuit at roundtable meetings with MPs, hosted by the Bar Council. On behalf of the Bar Council, I have hosted MPs from across the political spectrum at Crown Courts in Manchester and Chester.

I was also part of the group of barristers who drafted the response to the Leveson Review on behalf of the Bar Council.

I am dedicated to maintaining a robust and fair justice system for all and to the longevity and success of our profession and have experience advocating for the same.

Motivation for Standing

I am in my seventeenth year in practice and am still in love with this profession. I consider it the highest honour to represent people before our courts.

I have had a multitude of experiences at the Bar, both good and bad. I have had children and returned to self-employed practice at the Criminal Bar; I have moved chambers and changed circuits. I have appeared before lay benches, judges and juries around the country. All my experiences stand me in good stead to be a knowledgeable, strong and steadfast voice for our profession.

In simple terms, I want to ensure a positive future for the Bar and our Justice System and I am well placed to do so.