

Amelia Clegg

Self-employed junior over 7 years in practice

About Me, My Practice and Professional Activities

I am a self-employed barrister practising predominantly in business crime, regulatory, contempt and sanctions matters, and am also developing my experience in commercial cases. I am currently the Chair of the Young Barristers' Committee at the Bar Council. I have worked at the employed Bar and am currently Vice Chair of the Employed Barristers' Committee. I am a Committee member of the Female Fraud Forum and a Junior Professionals Committee Member of the Women's White Collar Defence Association (London Chapter). I am also admitted to the New York Bar and previously spent 3 years practising in New York at a large full service law firm. I am a member of the American Bar Association and American-qualified Lawyers in London. I am from Basildon, Essex and am the first and only lawyer in my family; social mobility and diversity of background in the legal profession is important to me.

What I Can Offer the Bar Council

I have been actively involved in the Bar Council for the last three years and have experience both serving as a Committee member and acting as Chair. I have represented the Bar Council at overseas conferences including those organised by the EYBA and ABA, and will represent the Bar Council at the upcoming IBA Conference in October. I was also part of the working group assisting with the programming for this year's Bar Conference. As such, I am very comfortable in working within a team and also in taking a leadership role. As YBC Chair, I have spearheaded the creation of a guide on court appearances for the most junior practitioners which required collaboration with the Education and Training Committee and the Specialist Bar Associations.

As a dual-qualified lawyer with practising experience in both England and Wales and the United States of America, and as a barrister who has previously been employed, I bring an unusually broad understanding of Bar and of the advantages and responsibilities that come with an international practice.

Finally, as a criminal practitioner, I am calm under pressure, confident at handling matters with relatively little notice, and have a robust sense of humour - skills which will surely come in handy at the Bar Council!

Motivation for Standing

I have loved being a part of the Bar Council as a YBC member, then Vice Chair and now Chair of that Committee. I have enjoyed being part of a group of barristers who give up their time, energy and professional skills to work to support the profession as a whole. It has been an honour and a pleasure to represent the most junior barristers and I would like to continue contributing to a profession which has given so much to me already.