

Mark Rowlands

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

About Me, My Practice and Professional Activities

I am an employed barrister working for a US law firm. I specialise in complex international disputes, with a focus on trusts and companies. I initially practised as an independent barrister with a broad practice at Thomas More Chambers, and am now based in London after having spent just over ten years in Mauritius and the British Virgin Islands.

Having returned to London after a significant period away, I am very keen to be involved in the Bar and upholding standards in legal representation and ethics. I am a volunteer advocacy and ethics tutor at Lincoln's Inn and sit on the Inn's Bar Representation Committee.

What I Can Offer the Bar Council

My career has been extremely varied, from complex international trusts and estates disputes to numerous magistrates' courts appearances; from appeals in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court to advising owners of private tropical islands on occupiers' liability. I am a state-school-educated barrister who did not attend an Oxbridge university. I am a musician who came to the Bar later in life. I think the breadth of my experiences puts me in a good position to understand, take account of, and respect the very broad range of backgrounds and personalities in our community.

Motivation for Standing

I want to contribute to the Bar as a profession and as a community. I want to work alongside peers and leaders to help ensure the Bar is resilient, representative of its members, supports growth and development of its members, creates opportunities for people from all backgrounds, reflects and recognises excellence and integrity, and is not afraid of addressing challenges head on. Having moved from the self-employed Bar to offshore practice and then to the employed Bar, I think it is important that barristers of all stripes feel connected to the profession and that they are advocated for and represented.