

Employed barrister of the year

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This award is for a barrister over 7 years practice who has demonstrated excellence in the course of their employment by making a major contribution to the work of their organisation, demonstrating a commitment to promoting the work of the Employed Bar, and through high-quality legal advice and/or advocacy.

Young employed barrister of the year

This award is for a barrister under 7 years practice who has demonstrated excellence in the course of their employment by making a major contribution to the work of their organisation, demonstrating a commitment to promoting the work of the Employed Bar, and by demonstrating that they have the skills to become a future leading barrister.

Outstanding achievement by a public service barrister

This award is for a public service barrister who has made an outstanding achievement in the course of their employment. This may be demonstrated by one or more of the following:

- High-quality legal advice;
- Providing an outstanding contribution to the work of their employer, such as in particular cases;
- A commitment to promoting the work of the Employed Bar; or
- External testimonials.

‘Public service’ includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Crown Prosecution Service;
- Government Legal Department;
- Local Government; or
- Public Defender Service.

If you are unsure whether you fall into this category, please contact the Bar Council at EBC@BarCouncil.org.uk.

Outstanding achievement by a barrister in a corporate organisation

This award is for a barrister who has made an outstanding achievement in the course of their employment at a corporate organisation. This may be demonstrated by one or more of the following:

- High-quality legal advice;
- Providing an outstanding contribution to the work of their employer, such as in particular cases;
- A commitment to promoting the work of the Employed Bar; or
- External testimonials.

Outstanding achievement by a barrister in a solicitors firm

This award is for a barrister who has made an outstanding achievement in the course of their employment at a solicitor's firm. This may be demonstrated by one or more of the following:

- High-quality legal advice;
- Providing an outstanding contribution to the work of their employer, such as in particular cases;
- A commitment to promoting the work of the Employed Bar; or
- External testimonials.

Employed advocate of the year

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This award is for an employed barrister who has demonstrated excellence in advocacy in the course of their employment.

Points for consideration will include:

- Notable cases worked on;

- Recent cases in which the barrister has acted;
- Judicial praise;
- Size and complexity of trial.

Outstanding performance by an HM forces barrister

This award is for those individuals who demonstrate outstanding performance in one or more of Categories One to Three. **Please note that each Service will be running an internal selection process to put forward nominees for this category. Individuals cannot nominate themselves for this award.**

Category One

In the delivery of legal advice in one or more of the following legal disciplines:

1. a) Operational law;
2. b) Advisory law;
3. c) Prosecutions/Defence.

Category Two

In the management of legal change, including one or more of the following:

1. a) Devising and/or implementing new legislation;
2. b) Devising and/or implementing significant policy initiatives;
3. c) Devising and/or implementing significant legal training requirements in the Armed Forces.

Category Three

In personal and professional legal development, including one or more of the following categories:

1. a) Role-specific training;
2. b) Additional academic training;

3. c) Recognition by the wider legal profession.

Exceptional Contribution to the Employed Bar

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The award is to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Employed Bar and made a substantial impact in raising its profile.

Demonstration of exceptional contribution includes, but is not limited to:

- Dedication and Collaboration: A record of consistent and continuous involvement with committees and organisations that support the work of Employed Barristers'.
- Leadership: Evidence of leading or inspiring others to join or advance their careers at the Employed Bar.