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Self-employed junior over 7 years in practice

About Me, My Practice and Professional Activities

I am a commercial barrister at Outer Temple Chambers, with a particular focus on civil fraud and asset recovery, banking and financial services, digital assets, shareholder disputes and sanctions. I appear regularly in the Commercial Court and the Chancery Division, before the DIFC and ADGM Courts, and in arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, DIAC, LMAA and ICSID Rules.

I was fortunate to receive a Major Scholarship from Inner Temple, which made studying for the Bar possible. I know first hand how much scholarships, mentoring and open access to chambers matter to whether talented people from all backgrounds reach, and stay at, the Bar. I now sit on Inner Temple scholarship interview panels, take part in advocacy training and am an accredited pupil supervisor.

Much of my work involves promoting the English Bar overseas, including through the Ministry of Justice's Legal Services are GREAT campaign in the Middle East. I speak regularly at conferences in London, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere. I have appeared in several of the leading recent cases before the DIFC and ADGM Courts, including the first UAE decision awarding wasted costs for the misuse of AI in court submissions.

What I Can Offer the Bar Council

I have first hand experience of the issues the Bar Council is grappling with: the international competitiveness of the Bar, sanctions and compliance burdens on practitioners, and the use of AI in practice and in court. I bring working relationships with the DIFC and ADGM Courts, Gulf law firms and regional bar associations on which the Council's international work can draw. I also have a record of service to the profession through Inner Temple scholarship panels, advocacy training and pupil supervision. I am used to working in teams under pressure, building consensus and delivering, and I would apply that to committee work.

Motivation for Standing

I have benefited enormously from the Bar: from the colleagues who trained me, from the collegiality of chambers, and from a profession whose reputation opens doors in every jurisdiction in which I work.

I want to give something back at a time when the Bar is dealing with real change: growing demand for English law and English counsel overseas, the impact of technology on practice, and the challenge of attracting and retaining talented people. These are issues I deal with daily. I am standing because I believe that experience will be useful to the Council, and I have the energy and commitment to serve a full term.