



Guidance for barristers

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What does BARCO mean for me and my practice?

BARCO is a unique solution that makes it easier than ever before to work with the Bar while maintaining the Bar's high quality and cost effective services. It provides UK and international clients with a trustworthy and transparent vehicle to manage their legal costs; providing increased flexibility and adaptability for the Bar.

BARCO enables the Bar to accept instructions that it may otherwise be unable to accept but for BARCO's involvement. BARCO already assists the Bar with:

- Class actions
- Disbursements and/or settlements required in Public Access, and
- Funds required in arbitration and mediation proceedings.

BARCO works with the Bar and its clients to reduce credit risk and improve flexibility whilst remaining fully compliant with the Bar's practising rules.

Appointing BARCO to provide payment services

Subject to all parties having read, understood and signed the standard BARCO Framework Agreement, all parties to the Agreement consent to appoint BARCO as the payment service provider, which is exclusively permitted to receive funds in accordance with the terms of the legal services agreement.

BARCO should receive a duly signed BARCO Framework Agreement along with the legal services agreement at least 48 hours before receiving any funds but must have it within 24 hours of receiving the funds, or they will be returned to the sender unprocessed.

All parties agree that only BARCO will provide payment services throughout the duration of the Agreement and that no payments will be made other than payments made to or by BARCO. In the event of a conflict, the terms of the standard BARCO Framework Agreement take precedence over any conflicting terms contained in any other legal services agreement between a barrister and their client.

