



To: All practising barristers

1 September 2018

### Elections for the 2019 Bar Council of England and Wales

1. Candidates are sought for the annual elections to the Bar Council, which will take place this autumn.
2. Successful candidates will join from 1 January 2019 for a three-year term, except where otherwise indicated. Those members who are due to retire from the Bar Council on 31 December 2018 are eligible for re-election.
3. Categories for elected members are fully defined in Part II, paragraphs 2(b)(viii) and (ix) of the Bar Council Constitution:
  - (viii) *39 subscribers elected by subscribers who are self-employed barristers or self-employed registered European lawyers and whom, at the date of their election, all shall be self-employed barristers or self-employed registered European lawyers, and 12 shall be Juniors who first became eligible for a full practising certificate less than 7 years before the date of their election, 21 shall be Juniors who first became eligible for a full practising certificate 7 years or more before the date of their election and 6 shall be Queen's Counsel, or self-employed registered European lawyers of equivalent seniority since registration.*
  - (ix) *15 subscribers elected by subscribers who are employed barristers or registered European lawyers in employment and of whom, at the date of their election, all shall be employed barristers or registered European lawyers in employment and 6 shall be Juniors who first became eligible for a full practising certificate less than 7 years before the date of their election, and 9 shall be Juniors who first became eligible for a full practising certificate 7 years or more before the date of their election or Queen's Counsel or registered European lawyers in employment of equivalent seniority since registration.*

4. There are vacancies in the following categories:

Self-employed Queen's Counsel	2 x full-term vacancies
Self-employed Junior Counsel over seven years in practice	7 x full-term vacancies
Self-employed Junior Counsel under seven years in practice	4 x full-term vacancies
Employed Junior Counsel over seven years in practice or Queen's Counsel	3 x full-term vacancies 1 x two-year vacancy
Employed Junior Counsel under seven years in practice	2 x full-term vacancies

5. In accordance with the Constitution, the Bar Council ensures that each category refreshes evenly each year. Last year a casual vacancy arose in the 'Employed Junior Counsel over seven years in practice or Queen's Counsel category', which is the reason for the additional two-year vacancy in that category. Please refer to paragraph 19.
6. Dual practitioners are invited to stand in the category which best represents the area in which the majority of their practice is conducted i.e. employed or self-employed.
7. The names of the present representatives whose terms of office end on 31 December 2018 are underlined in the tables below.

<b>SELF-EMPLOYED</b>		
<b>Queen's Counsel</b>	<b>Junior Counsel over 7 years in practice</b>	<b>Junior Counsel under 7 years in practice</b>
<u>Robin Allen QC</u> Nicholas Bacon QC Catherine McGahey QC Paul Mendelle QC Derek Sweeting QC <u>Nick Vineall QC</u>	Colin Andress <u>Chris Bryden</u> Sydney Chawatama Celina Colquhoun <u>Gemma de Cordova</u> <u>Tim Devlin</u> Neil Garrod Jonathan Goulding Max Hardy Daniel Sternberg <u>Shobana Iyer</u> <u>James Keeley</u>	<u>Tom Cockroft</u> Catherine Collins Anton van Dellen Katherine Duncan Richard Gibbs <u>Richard Hoyle</u> Rupert Jones <u>Athena Markides</u> <u>Francesca O'Neill</u> Francesca Perselli Michael James Polak Benjamin Seifert

	<u>Eleanor Mawrey</u> Eleena Misra Grace Ong John-Paul Swoboda Alison Padfield QC Leanne Targett-Parker Andrew Granville Stafford David Christopher Taylor <u>Jacqueline Wall</u>	
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<b>EMPLOYED</b>	
<b>Junior Counsel over 7 years in practice or Queen's Counsel</b>	<b>Junior Counsel under 7 years in practice</b>
Shelley Brownlee Michael Jennings James Kitching <u>Tom Leech QC</u> <u>Shareena Nobeen</u> Lucinda Orr <u>Richard Posner</u> Ryan Ritcher <u>Grant Warnsby</u>	<u>India Burnett</u> Katie Drummond <u>Birgitte Hagem</u> Samuel Main Efe Avan-Nomayo Charlotte Pope-Williams

### **The Role**

8. The role of each elected Bar Council member is to represent their constituency – whether that is practice area, Circuit or colleagues who have been practising for a similar amount of time – and bring their views to the Bar Council's attention for discussion and debate. Becoming an elected member of the Bar Council provides a real chance to get involved in how the Bar Council discharges its representative functions and an opportunity to represent the profession.
  
9. The Bar Council meets eight times a year (seven of the meetings are held on a Saturday morning) and all elected and representative members are expected to attend as many of these meetings as possible, but at least a minimum of four. Elected Bar Council members also serve on one or more representative committees which meet on average six to ten times a year, normally on a weekday evening. There are dial-in facilities for those who are unable to attend

committee meetings in person but, unfortunately we are unable to provide dial-in facilities for Bar Council meetings.

### **Eligibility for Nomination**

10. To be eligible a candidate must:
  - (a) hold a valid practising certificate; and
  - (b) submit a completed and signed nomination form no earlier than 09:00 on Friday 7 September 2018, and no later than 17:00 on Thursday 21 September 2018.

### **Procedure for Nomination**

11. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Bar Council Constitution, each candidate should be proposed, in writing, by one subscriber who is either a self-employed barrister or an employed barrister. "Subscriber" is defined in Part 1 of the Bar Council Constitution and includes any barrister with a current practising certificate.
12. Candidates must sign the nomination form to indicate their consent to serve if elected.
13. The nomination form should state the candidate's name exactly as it is intended to appear on the ballot paper.
14. The nomination form, duly signed by the proposer and candidate, must be delivered to the Bar Council offices no later than 17:00 on Friday 21 September 2018. It can either be delivered as a hard copy or via email (attaching a scanned copy of the signed original).
15. A nomination form is attached. Receipt of nomination forms will be acknowledged after checking validity. If, for whatever reason, prospective candidates do not receive an acknowledgement, they should contact the Bar Council before the deadline for delivery of nominations.
16. Candidates are invited to include a short statement of no more than 200 words with their nomination forms. Statements are to be in a Word format and should be emailed to [Elections@BarCouncil.org.uk](mailto:Elections@BarCouncil.org.uk). These will be circulated along with the ballot papers and will be accessible to all voters.

## Voting

17. If the number of eligible candidates proposed does not exceed the number of vacancies in each category, as specified in paragraph 3 above, such candidates shall be automatically elected.
18. If the number of eligible candidates proposed exceeds the number of vacancies in each category, a ballot paper will be issued, to be filled in and signed by each elector. Ballot papers will be sent out by the Bar Council no later than Friday 5 October 2018 and must be returned no later than 10.00 on Friday 19 October 2018. The elections will be conducted by single transferable vote (STV) and the results of the elections will be announced by listing candidates in the order of voter preference.

## Term of membership

19. Those elected will take office on 1 January 2019 and will retire after three years service, with the exception of those specifically elected for a shorter period. Where a shorter term is indicated for a post, the successful candidate with the least number of votes in the relevant category will be appointed for the shorter term.

## Bar Council Constitution

20. You can read more about the election process in the Bar Council Constitution [here](#).

## Election Timetable

21. The complete timetable for the election is as follows:

09:00 Friday 7 September 2018	Start time for submission of nominations for the election of members (Rule 8).
17:00 Friday 21 September 2018	Deadline for submission of nominations for the election of members (Rule 8).
By Tuesday 25 September 2018	List of candidates published (Rule 10).
By Friday 5 October 2018	Ballot papers posted to all subscribers (Rule 11).
Friday 19 October 2018, 10:00	Deadline for receipt of completed ballot papers (Rule 13).

As soon as practicable	Email newly elected members and those not elected.
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22. The Bar Council is keen to ensure that Bar Council members reflect the diversity of our profession and would like to encourage all eligible members of the Bar to consider standing for election.

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