

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

BACFI is a professional body dedicated to the interests of employed and unregistered barristers. As a recognised Specialist Bar Association, we are respected and listened to by the Bar's governing bodies, yet completely independent of the Bar Council.

Information about BACFI, including a calendar of events and copies of our responses to Consultation papers can be found on our website; [www.bacfi.org](http://www.bacfi.org) Alternatively contact the administrator at the address below.

If you are a barrister working in-house, if you are considering moving from self employed practice, or even if you have retired from practice altogether, BACFI can provide you with professional support and contacts and a friendly environment to enable you to keep in touch with legal issues and other colleagues at the Bar.

## **HOW TO JOIN BACFI**

Complete the application form attached and mail to:

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Or visit our web site: [www.bacfi.org](http://www.bacfi.org)



## ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

BACFI was established in 1965 to promote the interests of barristers working in-house or providing legal services outside chambers.

## OUR MEMBERS

BACFI members can be found in varied roles in many types of organisation. We have members in all sectors of commerce, finance and industry as well as the Government Legal Service and Solicitors' firms.

Many members are General Counsel or work in-house in legal departments, others have moved into general management or company secretarial roles. Some of our members are QCs. This wide range makes for a diverse and stimulating mix of interests with excellent opportunities for networking.

Membership of BACFI is also open to self-employed barristers in chambers. For those considering a career outside chambers, BACFI membership offers opportunities to explore career possibilities before making a move. Associate membership is also open to in-house Solicitors.

## BACFI'S OBJECTIVES

BACFI is committed to excellence in the delivery of legal services in the 21st century. The Association's objectives include:

- **Representation of Members' Interests**

Although a great deal has already been achieved to promote the interests of the employed branch of our profession, BACFI will continue to ensure that the employed bar is recognised and its voice heard by the Bar Standards Board, the Bar Council and the Legal Services Board. BACFI has several elected and nominated members on the General Council of the Bar and is represented on its Employed Bar Committee, the General Management Committee and the other relevant committees.

BACFI liaises closely with the Bar Standards Board on regulatory matters. Through its Professional Issues committee, BACFI ensures that all key developments and consultations are monitored and Responses are made where appropriate.

- **Career Development**

BACFI fosters career development outside chambers and provides opportunities for continuing professional development for its members. We can offer informal advice to members on career or professional problems and advertise members' vacancies.

- **Networking**

BACFI hosts social functions which provide a unique forum for barristers in business to discuss common interests and professional issues. These provide an excellent opportunity for members to entertain guests.

- **Training and Events**

We organise regular training events relevant to practice at the Employed Bar. BACFI's flagship event is the Annual Denning Lecture, held in honour of the late Lord Denning who was one of our first speakers. It is an established part of the legal calendar and widely attended by members and non-members.

## GOVERNANCE

The Association is governed by a General Committee, whose chairman and members are elected. BACFI sub-committees cover Events, and Professional Issues. Any member who has the time and energy to help with BACFI activities is most welcome to join one of these sub-committees or to stand for election to the General Committee.

