

Tender for Bar Council International Practice Rights Project Plan

The Bar Council of England and Wales will commence, from **January 2021**, a two-year project, sponsored by the Ministry of Justice, to expand barristers' practice rights internationally through the development of Memoranda of Understanding and Mutual Recognition Agreements with legal regulators abroad. The aim is to facilitate simplified access to overseas legal professional titles and to rights of audience in local and international courts.

We are seeking contractors who would deliver a project plan which will enable the Bar Council to conclude such agreements in a number of priority jurisdictions. This plan will in effect be a manual which is expected to contain:

- Measures to be taken during the implementation phase;
- Timelines and expertise required;
- Authorities/organisations to be engaged in target jurisdictions, including the cost and effort of any accompanying measures (for example, skills transfer measures to incentivise market access, or seminars in relation to court access for barristers); and
- A Resourcing Plan which recommends the best means of resourcing the activities to deliver during the implementation phase.

The contract is expected to be awarded by **22 February 2021** and contractors would be expected to deliver the plan by **30 April 2021**.

Interested parties can receive the tendering information on request by emailing tenderresponses@barcouncil.org.uk

The deadline for the receipt of tenders is **10.00 on 29 January 2021**.

