

BAR STANDARDS BOARD

REGULATING BARRISTERS

The Bar Standards Board (BSB), the independent regulatory body for barristers in England and Wales, is seeking:

- **Members of the Advisory Pool of Experts**
- **Members of Review Panels**

We regulate barristers and their professional practice and specialised legal services businesses in England and Wales in the public interest. We are responsible for specifying education and training requirements, setting standards, authorising organisations, monitoring the service provided, and handling complaints.

Barristers work at the heart of our justice system so our mission is fundamentally important to the maintenance of the rule of law. It is an exciting time at the organisation as we embark on a new strategy to continue to regulate in the public interest, support those we regulate to face the future, and ensure there is a strong and sustainable regulator for the Bar.

We are in the process of reforming our governance structure. Our next phase of reform will require people to work with us in two new ways.

1. Advisory Pool of Experts

We have recently set up an Advisory Pool of Experts to advise us on policy issues. We now wish to extend this Pool to include experts able to provide specialist advice on applications from individuals seeking a range of authorisations and waivers relating to qualification and practice as a barrister.

We hope to engage approximately six experts who will, between them, be able to cover the following areas of expertise:

- The teaching of the foundation of law subjects on a Qualifying Law Degree or Graduate Diploma in Law
- Teaching on the Bar Professional Training Course
- Provision of pupillage
- Advocacy training
- Supplying legal services to the public either as a barrister or authorised by another approved regulator
- EU Law, particularly with regard to mutual recognition of qualifications
- Equality legislation

We welcome applications from anybody who has expertise in at least one of these areas, whether as a qualified lawyer or otherwise.

2. Review Panels

Under our new governance structure, applications for review of decisions on authorisations and waivers will be considered by a review panel. We are therefore seeking individuals with sound judgement and decision-making skills, the ability to understand and apply regulations and guidelines and knowledge of either higher education or qualification and practice as a barrister to sit as members of these panels. Each panel will consist of one practising barrister and two lay people. We hope to engage a total of three barristers and five lay panellists.

Terms

Members of both the Advisory Pool of Experts and Review Panels will enter into an agreement for services with the BSB, and will not be employed by us. The agreements will not guarantee a particular level of work, but will be for up to 10 days' worth of time per year. Our day and half day rates are: £308 per day and £154 per half-day, plus expenses as permitted by our expenses policy.

How to Apply

For more information, please visit our website: www.barstandardsboard.org.uk

Please send the following to panelrecruitment@barstandardsboard.org.uk

- A letter setting out how you meet the required competencies
- CV
- Completed Supporting Details form
- Completed Equality & Diversity monitoring (optional)

If you have any queries, please contact Ruth Beaumont, Operations Administrator, in the first instance: rbeaumont@barstandardsboard.org.uk

Closing date: 9:00 am on Monday 22 May 2017

Interviews will take place in London in the week commencing 19 June 2017.

The BSB aims to recruit talented candidates and values diversity in background, skills and experience. We are committed to providing equality of opportunity for all applicants irrespective of race, sex, disability, age, religion or belief, sexual orientation, maternity or pregnancy, marital or civil partnership status or gender re-assignment.