

Role Description: Member of Bar Standards Board Advisory Pool of Experts

Purpose of Role: To provide expert advice to support decision-making by the Bar Standards Board (“BSB”).

Responsibilities:

- To provide advice, in relation to (a) designated area(s) of expertise, to BSB staff making decisions on a range of applications made for waiver from or authorisation under provisions of the BSB Handbook.
- To ensure that such advice is clear, comprehensive, accurate and supplied within agreed timescales.
- To declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- To ensure the confidentiality of any information supplied by the BSB on individual applications.
- To undertake any training required by the BSB.

Competencies

- Expert knowledge/experience of one or more of the following:
 - 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
- Ability to apply knowledge to a variety of different situations
- Ability to communicate technical and complex information clearly and concisely
- Commitment to providing high quality professional advice within agreed timescales
- Ability to understand and to apply regulations and guidelines
- Integrity and impartiality
- Commitment to equality and diversity

Eligibility

- Open to both those who are qualified as barristers and those who are not.

- In order to preserve the independence of the BSB from the representative side of the Bar Council, no candidates may have a close relationship with the Bar Council, eg as a member of a Bar Council representative committee or working group or as an advisor to the Bar Council.