

Role Description: Member of Bar Standards Board Review Panel

Purpose of Role: To ensure that all applications for review made under the Bar Standards Board Handbook are determined fairly, efficiently and effectively, in accordance with relevant regulations and guidelines.

Responsibilities:

- To sit as one of three members of a Bar Standards Board Review Panel around 3-5 times per year, including as Chair where required
- As part of such a Panel, to take decisions on applications made to the Bar Standards Board for review of regulatory decisions relating to, inter alia, qualification and practice as a barrister, membership of an Inn of Court, the issue of a practising certificate and authorisation or licence as a BSB authorised body
- To read thoroughly all applications, supporting documentation and relevant regulations and guidelines ahead of Panel meetings
- To declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest
- To ensure the confidentiality of all information supplied in applications
- To make a full contribution to the Panel's discussions of applications and to the determination of decisions on applications
- To accept collective responsibility for decisions of the Panel
- To undertake any required follow-up action, such as approval of decision letters
- To undertake any training required by the BSB.

Competencies

- Ability to understand and to apply regulations and guidelines
- Sound judgement and decision making skills
- Ability to work as part of a team, both contributing robustly to discussions and listening to the views of others, in order to reach a consensus decision
- Integrity and impartiality
- Commitment to equality and diversity
- Knowledge/experience of higher education and/or qualification and practice as a barrister

Eligibility

- We expect to recruit three practising barristers and five lay panellists.
- The barrister members must hold a current practising certificate issued by the BSB

- The lay panellists must meet the definition of a “lay person” as defined by the Legal Services Act, ie they must never have been authorised to supply legal services by an approved regulator (eg as a barrister, solicitor, legal executive etc) or have been a Scottish solicitor or advocate or a Northern Irish solicitor or barrister
- 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.