Glossary

**Authorised individuals**
Individuals authorised by the Bar Standards Board to carry out reserved legal activities including: a) practising barristers; b) second six pupils; and c) registered European lawyers.

**Balance of probabilities**
It is considered 'more likely than not' that there has been a breach of the BSB Handbook.

**Bar Council**
The Bar Council represents barristers in England and Wales.

**Bodies (entities)**
Companies or partnerships authorised by the BSB that to provide advocacy, litigation, and expert legal advice services.

**Deferred Sentence**
A sentence which will only be activated if the respondent commits professional misconduct during the period of deferral.

**Disbar**
Expel (a barrister) from the Bar, so that they no longer have the right to practise law.

**Handbook**
Refers to the 'BSB Handbook' which sets out the standards that the Bar Standards Board requires persons it regulates to comply with in order for it to be able to meet its regulatory objectives.

**Joinder provision**
Formal power for a Tribunal to join and hear cases or matters together.

**Judicial review**
A type of court proceeding in which a judge reviews the lawfulness of a decision or action made by a public body.

**Litigants in person**
An individual, company or organisation that is not represented in court by a solicitor or barrister, but represents themselves.
Professional misconduct
Professional Misconduct is a breach of the BSB Handbook which is not appropriate for disposal by way of no further action or the imposition of administrative sanctions.

Standard of proof
The standard to which the BSB is required to prove its case (that is, ‘beyond reasonable doubt’).

Unregistered barrister
An individual who does not hold a practising certificate but who has been called to the Bar.