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**Application for Call to the Bar**

Please note that this declaration does not guarantee you a place on a certain Call. Registration for the Call Days will continue to be updated on [our website](https://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk/student-members/call-to-the-bar/).

Please post your hardcopy to the Inn using the address label at the end of the form. This label should be attached to the envelope. Each signed form will remain valid for a period of 12 months from the signature date.

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| Forenames in full: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Surname: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Name format if not standard western format\*:  | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Required: Please write out how your full name is pronounced (eg. An-drew / Mo-ham-med / Sas-key-a) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Mobile number: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email address: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Bar Course Provider: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Bar Course academic year: |  Click or tap here to enter text.  | Bar course result: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Degree(s) obtained (please give type i.e. LLB, BA and University): | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Please note that qualifying sessions are only valid for 5 years prior to the date of your Call to the Bar. If you completed any sessions more than 5 years before the call you are applying for, they will be stale and you will have to replace them. If in doubt, contact the office to check. |

\* This will be how your name will appear on your certificate

Please see [www.lincolnsinn.org.uk/student-members/call-to-the-bar/](http://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk/student-members/call-to-the-bar/) for details of the deadlines for submitting your Call Declaration to the Inn. We require the original forms. Please ensure you inform us of any changes to your contact details.

**Criminal Records Checks for Call to the Bar**

**Overview**

From the Call to the Bar in July 2021, the Bar Standards Board requires that all those applying for Call undergo a Standard UK Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) criminal record check. Additionally, those who have resided in a country / countries outside of the UK for 12 months or more, at any point during the 5 years preceding their application for Call, will need to undergo the equivalent international criminal record check/s.

The criminal records check/s form part of the Fit and Proper Person checks required prior to Call to the Bar; further information regarding these checks can be found [on the Bar Standards Board website](https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/training-qualification/becoming-a-barrister/joining-an-inn/info-for-students-fit-and-proper-person-checks.html).

The Inns have engaged an experienced external company, Due Diligence Checking Ltd (DDC), to administer the process of obtaining the necessary checks.  We are confident that this will ensure the process is as straightforward and quick as possible for you.

**Costs**

The Inns will cover the cost of the administration fee and only the actual costs associated with the checks will be passed onto the applicant.

You will need to pay for the cost of the Standard DBS check at £23.00. Additional costs for the following might also be applicable:

* the cost for the relevant international check/s
* the cost for translation, if the criminal record report is produced in a language other than English
* the cost for identification (ID) verification via a video call
* the cost of postage or courier of documentation,if ID verification via video call

To view the full information regarding Criminal Records Checks ahead of Call to the Bar, please refer to <https://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Information-for-Applicants-Call-and-Criminal-Records-Checks.docx>

To view the Inn’s policies, please visit <https://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk/policies/>



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**Call Declaration**

The purpose of this declaration is to ensure you have understood the regulations and requirements for becoming a practising barrister in England and Wales. You must be honest in this declaration and disclose the information requested.

Please refer to the BSB website which has information for students when completing this declaration.

**What information is asked?**

The questions on this declaration are being asked to ensure that you can uphold the Core Duties which underpin the behaviour expected of barristers. These Core Duties are set by the Bar Standards Board. In deciding that someone can uphold the Core Duties consideration is given to whether they are fit and proper. **Disclosures will not automatically result in an application being refused.** To make that fit and proper consideration, information relating to past or ongoing matters from the following categories is requested:

Criminal Offences;

Academic History;

Regulatory history; and

Other behaviour.

**How will my information be handled?**

Your data will be processed in accordance with the Inn’s data protection policy for the administration of its membership records and to achieve its obligations as set out in a Memorandum of Understanding agreed with the Bar Standards Board, Council of the Inns of Court and other Inns of Court. If you would like more information on the legal basis for the processing of your information, please contact the Inn.

**What should I do if I want help in completing my Call Declaration?**

We are committed to ensuring that everybody finds it easy to communicate with us and to complete this Declaration. We will make reasonable adjustments so that people with disabilities find it easy to complete any forms relating to their Call and any ongoing matters related to their membership. If you require this form in a different format, please contact the Inn.

If there are any questions about which you are unclear, and before making any disclosures, please refer to the [BSB website](https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/) which has information for students.

You must answer every question in this declaration and provide any information marked with an asterisk.

**Personal details**

Inn Membership Number\* Click or tap here to enter text.

Last name\* Click or tap here to enter text.

First name\* Click or tap here to enter text.

Middle name(s)\* Click or tap here to enter text.

Title (Mr, Mrs etc.)\* Click or tap here to enter text.

MyBar Number (if known) Click or tap here to enter text.

*(MyBar number applies to Transferring Lawyers etc only)*

Please use the area below to let us know if any changes to the above personal details since you made your declaration when admitted to the Inn.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Fit and proper person checks**

In order to be Called to the Bar, a person must be a fit and proper person to become a practising barrister. The following information will be used by the Inn in determining your fitness to become a barrister.

The Bar Standards Board requires that a criminal record check be undertaken for all those being Called to the Bar from 1st July 2021. If you would like more information about the legal basis for this, please refer to the information for student on the BSB website.

All applicants for the Call ceremonies occurring after 1st July 2021 (or those seeking re-admission to the Bar from that date) must undertake a ‘Standard’ Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and the international equivalents, where applicable. The Inn will use the resulting certificate to help it to determine whether you are a fit and proper person to become a practising barrister.

If your criminal record certificate contains details of convictions, cautions or final warnings which were considered by the Inn at the point of admission, they will not be considered again unless there is a change in the facts or circumstances which would materially change the outcome. If the certificate reveals convictions, cautions or final warnings which were not considered at the point of admission, the Inn will use these to assess whether you are a fit and proper person to become a practising barrister.

Before answering the following questions, please note that **matters which were disclosed to the Inn at the point of admission do not need to be disclosed on this declaration unless there have been developments of which the Inn is unaware.**

Question 1 – Do you have any spent or unspent convictions, cautions, or final warnings in the UK, or any other country, save those which are ‘protected’ by law?

Before answering this, please read the information for students on criminal records disclosures on the Bar Standards Board website. Note you are **not expected to disclose any criminal convictions or cautions that would be ‘protected’ by law or ‘filtered’** by the Disclosure and Barring Service. If you are still unsure if a matter is protected, please contact the relevant officer at the Inn.

**YES / NO**

If you have answered ‘yes’, use the space below to provide any relevant details.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 2 – Are you, or have you ever been, subject to any investigations or proceedings by a higher education institution? This includes any current or pending academic or misconduct complaints, proceedings or actions and/or previous investigations or proceedings where the complaint has been upheld. There is no requirement to declare matters where there has been an investigation and the complaint was not upheld.

**YES / NO**

If you have answered ‘yes’, use the space below to provide any relevant details.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3 – Are you, or have you ever been, subject to any investigations or proceedings by a professional or regulatory body? This includes any current or pending complaints, proceedings or actions and/or previous investigations or proceedings where the complaint has been upheld. There is no requirement to declare matters where there has been an investigation and the complaint was not upheld.

**YES / NO**

If you have answered ‘yes’, use the space below to provide any relevant details.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 4 – Do you have, or have you ever had, a condition (including an addiction to drugs or alcohol) which means you may pose a risk to any member of the public or which may impair your judgment as a practising barrister?

**YES / NO**

If you have answered ‘yes’, use the space below to provide the relevant details.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 5 – Are you, or have you ever been, the subject of an arrangement with a creditor or entered into an individual voluntary arrangement with creditors? An arrangement includes but is not limited to the following: bankruptcy order[[1]](#footnote-1), debt relief order[[2]](#footnote-2), or directors disqualification order[[3]](#footnote-3).

**YES / NO**

If you have answered ‘yes’, use the space below to provide the relevant details.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 6 – Are there any other matters which might reasonably be thought to call into question your fitness to become a practising barrister? This includes but is not limited to civil injunctions or criminal orders.

Note you are **not expected to disclose any criminal convictions or cautions that would be ‘protected’ by law or ‘filtered’** by the Disclosure and Barring Service. If you are still unsure if a matter is protected or filtered, please contact the relevant officer at the Inn.

**YES / NO**

If you have answered ‘yes’, use the space below to provide the relevant details and attach any supporting documents.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**By signing this declaration:**

1. I confirm that I have read the supporting information for students on the BSB website before completing this declaration; and
2. I confirm that I will comply with the Inn’s process for administering Standard DBS checks (and the international equivalent if appropriate); and
3. I confirm that the information contained in this declaration and any other information provided as part of my application for being Called to the Bar is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
4. I confirm that the declaration (and any other information provided in support of that application for membership) provided at the time of my admission to the Inn remains true, save for where I have informed the Inn otherwise; and
5. I confirm that, should any information within this declaration change prior to being Called to the Bar, I will notify my Inn; and
6. I understand that if this declaration or any other information in support of my application for being Called to the Bar is found to have been false in any material respect, or if I breach any undertaking given in it in any material respect, then that will constitute professional misconduct and a breach of the Bar Standards Board Handbook; and
7. I confirm that once I am Called to the Bar and for as long as I remain a barrister, I will comply with the Bar Standards Board Handbook or any equivalent publications that replace it.

Date ………………………………………….

Signature ………………………………………….

 (signed in pen)

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IN THE BOXES BELOW. Please leave the CD there

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**Attn: Registrar and Call**

**The Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn**

**The Treasury Office**

**Lincoln’s Inn**

**London**

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**UNITED KINGDOM**

1. A “bankruptcy order” includes a bankruptcy order made pursuant to the Insolvency Act 1986 and any similar order made in any jurisdiction in the world. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For this purpose, a “debt relief order” includes a debt relief order made pursuant to the Insolvency Act 1986 and any similar order made in any jurisdiction in the world. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 3 A “directors disqualification order” includes a disqualification order made by a court, or disqualification undertaking accepted by the secretary of state, pursuant to the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 and any similar order or undertaking made or given in any jurisdiction in the world. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)