



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

2022 Elections for the Bar Representation Committee of Lincoln's Inn

Member of 7 years call and under with a current practising certificate in England and Wales

Qaseem Ahmed



Year Of Call

2018

Practice

12 Old Square Chambers: Immigration, Asylum and Crime

A) Why do you want to be a member of the Bar Representation Committee?

Prior to joining the bar I practised in various solicitor firms in the field of immigration and asylum law. I have undertaken extensive pro bono work both domestically and internationally with in relation to refugees, in collaboration with NGO's and minority religious communities. I intend to bring a different perspective to the Bar Representation Committee, building on my experiences with vulnerable clients. The fact that I joined the bar at a maturer age than most will also bring a different perspective.

B) What skills and experience, acquired within the Inn or externally, do you feel you would bring to the role?

Through my pro bono advisory work and representation I have developed efficiency

and good communication across the areas of my practice. I intend to work closely with the Inn to enhance the experience of students, graduates and junior members of the bar to ensure they get the most out of the vast services the Inn has to offer, as well as the profession as a whole. Diversity is increasingly recognised as an asset to the profession, and I hope to work closely with the BRC to develop opportunities for those from underrepresented sections of British society to showcase their talents.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Isabelle Haddad



Year Of Call

2019

Practice

I am a pupil barrister at 9 St John Street in Manchester.

A)Why do you want to be a member of the Bar Representation Committee?

I have gained immensely from the Inn and want to give back, making the Inn even more effective in supporting its members. I will represent all members but as a pupil barrister I particularly understand the issues and challenges facing junior members of Hall. I aim to develop virtual and satellite events to make the Inn more accessible to members who don't reside in London.

B)What skills and experience, acquired within the Inn or externally, do you feel you would bring to the role?

I am well organised and hardworking. The experience I gained as President of the Queen Mary University Bar Society will assist me in organising social and professional development events for Inn members.

I am committed to improving life at the Bar. I recently met my local MP to lobby for the changes sought by the Criminal Bar Association regarding barristers' work and pay. My MP has sought a further meeting for myself and representatives from my chambers with the Minister of Justice.

I will be undertaking a placement at the International Criminal Court as part of a scholarship awarded by the Inn. I will endeavour to represent the Inn to the highest standard and seek out opportunities to raise the Inn's profile.

I am committed to representing your views and would welcome your support.

Committee Status

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Muhammad Navid Akhtar Hamid



Year Of Call

2019

Practice

Self-employed barrister practising from Chambers in London and Taunton.

A)Why do you want to be a member of the Bar Representation Committee?

The life of Inn plays a very important role and provides a great deal of learning throughout our legal career. I am based in South West of England and strongly feel that members of outside London are at a disadvantage due to distance and do not avail full benefits of the Inn. They miss on educational and developmental activities as well as usage of library. I would like to be voice of those members and seek their support.

Representing members of Inn would also be an opportunity to pay back positively.

B)What skills and experience, acquired within the Inn or externally, do you feel you would bring to the role?

Being a junior member of the Bar I have a first hand knowledge of pre and post pupillage challenges. Having come from a non-legal background in my late 30s and with family commitments, I understand and recognise the needs of those members who are in similar positions and keen to emphasise on their issues.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Anthony James



Year Of Call

2021

Practice

Self-employed Criminal and Regulatory Barrister at Mountford Chambers, London since January 2022.

A)Why do you want to be a member of the Bar Representation Committee?

As a junior member of the Inn, I see this as an ideal opportunity to use my experiences as a recent student and pupil to ensure the Junior Bar has the strongest possible voice on the BRC.

B)What skills and experience, acquired within the Inn or externally, do you feel you would bring to the role?

Being a student member in 2019/20, I have a fresh insight into the Inn's educational offering. I also debated in Hall and won the inter-provider moot.

Since beginning pupillage in October 2020, I have continued to put as much time and effort into the Inn as possible. I have volunteered as a tutor for the debating club, a mentor for students and a speaker at various Inn events. I was also a resident of the Inn in my pupillage year. This has given me a real understanding of the Inn's culture and more importantly the needs of members, which is critically important when making decisions on the Inn's management.

Outside of the Inn, I have experience of working on committees, having been president of my University's bar society.

As a member of the BRC, I would continue to be a cheerful face around the Inn (despite my photo!) and always willing to chat with and listen to anyone, particularly in the MCR.

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