



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

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

Member with no current practicing certificate in England and Wales

Md Shanjid Affan



Year Of Call

2017

Practice

I was called to the Bar of England and Wales in November 2017 having completed my LLB (Hons) from the University of London and Bar Professional Training Course from BPP University, Birmingham. I have also obtained my LLM in International Business Law from the BPP University, London, Foundation in Social science and Humanities and in International Relations and Politics from the Queen Mary University of London and also completed the ADR-ODR International program as an International Civil-Commercial Accredited Mediator.

I am currently practicing in Bangladesh upon being enrolled with the Bangladesh Bar Council and as an Associate of a reputed law firm in Dhaka, Bangladesh namely, Tanjib Alam & Associates. My area of practice includes commercial litigation, cross-border financial transactions, admiralty, and international trade.

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

As a Candidate for the Bar Representation Committee 2022, my prime objective is to

put forward the significance and interests of the members of the Inn as well as the barristers practicing overseas having no practicing certificate in England and Wales. As a member of the BRC, I would look forward to unifying all members of the Inn and promoting diversity within the Inn. I am committed to working closely with the Inn as a BRC member and play a fundamental role in endorsing sponsorships, funds, mentorship, online library access, and continuing professional development for the members of the Inn

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

As a young practitioner, I understand the hurdle that young members of the Inn face in their initial stage of practice. During the initial years, I experienced challenges that if guided properly could greatly enrich my learning curve. I have closely observed the areas that need special attention by the BRC that can immensely assist young members in their legal careers. Therefore, it is my firm belief that I, as a member of the Bar Representation Committee, can play an imperative role in promoting guidance to the young members of the Inn and introducing effective programs for continuing professional growth

Committee Status

Seeking Re-election

Muhammad Shafiq Ahmed



Year Of Call

26th July 2022

Practice

I am practicing professional lawyer. About 15 years of Post-Qualified Experience Law Practice to work with a rich experience of Trial and Appellate Work in Faisalabad Pakistan. I have developed myself into a highly skilled professional who can see a legal issue from the perspective of both the client and lawyers.

With sound understanding of legal philosophy and legal structure and current legal trend as well as commercial and management concern. I am skilled in finding a commercially viable solution to a problem through creative thinking, negotiation,

mediation and Alternate dispute resolution I like to work individually as well as within a team and can work under pressure. I am also patient, well organized, and able to meet deadlines. I've sense of responsibility with strong leadership qualities and quite flexible. I can undertake difficult mandates and meet tight deadlines. Personal qualities including rigorous positive, good problem solver, autonomous and adaptable.

My Field of Practice is as following,

Civil Litigation Criminal Litigation, Banking, Tax Law, immigration law, Commercial Law including Commercial Arbitration.

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

I'm keen interested to serve my inn because it is the tower of inspiration for me. I found this is a great opportunity for me to serve my Court of Inn through my humble services which also give me a great chance to learn from other members at inn. I think I should take this opportunity to pay my due contribution to the inn.

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

In my opinion to play any good role for the betterment of any organization you should be a good administrator, critical thinker and capable of meeting deadlines. As i have been teaching as a Visiting Lecturer in GC University Faisalabad for last four years. My working relationship with the whole law faculty was excellent. I remember we arranged and big law Conference on the topic of " Separation of Powers" at resource center Murree where we had invited Federal Law secretaries and Honorable Justices of the High Courts. I was given the task to manage students discipline and to receive the Honorable guests which was immense pressure on me but by the grace of God i had done it smoothly. I was awarded with the Shield of honor for my best services.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Md Zahid Hasan Akhand



Year Of Call

2022

Practice

Non-practising barrister based in the London.

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

As a representative from the ethnic minority commonwealth community, I can add the view to build up our Inn more helpful for all types of members. On the other hand, I had the experience of working in a commonwealth country jurisdiction as well as I am now working as a non-practice Barrister in London which gives me the floor to learn and add from the out of box community. During my student life, I work in different charities and host different events. I can add the experience to make our Inn more active and more helpful for the current, previous, and student .

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

Negotiations is one of my strongest asset. Delegating task internally or externally. As I come from one of the most populous city in the world Dhaka. The city itself is challenging. There I gave birth to a charity organization named as House of Youth Dialogue (HYD). Which trains the youth on leadership, diplomacy, public speaking and negotiation skill. This organization is active in U.K as well now operating in 5 other countries. I personally have hosted 50 plus conferences for the youth.Which gave me an expertise as an organizer to deal with any kind of calamity.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Datin Shalini Amerasinghe Ganendra

**Year Of Call**

1988

Practice

Currently not practising. Based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with frequent presence in UK. Chevening Fellow at Oxford University.

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

To participate in extending global presence of the Inn. The importance of global

presence for any organisation, requires effective representation through formidable ambassadors, who are connectors and influencers through reputation, record and energy. Such influence should be multi-disciplinary, going beyond the legal spheres to encompass meaningful contribution to the effectiveness and branding of the Inn, to garner beneficial results that include quality recruitment and presence.

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

Having practised for several years (on Wall Street and then as a General Counsel) and thereafter, pivoting into the broader cultural sphere with entrepreneurial projects and community programming, I have a deep understanding of influence and impression, made through persons and projects.

I have advised the Malaysian government; been a Member of the Tate Gallery Acquisitions Committee (SAAC), served as President, Oxford & Cambridge Society Malaysia; published; and benefitted from visiting positions at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. This diverse but connected portfolio continues to inform me on what is needed to optimise committee functions and contribute personal, value-added results.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Javaid Dars



Year Of Call

2022

Practice

I practice the civil, commercial and family laws by actively representing my clients in the High Court and subordinate courts thereunder in the jurisdiction of Pakistan.

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

While practicing laws in the jurisdiction of Pakistan, I noticed that there were many other fellow members of Lincoln's Inn who have deep rooted professional ties with local bar but little is heard about their post call contributions to the Lincoln's Inn program and vision or vice versa. This is the reason that I want to become the member of the Bar representative committee where I can promote and foster the

active ties between the Lincoln's Inn and the post call members with no current certificate to practice in England and Wales; and that a greater cooperation as a global legal fraternity may be promoted among members to uphold the democratic principles and rule of Law.

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

After graduating in Law and call to the Bar, over a five years experience is earned of practicing laws in the jurisdiction of High Court in Pakistan. After call, I studied Human Rights laws, as well as Taxation laws for a specialised practice with the updated knowledge and professional integrity. As a member in Bar representative committee, I will be sharing my experience and considerations about practicing laws in the commonwealth jurisdiction out of the England and Wales.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Osman Gani



Year Of Call

2019

Practice

Asylum and Immigration

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

I want to be member of the Bar committee to believe that Lincoln Inn believes the diversity as majority of the students from the Asia based and I want to share my experience within the students.

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

I am working as asylum and immigration specialist at legit Solicitors which I want to share the students and how to approach the negligent law or tort law in developing countries. I want to work for more diverse environments within the Inn .

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Leo Graves



Year Of Call

2021

Practice

Barrister without practising certificate (Paralegal), Family Law, based in London.

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

I am running for Bar Rep to be a voice for both domestic and international members of Lincoln's Inn. I want to help shape the Inn for the current and future members, regardless of practising status.

As part of Bar Rep, I want to continue to support this Honourable Society and our community in a more direct role - attending (almost) every event is not quite enough.

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

I currently sit on the Chapel Committee and the Junior Members Sub-Committee. During my Bar Course, I was one of the Debating Secretaries and assisted on the Lincoln's Inn Student Association.

To Bar Rep, I will bring boundless enthusiasm and endless patience. I will also bring the skills I gained from my university's Latin, Ballroom and Salsa Society (both committee- and dance-based) where I held the positions of Salsa Team Captain and Salsa Lessons Officer, consecutively.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Yasser Latif Hamdani



Year Of Call

2020

Practice

I am an advocate of the High Courts of Pakistan with 15 years of practising experience both at the self employed and the employed bars. My practice areas include constitutional law, commercial law, telecommunication law, IP law, Aviation law and human rights law

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

I want to become a member of the Bar Representation Committee because I work at the intersection of law, human rights and history and I would like to develop these themes at the BRC vis a vis the Inn's vast global membership. One of the key themes I would like to explore is the contribution of the Inn's global membership to politics, social causes, human rights and activism (especially in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean) and to accord it due recognition at the Inn. Furthermore the Inn's magnificent historical heritage and diversity from Sir Thomas More down to Cornelia Sorabji, Mookerjee and Jinnah deserves to be highlighted for future members as a matter of great pride for all members.

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

I believe I can bring to the Bar Representation Committee a unique perspective of a constitutional lawyer and author/biographer/historian who is interested in Lincoln's Inn's contribution not just to the bar of England and Wales but the world at large. Other than having been involved in leading freedom of expression cases in Pakistan, I am also an author of a book on Jinnah, one of Lincoln's Inn's most famous members, which is now available in the Lincoln's Inn library.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Mun Imu Rahman Khan



Year Of Call

2010

Practice

Dual qualified lawyer. Practicing as an Advocate & Barrister of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, and also as a Registered Foreign Lawyer of SRA in the UK.

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

There are thousands of Barristers (with non practicing licence) in my community/ country yet they are successfully pursuing their legal career as counsel in their respective jurisdictions. I believe there would be member candidates from amongst the practicing Barristers, whereas I aim to be a member representative for those who are not practicing in the England and Wales but in the legal professions after being published as a barrister of this honourable society. So I want to be their representative and would be committed to my role.

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

I am a regular practitioner at the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and a member of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA). I am significantly involved with the activities under taken for the esteemed members of the SCBA since 2015. Additionally, I had the privilege to become a member of Bangladesh Bar Council, Dhaka Bar Association, Dhaka Taxes Bar Association and Barristers' association of Bangladesh. Being one of the active member of these esteemed associations and the experiences I could achieve from those platforms, I now believe I would be able to contribute to this platform, if elected.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Barrister Rana Tajuddin Khan



Year Of Call

2019

Practice

At present I am living in Bangladesh. I am practicing as a Junior of Advocate Mosarraf Hossain Kajol & Associates

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

I want to be a member of the Bar Representation Committee to represent our Barristers. In Bangladesh we have more than two hundred barristers. When we were in London, we used to regularly attend Lincoln's Inn's Dinner and we learnt too many things from there. But after Call to the Bar we returned in our home country and we do not have any contacts with either Lincoln's Inn or UK Barristers. So through Bar Representation Committee I want to communicate with all other barristers to develop our knowledge, skills and experiences.

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

If I become a member of Representation Committee then Firstly, I would communicate with all the barristers, Secondly, I would unite them to make a strong Barrister's Community on behalf of Lincoln's Inn. Thirdly, we would regularly arrange online and offline seminars and conferences to exchange our Legal Experiences so that we can develop our skills and relationship with other Barristers.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Dr Phebe Mann



Year Of Call

2020

Practice

Upper Tribunal Administrative Appeals Chamber (Transport Jurisdiction) Specialist Member

First Tier Tribunal General Regulatory Chamber (Transport, Estates Agent & Information Rights Jurisdiction) Specialist Member

Agricultural Land Tribunal (Wales) Specialist Member

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

I am passionate in becoming a member of the Bar Representation Committee to be a voice for those who are under-represented. I am a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and an accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator with an interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution. In recognition of my excellent contribution to education and construction law I was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by Bradford College. I have a particular interest in the education and training of the legal professionals.

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

I was called to the Bar in 2020. I was the first woman engineer of minority ethnic origin appointed by the Lord Chancellor to Upper Tribunal Appeal Administrative Chamber (Transport Jurisdiction).

I will contribute in representing the perspectives of non-practising members, and applying my legal education experience. I have a good understanding of the work scheme for junior barristers, welfare and education initiatives. As a Chartered Engineer (CEng MICE) and Chartered Surveyor (FRICS) I possess knowledge and experience which is valuable to deal with strategic issues in the management of the Inn's property, finances and investment.

I was a student representative of Lincoln's Inn. I look forward to be given the opportunity to contribute my best to the Committee.

Committee Status
Seeking Re-election

Monjur A Morshed



Year Of Call
2017

Practice

Practising as an Advocate at District and Sessions Court, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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

I want to be a member of the Bar Representation Committee to represent those Barristers who do not hold a practising certificate in England and Wales. I will try my best to ensure that their participation and views are well represented before the Inn.

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

I have been Called to the Bar in 2017. Additionally, I am an Accredited Civil-Commercial Mediator of ADR-ODR International, UK. I have gained experiences in the legal sector through working in various chambers and a leading Telecom Company of Bangladesh. I am teaching at Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology (ADUST) as an Adjunct Faculty. Also, I am practising as an Advocate at District and Sessions Court, Dhaka, Bangladesh. If I am elected, I believe I would be able to perform my duties well because of the skills and experiences that I have gathered.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Michael Padilla



Year Of Call

2020

Practice

Unregistered Barrister. Attorney, licensed to practice in Washington, USA for over 20 years. I have a law practice in the Seattle office of a medium multi-state law firm, representing financial institutions and other secured creditors, as well as other corporate entities, in litigation, real estate and bankruptcy (insolvency) matters.

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

Service to others is a core part of what it means to be a legal professional. I want to serve the Inn and its members, and "give back" for all that it, and they, respectively, have given me. As a British citizen who has worked as an attorney in the USA for many years (returning to the UK regularly for family), I've had the privilege of comparing the two legal systems. I believe that my unusual experience and unique perspective on the law would pay dividends to the Inn and its members via service on the BRC.

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

Please see my practice statement, as well as my candidate statement, above. In addition, my active service in various Washington bar association and other professional and industry committees has given me the experience, skills and perspective necessary for successful committee work, such as that required to successfully serve on the BRC: Leadership, consensus building, concisely formulated goals and identified methods to achieve them, among others.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Amber Qureshi



Year Of Call

2006

Practice

I am currently working as a legal caseworker in the areas of civil and immigration law.

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

In the past I had the honor of serving the Inn as a Co-opted member on the Committee. During my time I gained valuable insight into the functioning of the Committee and its contributions towards the profession. Since I first became a member of this esteemed Inn I have worked in the profession in two jurisdictions, Pakistan and UK and the experience has empowered me. I have also taught aspiring professionals for many years. At present I am working as a legal caseworker in the areas of Immigration and Civil.

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

As a member of the Inn for two decades and a co-opted member on the Committee I have experienced the profession in two jurisdictions, with totally different, cultural outlooks. I believe that with my experience I can bring to the Inn, further contributions to its work on promoting diversity in the profession.

Committee Status

Other.

I was Co-opted.

Ramón Raveneau



Year Of Call

2003

Practice

Private practitioner and principal at a full service boutique law firm specialising in Labour and Industrial relations and Chancery. We however also do maintain a small criminal practice specialising in financial crime. Chambers is located at no. 24 Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia W.I.

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

I have been very active in my local and regional Bar Associations for many years and have developed a deep appreciation for the importance of Bar Representative bodies. These represent the interests and needs of our professionals who provide yeomanry service in upholding the rule of law. Legal practitioners look after the rights and freedoms of individuals in every corner of the world; I count it a privilege to and am very passionate about looking after theirs. It is for this reason that I offer myself up for this position, in representation of my many colleagues who are members of this illustrious institution.

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

In two words: perseverance and diplomacy. Coming from a small island developing Commonwealth state Bar Association, I have had to learn to do more with less. Small budgets and sub-standard judicial infrastructure have meant learning to navigate the mire of systemic deficiency and inefficiency. This is a skill honed with experience in balancing the competing interests of Bar members, judges and government officials. The end result is a natural ability to compromise, to listen and to always seek the result which is most beneficial for all. This is the foundational ethos with which I will serve.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Daniyal Razi Shakeel



Year Of Call

2021

Practice

I am a legal practitioner, Mediator and academic researcher in England and Wales. I am an HPL at the University of East London, where I teach Financial and Employment Law and conduct research on consumer and insolvency laws.

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

Esteemed Colleagues

I write to you today to ask for your vote in support of my candidacy for 'Member with no current practising certificate in England and Wales' on the Bar Representation Committee of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. I am an academic researcher at Brunel University London and waiting for my PhD award. I have an interest in Consumer and Insolvency laws and currently teach employment law at the University of East London as an HPL. I have been an enthusiastic and involved member of Lincoln's Inn since 2020 and was called to the Bar in 2021. If elected with your support, I will do my utmost to represent your interests in the Inn's Bench Committees, influencing strategic issues such as the management of the Inn, as well as education, admissions, and scholarships. It is an honour and great joy to be a part of the Lincoln's Inn community. I would be grateful for the opportunity to give back to the Inn by steadfastly representing your views and interests. Thank you.

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

Information not provided.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Ali Tahir Soomro



Year Of Call

March 2018

Practice

Currently Practising Advocacy before High Courts, District Courts and Tribunals in Civil, Criminal, Constitutional , Taxation and Service matters.

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

I have completed my LLB(Hons) from Brunel University London and BPTC from City, University London. I intend to play a pivotal role in management of the Inn, admissions, scholarships and in particular pre/post-call education especially for those intending to return to England & Wales.

Through this opportunity I want to be the representative for the ideas and positivity that embodies our members.

I would very much relish the opportunity to serve the Inn in BRC, and contribute to the workings of the Inn.

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

I have acquired vast experience in legal profession since being called to the Bar. Over the period of time I have established a considerable social circle which mostly include overseas Barristers; I have come to know regarding their concerns, issues and what they want the Inn to do for them. I believe in team work and have confidence that upon election I can work with the fellows members of BRC and consult with them regarding the improvements that could be made in order to facilitate the overseas Barristers. I intend to be their voice and address their issues in order to further increase the prestige of the Inn.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

Zahrah Sehr Vayani



Year Of Call

2008

Practice

I am currently practicing in Pakistan and run my own law firm by the name of Zahrah S. Vayani & Associates. Practice areas include but are not limited to Employment, Family, Property , Human Rights, Criminal ,Banking and Intellectual Property Law. I was also nominated for the Justitia Awards 2022 in Austria.

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

I believe I will add value to the BRC with my skills set mentioned below and would like to start a dialogue about comparison of International Laws, Climate Change, Gender Imbalance at the Bench and the Bar as well as the problems faced by overseas students with Admissions, Scholarship and the BTT.

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

A founding member and the C.E.O of the Women Lawyers Association, I am a strong advocate for the advancement and empowerment of women in the legal profession. In 2021, I compiled a Case law Book on " Women's Right to Property" which also included the rights of Minorities and the Transgender Community and my article " Post- Divorce Maintenance in Pakistan: A Comparative Perspective was also published in the Pakistan Journal of Legal Analysis in 2022.

Further I was appointed as a Non Political, Subject matter and Technical expert on the Provincial Parliamentary Advisory Committee for Child Abuse". Having dealt with many Pro Bono, Rape , Child Beggary and Child Abuse cases, I identified a few of the grass root issues in the Criminal Justice System in Pakistan and have been training the Sindh Police for two years, in evidence collection, understanding the law and representation in court.

Committee Status Seeking

Election for the first time

James Vernon



Year Of Call

2016

Practice

Employed at KPMG LLP, specialising in commercial tax law advisory work.

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

I have assisted with the Inn's educational programme since 2016, mainly through pre-call debating and post-call advocacy weekends. I regularly attend student events, where I love hearing about their backgrounds and sharing my knowledge.

From my years of interaction with our students and members, I believe that it has become critical to (i) support your health and wellbeing; and (ii) continue strengthening our actions on diversity, inclusion and social mobility. As part of this, I will work hard to increase the Inn's domestic/international relationships and advocate for a variety of members' events.

If elected, I want to champion these for you by building on the good progress to date.

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

I will bring an alternative perspective to the role, leveraging my 18 months of experience on an international firm's Shadow Leadership Committee. My involvement with mentoring and diversity initiatives will help me consider all stakeholders in the Inn. Finally, many of the skills I use in leading a 70,000+ adventure community will be valuable, as I seek to build consensus and represent you.

I encourage you to vote for me to be your Bar Representative Committee representative.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time