



2024 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

Hannah Gilliland



Year of Call

2022

Practice

I am currently practising as a barrister at 5RB. My practice areas include defamation, misuse of private information, data protection, and harassment. I am based in Gray's Inn in London.

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

I want to be a member of the JMC to promote and represent the interests of junior barristers. I intend to: (i) continue the JMC's current schedule of events for junior barristers, (ii) look into expanding the already successful Lincoln's Inn mentoring scheme to junior barristers by pairing a junior barrister with a senior barrister to provide individualised early-career support, and (iii) establish more inter-Inn events to help junior barristers build networks with other barristers. I intend to drive forward existing plans to set up inter-Inn sports teams and a sports day. Finally, I want to be a member to give back to Lincoln's Inn which has generously supported my career through scholarships.

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

First, I frequently represent people's interests and advocate persuasively on their behalf in my role as a barrister. I will draw on this experience and will work hard to advocate for junior barristers. Second, I previously represented my university in multiple sports; I will bring the teamwork skills I learnt there to the role. Finally, I have been awarded a Pegasus Trust Scholarship by Inner Temple. I will bring the presentation and organisation skills I will learn from representing the Inns of Court abroad to the JMC.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time.

Anthony James



Year of Call

2021

Practice

Criminal and Regulatory Law in London

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

I am currently a co-opted member of the BRC and the Junior Members Sub-Committee. I have been not only an active advocate for the junior publicly-funded bar but also an engaged member of the JMC, organising and hosting events. I wish to be given the opportunity to continue this work for a longer period.

I am someone who is not only a regular consumer of the Inn's offering but someone who really cares about the future workings of Lincoln's Inn. I feel this puts me in a strong position in understanding what members want from the Inn and how they can best be assisted in both their practice and enjoyment of what is one of the best parts of being a barrister: the sense of community.

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

As a current BRC member, I have good experience of the workings of the BRC and the Inn. I have a good relationship with senior members and benchers and therefore feel I have a voice that will be heard and will be able to advocate for junior members. My current work for the BRC and regular work as a tutor has given me a good insight into our offerings and a good network.

Committee Status

Currently Co-opted and seeking election.

Cressida O'Connor



Year of Call

2019

Practice

Self-employed civil barrister (personal injury and clinical negligence) at St John's Buildings, Manchester

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

I want to improve the Inn's links with its circuit-based members by working to ensure that more events take place on circuit. In my experience, the Inn is better at fostering social connections between barristers in different chambers than Circuit and, given that many junior barristers may join chambers in a city where they have few contacts, any efforts the Inn could make to help its circuit-based members find each other would, in my view, only be a positive thing from a welfare perspective. I have previously lobbied for more Inn events to take place outside of London, but I feel that my work to bring the Inn closer to the circuits would be more effective if I was on the Bar Representation Committee.

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

I am committed to ensuring that pupils and junior barristers feel supported by the Inn; to this end, I strive to attend welcome events for new pupils and practitioners, and have often been the only non-London-based barrister to attend. I am a creative thinker with a proactive approach to problem-solving, and would deploy these skills (plus my enthusiastic ability to work in a team) to ensure that circuit outreach events had the best prospects of success.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time.