



2024 Elections for the Bar Representation Committee of Lincoln's Inn

Member of over 7 years call with a current practising certificate in England and Wales at the employed bar

Chris Loweth



Year of Call

1996

Practice

Employed barrister in London

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

I wish to continue my work to support the work of the Inn, helping to improve the services it provides to members, its role in supporting the profession and promoting the employed Bar, and ensuring the Inn is a more diverse and inclusive place for all.

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

In the four years since I was first elected, I have been particularly focussed on improving inclusivity and diversity at the Inn.

I led the work to write the Inn's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Statement. As a member of the EDI Committee, I have contributed to a range of initiatives at the Inn, including speaking at and chairing panel sessions, and helping lead the conduct and analysis of the Inn's first bullying, harassment, and diversity survey.

I have played an active role on the BRC Committee and promoted the work of the employed Bar, including an article for the Annual Review. I have also represented the employed Bar on the Advisory (Benches) Committee.

As co-Chair of the Inn's Social Mobility Sub-Committee I have worked to improve access to and understanding of the Inn, helping to ensure the Inn's outreach work is targeted appropriately, and leading initiatives to improve retention and progression within the profession.

Committee Status

Seeking Re-election.

Ian McDougall



Year of Call

1997

Practice

Commercial, IP, IT, Company

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

As General Counsel for LexisNexis for the past 12 years (and a further 8 prior to that as regional General Counsel) I bring a unique perspective as both supplier and user of the leading tools for legal professionals. This is the forefront of Artificial Intelligence technology and use of AI within a legal context.

In addition, as the winner of the American Bar Association "Outstanding International Corporate Counsel Award" 2018, and as the winner of the Financial Times "Innovative Lawyers Award" for 2017 I will bring an international and innovative perspective.

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

I would bring experience of managing a substantial global legal department and significant commercial experience. I have been Interim Chief Executive for the Asia-Pacific Region of LexisNexis and Interim Head of Human Resources.

As a large department leader, and member of company boards, I bring a very wide range of administrative, strategic and leadership experience, having operated as part of a board/team in a collaborative way.

I was a founder member of the UN Business for the Rule of Law Committee and therefore represented important social interests at the highest business and diplomatic levels.

I would bring all of that to a role in Bar Representation.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time.

Martin Nelson



Year of Call

2011

Practice

I am at Senior Lawyer in the Government Legal Profession. I've worked on transport, defence, national security and foreign relations, and have a practice focusing on human rights, legislation, and data law.

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

I have loved being a part of this community since being a pupil, and have continued that through over ten years of teaching at Inn educational events. I've always found the Inn warm, friendly and welcoming, and I'd like to make sure that everyone is able to feel that way about Lincoln's. In particular, I'd like to continue the work to strengthen the Inn's connections to the employed bar, and especially those parts of it that are not in court every day.

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

If you were called after 2012, and have done debating, mooting or an educational weekend, I may well have taught you! I am the joint barrister chair of the Debate Club and have spent over a decade providing feedback, support and constructive criticism to help students in their quests for pupillage. I also represented the Government Legal Department on the Bar Council for two years, and as a Civil Servant, I have plenty of experience sitting on committees and managing meetings, including with constituent bodies of the UN.

Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time.

Ryan Richter



Year of Call

1998

Practice

Crime - Employed Bar, South East

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

I was co-opted as a member of the BRC in 2023. Engaging in the work of the committee has given me a real enthusiasm to continue to serve and support our great Inn. As an employed barrister with the Crown Prosecution Service, but also having trained and practised from Chambers, I am a passionate believer in the 'One Bar' ethos. I have worked at a local and national level to bring real change and will continue to work to do so within the Inn. This is a time of real opportunity to support members of Hall and I welcome the opportunity to represent members on the BRC as an elected member.

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

I am a member of the Employed Bar Committee of the Bar Council shaping the debate on contemporary topics. As an example I have championed the Employed Bar Awards, which recognise and showcase talent in order to enhance the recognition of the work of the Employed Bar. I am also a committee member of the South East Circuit and the Treasurer of the Surrey and South London Bar Mess working to enhance the lives of practitioners in the mess courts.

Committee Status

Currently Co-opted and seeking election.