



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

Member with no current practising certificate in England and Wales

**Muhammad Shafiq Ahmed**



### **Year of Call**

2022

### **Practice**

Practice, I am practicing professional lawyer. About 16 years of Post-Qualified Experience Law Practice to work with a rich experience of Trial and Appellate Work in 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 court of 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. I'm working as a Principal of Pasban Law College Faisalabad Pakistan which is Affiliated with University of The Punjab which is the biggest university in Pakistan. I'm running the college with the staff of 30-40 Management employees including Visiting Law Teachers and V.P with our effort its the Best Law College in the city giving wonderful legal education and training to students at Law. This program is 5years Law Study Program. We conduct open day, student counselling Parents teacher co-ordination meeting to boost up efficiency for the college and our law students. So Management Skills and team working never be a problem for me.

### **Committee Status**

Seeking Re-election.

### **Haseeb Bilal**



### **Year of Call**

2023

### **Practice**

I am working as a paralegal in family division of one of the reputable law firms of England under the supervision of a Barrister practising in dual capacity. I have successfully represented number of clients in their family matters such as helping them to secure non-molestation order against their partners and getting child contact.

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

I want to join the Bar Representation Committee to contribute to the legal profession and support my colleagues. I believe fresh perspectives are crucial to shaping the Bar's future. My experiences thus far, including engaging in various legal training programs and working closely with peers, have given me an understanding of the challenges faced by newly called members, such as securing pupillage. I am eager to contribute to the Bar Representation Committee by advocating for the needs of aspiring barristers and ensuring their voices are heard in discussions about professional development and access to opportunities.

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

Though early in my legal career, I bring strong analytical, communication, and teamwork skills to the Bar Representation Committee. My experience in university societies i.e literary society and FES etc. and volunteer work has enhanced my organisational and leadership abilities, helping me coordinate events and work effectively in team settings, which would be valuable in contributing to the committee's objectives. Furthermore, my involvement in legal profession and training seminars, give me insight into the challenges faced by newly called member. I am eager to contribute fresh perspectives, support my peers, and help shape initiatives that promote inclusivity and professional development within the Inn.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Sadia Binte Zaman**



**Year of Call**

2024

**Practice**

Legal Services Administrator at Care Quality Commission

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

As a young woman of Bangladeshi origin, the Inn's commitment to its junior members and its responsibility to be reflective to its diverse members has inspired me to become an active member of the committee. Through my previous leadership experience from being a student council president during my high school to student representative during my higher studies, I am confident to encounter different challenges in the governance of Lincolns Inn and communicate with committee members to work towards its various strategic aims and its contribution to implementing Bar Council's proposals.

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

I will bring to the role my problem solving and decision-making skills as well as my emotional intelligence of having empathy in communicating with people and my self-awareness. With an aim to qualify as a barrister, I undertake pro bono work at Citizens Advice East End, Islamophobia Response Unit and Support Through Court as well as work as a county court advocate alongside my paid work. I am a tenacious individual seeking continuous self-development, utilising my legal knowledge and skill to make a positive impact in society and playing my part in the access to justice.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Arooj Bokhari**



**Year of Call**

2022

**Practice**

Current Practising Status: Self employed Barrister

Practice Area: Corporate Law (specialisation) & Human Rights (Pro-Bono) Location: Islamabad, Pakistan

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

I, Arooj Bokhari, an activist Barrister based in Pakistan, am honoured to stand before you as a candidate for the Bar Representative Committee.

My platform is rooted in the principles of equity, connectivity and mental health advocacy.

In my time as a student at the Bar, the Inn afforded me a sense of community, far away from home, which I now wish to give back to.

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

With over a decade of experience in human rights advocacy through my work with Amnesty International UK as their International Membership Representative, to my work as the founder of BAB.Legal, which is a law firm providing free legal aid to female victims of crime and violence in Pakistan, I believe I have the required skills to represent the diverse community of the Bar at Lincoln's Inn.

My advocacy will focus upon:

1. *Creating a volunteer-led regional network for Bar connectivity,*
2. *Leveraging my experience at Amnesty to create a strong strategy and policy development to ensure promotion of mental health, and*
3. *Advocating for initiatives that increase representation of underrepresented groups, especially differently-abled.*

As your Bar Representative, I will work tirelessly to champion these values.

Thanking you in anticipation.

**Vote AROOJ BOKHARI for your Bar Representative!**

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Muhammad Talha Chaudhary**



**Year of Call**

2019

**Practice**

I am currently practising law with a distinguished law firm in Pakistan for 5 years, specialising in civil law.

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

If entrusted with this role, I will commit to act as a vital link between the benchers of Lincoln's Inn and its overseas members. My vision is to channel the diverse perspectives and voices of our individual members into a unified front that can effectively address the challenges we face. Many issues, particularly those affecting members from diverse backgrounds, have yet to be fully addressed. My goal is to ensure these matters are brought to the forefront and resolved, reflecting the values of our esteemed Inn.

I am passionate about fostering a stronger sense of community within Lincoln's Inn. By bridging the gap between our members and the benchers, I hope to create an environment where every member feels their voice is heard and their concerns and contributions are acknowledged.

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

As a legal practitioner, one of the most valuable skills I've developed is actively listening to my clients' problems and taking responsibility for finding effective solutions. I don't just listen to respond but also focus on identifying what is truly beneficial for my clients. I aim to bring the same approach to the BRC by addressing the challenges faced by fellow members worldwide and offering practical resolutions.

### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

### **Rasheduzzaman Chowdhury**



### **Year of Call**

2018

### **Practice**

Associate at Lex Counsel, Bangladesh. Specializing in Civil and Corporate litigation, White Collar Crimes and Banking related matters.

Also Holds the License to practice in District and Session Judge Court, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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

As a Barrister of England and Wales, I bring diverse legal experience from both domestic and international practice, providing me with a unique perspective on the challenges barristers face. I am passionate about promoting diversity and inclusion, ensuring equal opportunities for all within the profession. My leadership experience, coupled with a collaborative approach, would enable me to work effectively with fellow committee members to address evolving legal challenges. Additionally, I embrace innovation and believe in adapting to changes while maintaining the profession's core values. Joining the Bar Representation Committee would allow me to advocate for the needs of all barristers.

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

I bring diverse skills from both my work within the Inn and my external legal practice. Within the Inn, I've actively participated in networking, mentoring, and advocacy training, honing my communication and relationship-building abilities. My experience in Residential Weekend strengthened my public speaking skills and deepened my respect for the Bar's values. Externally, my practice in both England and Bangladesh has provided me with a broad understanding of legal systems and the challenges barristers face. I've developed strong leadership and problem-solving abilities, ensuring adaptability in a changing legal landscape. These experiences equip me to advocate effectively for barristers.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Leo Graves**



**Year of Call**

2021

**Practice**

Pupil Barrister at 3DJB (London, Family Law)

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

As a member of hall without practising certificate, I aim to be a champion for those who have been called to the bar, but not yet acquired pupillage. My own recent experience shows that, with enough determination and support, anyone can achieve success.

Lincoln's Inn has the best international community amongst the four inns. I will be a voice for all those members who practise in jurisdictions other than England & Wales.

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

I have direct experience of the Inn's governance sitting on both Chapel Committee and Junior Members' Committee. I will bring this expertise to my role on Bar Rep.

Working in family law, I am accustomed to dealing with conflict and dispute resolution. These skills will support my work alongside the other members of Bar Rep.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**His Honour Judge Andrew Holmes**



**Year of Call**

2000

**Practice**

Circuit Judge at Central London County Court

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



In my 25 years as a member of the Inn, I have benefited from what the Inn does for its students through training and scholarships. I spent 10 years in chambers on the North Eastern Circuit with a common law practice. I then spent six years doing personal injury and employment in chambers in London before being appointed as a District Judge and then, in 2019 a Circuit Judge. I have spent the last five years sitting at Wood Green Crown Court and now at Central London County Court. In that time I have gained an insight into the stresses and strains of life on the bar (and the bench). I believe I could bring a different perspective to the Bar Representation Committee's discussions and could give back to the Inn for the benefits that I have had.

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

I assist the Inn with pre-call training, scholarship interviews, and the Inn's marshalling scheme. I am involved in running an international moot competition. I have sat on various committees in Chambers and as junior of the North Eastern Circuit. In all those roles I have worked collaboratively with colleagues to get the work done. I would do the same for the Inn.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Muhammad Imran**



**Year of Call**

October 2023

**Practice**

Criminal and family law

District Bar association Sialkot (Pakistan)

Lahore high Court Bar Association Lahore (Pakistan )

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

I want to become the member of Bar Representative Committee, to help my community, especially young Barristers those has been called to the Bar and facing too much difficulties to get a pupillage and also to start their Legal Career as well as I want to serve for the more improvements of our Society The Lincoln's Inn.

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

I have huge experience in leadership and team building as well as in Law filed back in my country Pakistan , especially in criminal Litigation and Family litigation.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Mohammad Ismail**



**Year of Call**

2022

**Practice**

Non-practising barrister, Practicing as an advocate in Bangladesh

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

I am deeply committed to upholding justice and ethical standards in both my home country of Bangladesh and within the global legal profession. My experiences in combating corruption within the Land Ministry and reforming legal education have strengthened my resolve to contribute to the Bar Representation Committee. I believe my background uniquely positions me to advocate for inclusivity, integrity, and fairness within Lincoln's Inn.

As a Barrister, I have witnessed the challenges faced by aspiring Barristers, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds. I am determined to ensure that students and junior members receive the support they need whether through improved access to study resources, increased travel funding for those living outside London, or enhanced legal

networking opportunities. By combining my passion for ethical reform with practical solutions, I aim to foster a more inclusive and supportive environment at the Bar.

I aim to create pathways for all Inn members to thrive, ensuring justice and fairness guide our profession.

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

I bring a versatile skill set and extensive experience to the Bar Representation Committee, shaped by my dedication to justice and legal reform. My advocacy for exam reforms and pro bono work reflects my commitment to improving legal education and addressing social responsibility.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Nadim Kausar**



**Year of Call**

2023

**Practice**

Practicing Advocate in Supreme Court of Pakistan. Fields of practice Civil Litigation and Constitutional petitions.

Partner in Law chamber in Lahore , Pakistan and appearances in all four provinces in Pakistan.

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

I would try to contribute by bringing new ideas with diverse prospective for the betterment of Bar and it's members of different standings. With an experience of almost three decades as practicing lawyer, teacher in law college and trainer of newly inducted lawyers in my

chamber, I not only understand the problems faced by the young lot in the profession but also have ideas how the Inns and regulatory authorities can address those.

I would like to put forward ideas how the nightmare of getting Pupillage can be addressed with opening up new avenues to narrow the gap between number of calls and the offer of Pupillage each year.

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

In the last thirty years as practicing Lawyer I have also been a faculty member in a prestigious Law College. I was the founder member of “Free Legal Aid Cell” of Quaid- e- Azam Law College and Honorary Legal Advisor of “Fountain House”- an international charity organisation which houses patients with mental disabilities. I have trained and groomed newly inducted lawyers in my chamber for almost three decades.

I feel with my diverse experience I will positively contribute by bringing new ideas to achieve goals.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Abdul Jalil Khan Marwat**



**Year of Call**

2024

**Practice**

As a practicing lawyer in Karachi, Pakistan, I specialize in Criminal Law, Complex Litigation, Mediation and Arbitration, with extensive experience in high profile disputes.

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

I wish to join the Bar Representation Committee to advocate for barristers, particularly those early in their careers, and to contribute to the development of policies that enhance our profession. With over 14 years of experience in criminal law and roles in legal associations, including the Karachi Bar Association and PTI Sindh, I bring both practical expertise and leadership skills. I am committed to ensuring the voices of all members are heard and represented. My passion lies in fostering a collaborative legal environment that supports professional growth and upholds the values of the Bar.

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

I bring a range of skills and experience to the Bar Representation Committee, developed through roles such as Chairman of the Accounts Committee for the Karachi Bar Association and President of Karachi for the Pakistan Muslim League (Q). Currently, as Deputy General Secretary of PTI Sindh, I leverage my expertise in strategic planning, advocacy, and policy development. With over 14 years of practice in Criminal Law, Litigation, Mediation, and Arbitration, I have honed skills in negotiation and stakeholder engagement. These experiences equip me to effectively address complex issues, drive meaningful reforms, and represent diverse perspectives within the legal community.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Afzaal Ahmad Lali**



**Year of Call**

2022

**Practice**

I am actively practicing law in Lahore, Pakistan, where I am engaged in a diverse range of legal disciplines. My practice encompasses civil law, where I handle matters related to personal disputes, property issues, and contractual agreements. I also specialise in cooperative law, advising and representing cooperative societies on legal and regulatory matters. In addition, I provide expert guidance on immigration law, assisting clients with visa applications. Furthermore, my expertise extends to criminal law, where I represent clients in

various criminal cases, ensuring robust defense and advocacy. My comprehensive experience across these areas enables me to offer well-rounded legal services tailored to the needs of my clients.

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

While I have not yet made direct contributions to the life and work of the Inn, my extensive experience and active engagement within the legal profession have equipped me with profound understanding of its challenges and opportunities. My dedication to the legal field, combined with my strong interpersonal skills and commitment to service, positions me as an ideal candidate for the Bar Representation Committee. I am deeply invested in the betterment of our Bar and its members, as this is my Bar, and I am passionate about contributing to its growth and improvement. My goal is to leverage my professional expertise and enthusiasm to effectively represent and advocate for the interests of our members, fostering a supportive and progressive environment for all.

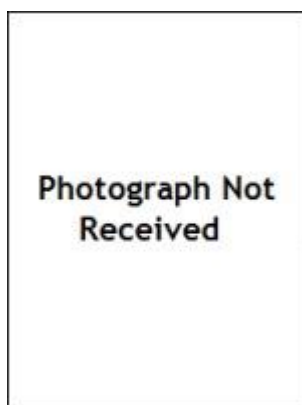
**B) What skills and experience, acquired within the Inn or externally, do you feel you would bring to the role?**

I bring a unique blend of skills and experience to the role, shaped both within the legal profession and through my external engagements. My legal expertise spans multiple disciplines, providing me with a broad and nuanced perspective on the diverse needs of our Bar. Externally, active involvement in legal communities and my strong interpersonal skills have allowed me to build valuable networks and foster collaborative relationships. Together, these attributes equip me to contribute meaningfully to the Bar Representation Committee,

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Malik Talha A Rahim Malik**



**Year of Call**

I am Barrister of England and Wales from Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn and had call to bar in year 2021

**Practice**

I am having right of audience before all courts and forums subordinate to Supreme Court of Pakistan since year 2011 and practicing in civil and money disputes, family disputes, rent matters, corporate legal consultancy, and contract writing. I am certified trained mediation advocate. Before my LLB, I earned degrees in business studies BBA (Hon) and MBA (HRM) from a well reputed university of Pakistan. I am having pride to be called as Barrister of England and Wales in year 2021 from Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn.

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

Being a proud member of legendary and honourable society of Lincoln's Inn, I want to serve this august society and follow foot prints of father of my nation and founder member of this honourable society Mr. Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

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

I am practicing law before various forums and courts in Pakistan and having right of audience since year 2011 and also contested bar elections of Islamabad High Court Bar Association and elected as unopposed Secretary Library and Bar Media Coordinator in year 2020-21. I am Secretary Information of International Lawyers Association, London for Islamabad Pakistan Chapter. My professional and political experience will serve best for the Inn.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Professor Eur Ing Dr Phebe Mann**



**Year of Call**

2020

**Practice**

Specialist Judge/Expert Member:

Upper Tribunal (Transport Jurisdiction), Administrative Appeals Chamber

General Regulatory Chambers, Judicial post holder, (Transport, Information Rights and Estates Agent Jurisdictions)

Tax Chamber

Agricultural Land Tribunal (Wales), Specialist Member

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

I am the first woman engineer of minority ethnic origin appointed to the Upper Tribunal Transport Jurisdiction as Specialist Judge/Expert Member and to the Agricultural Land Tribunal (Wales). I have particular interest in the education and training of the legal professionals. I provide training on Judicial Diversity and Inclusion in the Equal Treatment Bench Book Review; a speaker in Judiciary multi-platform training sessions, I am always happy to share my digital and computer science expertise to the Bar Representation Committee of Lincoln's Inn. As Lincoln's Inn student representative, I supported legal training opportunities, laying the path for junior barristers.

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

I understand the work scheme for junior barristers, welfare and education initiatives. I was Degree Programme Director of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Programme with examiner experience for Chartered Engineers, and Chartered Surveyors. I support University law students in entering the legal profession. The experience will support work-scheme for junior barristers. I assisted Paul Reed KC in 2nd Edition of "Construction Professional Indemnity Insurance" covering The Fire Safety Act 2021 and Building Safety Act 2022 following Grenfell. I possess knowledge and experience which is valuable dealing with strategic issues in managing the Inn's property, finances and investment.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

**Raja Jawad Mehmood**



**Year of Call**

2024

**Practice**

Practising Barrister in Balochistan.

Advocate of the High Court in Pakistan, Partner at JR, Droit & Canon.

Main area of practice: Criminal, Civil, Constitution & Customs.

Standing Counsel for Federal Board of Revenue.

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

Esteemed fellow members of Lincoln's Inn,

Thank you very much for showing up!

In my humble opinion this Honourable Inn has given us a lot and now is the time a lot should be given back to it. The first and foremost foot forward towards laying off our responsibility is to vote the right person at the right place for the right position, who you think can represent all the brilliant brains in BRC.

The time spent around the Inn's lush green fields, the pitter-patter in MCR, the ambiance of great Hall & library, the qualifying sessions and the burden of bar exams is who we are, We are Lincoln's Inn!, we know the problems and certainly can redress them.

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

I feel blessed as a practising barrister in Balochistan to have represented former Chief Minister, Sitting Members of the Parliament and high-profile cases like Riko Diq, Gwadar desalination and many others, Nevertheless, it's been an honour to represent federal government as standing counsel.

Furthermore, till date I've trained more than 300 lawyers at judicial academy and am visiting faculty member at the University Law College as well. Accept my humble request for your precious vote.

Kind regards

### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

### **Rechtsanwalt Christian Nick**



### **Year of Call**

2023

### **Practice**

Non-practising barrister based in Germany

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

I stand for election to the Lincoln's Inn Bar Representation Committee because it seems to me that the wider the range of candidates to choose from the more likely it is that Hall members will be well represented. Since I enjoyed the Inn's happy and contented atmosphere during my student membership and benefited from its qualifying sessions, I would like to help the Inn fulfil its functions. I would be interested in getting in touch with lawyers from different jurisdictional backgrounds and think that deepening their mutual understanding and cooperation is key these days.

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

Prior to my London Master's studies in the field of international dispute resolution, I had studied law on the Continent, in France (Maîtrise en Droit), Germany (qualification for judicial office, Doctorate in Law and Legum Magister) and the Czech Republic (as part of the said German LLM programme). My doctoral thesis deals with an aspect of US courts' jurisdiction.

During my legal education, I have learned to adapt quickly to new conditions and practised reading critically, scrutinising information in analytical and evaluative ways and presenting the relevant facts and legal issues in a clear, concise and well-structured manner.

### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

### **Onaterogorgor Otomiewo**



### **Year of Call**

2022

### **Practice**

I am currently in the Nigerian Law School undergoing training to get my practicing license

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

To represent the Bar internationally and also educate international members especially those of African descent on opportunities at the bar

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

I have acquired exponential knowledge on Nigerian law and on my way to expand that knowledge by engaging in other fields such as medical and construction law

### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

## Syed Farhan Ali Shah



### Year of Call

2022

### Practice

Self-employed Barrister based in Karachi, Pakistan. I primarily focus on Constitutional Law and Criminal Litigation.

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

The BPTC provided me with enough knowledge to begin independent legal practice. My first legal victory was in a Pro Bono High Court Appeal concerning an alleged act of terrorism. My client and his family's faith in the justice system and the legal profession was restored once his appeal was allowed. This case reflects my commitment to serving the society.

Similarly, I wish to serve the Inn and address key issues such as Pupillage, Scholarship and Inclusivity.

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

- Persuasiveness: This is a skill acquired by appearing regularly before the Courts.
- Persistence: Being a self-employed Barrister requires perseverance. I would bring these qualities to the role if elected.
- Pupillage: Many aspiring barristers do not even seek out pupillage as they think it is a foregone conclusion that they will not be able to attain one. As a representative of the Bar Representation Committee I would seek greater inclusion in this regard so that more Barristers attain practising licenses and are able to contribute to the Bar and the Inn.
- Scholarships: Many law students are not able to undertake legal education at the Bar due to financial constraints for lack of scholarships and adequate funding by the Inn. This must be rectified.

### Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time.

## Boykin Smith



### Year of Call

2023

### Practice

Non-practising barrister based in The Bahamas.

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

Since becoming a member in 2017, I have thoroughly enjoyed my vocational education and general life at the Inn. Given my genuine passion for good governance and representation, it would be an honour to 'put it forward' by assisting in internal decision-making and supporting the Inn's work.

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

I am the former Jr. Minister of Tourism as well as a National and Regional Youth Parliamentarian for The Bahamas. In these roles, I learned the importance of hospitality, effective outreach, and environmentalism.

During my political studies at Trent University in Canada, I championed global citizenry as the Vice President of Campaigns and Equity for the students' union. I also was the union's International Student's Commissioner, and Residence Life Don for the Global Living Learning Community for Housing Services on campus. I received many accolades and was selected as a 3M National Student Fellowship nominee.

During my LL. B (J.D.) at the University of Southampton, I served on law school committees as the first-year representative. While there and during the BPTC at City, University of London, I worked as a Freelance Student Representative for Thomson Reuters Legal Europe. I returned to The Bahamas where I enjoy outreach at various levels of society.

### Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time.

## **Kafayatullah Umer**



### **Year of Call**

2024

### **Practice**

I am enrolled in a company called ELMS legal limited who deals with parking and possession cases, where i work as representative for them and appear in the lower courts

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

I want to be a member of the honourable society of the lincolns inn for the reasons that i could contribute my skills and decision making skills to the inn, from where i belong Balochistan is a very low backward area where i had avail education in a very tough environment and even going to school in that area was hard but i would let nothing come in my a way and becoming the first male in my family to do undergrad and post graduation, and i want yo contribute that if you have desires for something let nothing stop you from that.

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

I have the experience to make decisions and i had done so by awarding an arbitration award in my city Quetta of 18 million PKR for a land dispute, and resolving major inner Pashtun tribes clashes. I had the experience of civil in law Pakistan.

### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

## James Vernon



### Year of Call

2016

### Practice

London. Employed as Senior Manager at KPMG LLP. I specialise in Value Added Tax law advisory and disputes for financial services companies.

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

In this category, I am a candidate with one of the largest active involvements with Lincoln's Inn. I have contributed to the Inn's educational programme since 2016. This includes debating training, helping at qualifying sessions and post-call advocacy training. I also attend many of the Inn's social events.

### Why do I want to be on Bar Rep?

If elected, I will help:

1. continue to modernise the Inn, ensuring all are welcome;
2. improve member's experience of the Inn's facilities and
3. events; and cultivate our extraordinary network of members and work to improve our domestic/international relationships.

Lincoln's Inn can - and should - be leading the Inns in these areas.

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

My relevant experience in committee work and leadership includes:

1. Recently appointed as a Director/Trustee to a Charity's board;
2. 36 months on my firm's Shadow Leadership Committee challenging strategy and proposing actions;

3. Various committee roles, including as Treasurer and helping to run a 150,000+ person adventure community.

The skills I have learnt will be invaluable as I seek to build consensus and represent you on Bar Rep. I am also always around the Inn and approachable, so will welcome any member sharing their thoughts/views/questions/comments in the MCR!

### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.