

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

*2025 Bar Representation  
Committee elections*  
*Nominations*







## **2025 Elections for the Bar Representation Committee of Lincoln's Inn**

Member with no current practising certificate in England and Wales 2025

### **Anne Hantiu**



#### **Year of Call**

2022

#### **Practice**

Non practicing London UK

Called to the Bar of England Wales in 2022, a member of Lincoln's Inn since 2017 and I have volunteered on numerous occasions on residential weekends, advocacy workshops and Open Days. As a member of the Bar Representation Committee I will work to preserve these fantastic learning opportunities for future generations of women and other underrepresented groups.

I am currently working in education, therefore I can bring in leadership, critical thinking and problem solving skills; leader in Education, former Deputy President USR UK branch, former President of The European Law Student Association, former Associate CiArb etc.

Charity work is embedded in my life, supporting both local and international communities - Ukraine aid project in collaboration with the Church of England in Bromley, Kent; First and Next 100 Years donor celebrating women's contributions to the development of the legal profession in England.

My late father introduced me to chess and tennis, to the fairness spirit of a competitions. I am a dedicated member of the LTA and a regular attendee of the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

For all these reasons, I am confident that I may be an ideal member of the Bar Representation Committee.

#### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Ayatullah A Bhanbhro



**Year of Call**  
2023

## **Practice**

Valid Practising Licence. Area: General Civil and Criminal Law. Location: Pakistan

I am standing for election to the Bar Representation Committee because I believe that members of Hall without a practising certificate in England and Wales – including international members – deserve a strong and authentic voice within the Inn. Lincoln's Inn has been central to my professional journey, and I wish to ensure that it remains supportive, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of all its members, regardless of their practising status.

Although I do not hold a practising licence in England and Wales, I have gained meaningful exposure to the English legal system through mini-pupillage, marshalling, pro bono advisory work at City Community Legal Advice Clinic, and teaching law in London. These experiences have given me both insight into the challenges faced by aspiring barristers and a deep respect for the traditions and responsibilities of the Bar. Alongside this, I actively practise in Pakistan across civil, criminal, and commercial law, which equips me with a comparative and international perspective.

I bring experience in legal education, advocacy, and governance, coupled with a genuine commitment to the Inn's values. If elected, I will work to ensure that the perspectives of non-practising and international members continue to shape the Inn's decision-making and future direction.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Chaudhary Zafar Afzaal



## **Year of Call**

2025

## **Practice**

Advocate High Court, Pakistan

a) My aim is to represent the international student members of Lincoln's Inn. From my personal experience I've learned that the Inn lacks an adequate connection with the international students and the challenges they face while undergoing the Bar course. I believe that special introductory sessions must be provided to the students from foreign countries, so that they should know how to begin this journey and go forward. I call for a special committee of international students which actively helps them in various areas of studies and their issues with the teaching centres.

b) I was house prefect at my boarding school, Chand Bagh School, Pakistan, at the age of 16. I've always worked to represent the oppressed class who lacks representation and support. I believe that there exist sense of alienation among many international students in much of the activities at the Inn. I feel confident that i can work with the Inn to incorporate the participation of international students in various committees and events at the Inn. I will work on making the Inn, a bridge between international students and the issues of international students, ensuring support for them and being their as an alma mater.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time



# Cyrianne Michel-Doyen



**Year of Call**  
2025

**Practice**

Non-practising barrister based in London.

Since joining Lincoln's Inn in 2022, I have actively contributed to its community. As Debating Secretary for 2023–2024, I helped members develop their advocacy and continue to do so as a judge. I also volunteer regularly, through outreach programmes such as IntoUniversity and the Prize Winners' Summer School, at Pupils' Weekends as a witness, or by acting as a pupil to support volunteers learning to assess pupils.

The Inn has been pivotal in shaping both my career and my confidence, and I want to ensure that others experience that same support. Serving on the Bar Representation Committee would allow me to build on my existing involvement and contribute to the Inn's work on inclusivity, social mobility, and member wellbeing.

Alongside my Inn activities, my work with the Franco-British Lawyers Society gave me experience supporting governance in a legal organisation, from liaising with senior practitioners to managing communications and events.

Although I am not yet a practising member, I bring a valuable perspective on the challenges faced by those starting at the Bar and can offer fresh ideas while supporting the Committee. I am determined to strengthen the Inn's role as a welcoming and empowering community.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Farah Liyana Shaharuddin



## **Year of Call**

2024

## **Practice**

Non-practising barrister based in the Southeast

Lincoln's Inn has been central to my journey at the Bar, and I want to give something back. The Inn is more than a historic institution — it is a community. I hope to strengthen that sense of belonging, especially for those who, like me, have come from abroad or taken less traditional routes into practice. I have enjoyed contributing to the life of the Inn, from attending annual dinners to volunteering as a Witness for the Pupils' Advocacy Course.

These experiences have shown me the value of members supporting each other. Professionally, I work as a Solicitor's Agent on the Southeastern Circuit, which gives me an appreciation of the challenges faced by those starting out at the Bar.

Previously, I have represented in multi-disciplinary sports at an international level. The discipline and resilience instilled in me are qualities I would bring to this role. I would also like to encourage the Inn to continue promoting wellbeing and balance alongside the demands of our profession.

With roots in Malaysia and experience of life across the UK, I would work hard to ensure that others can feel the same sense of belonging at the Inn that I have been fortunate to experience.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# James Vernon



**Year of Call**  
2016

**Practice**

London. Employed as Senior Manager at KPMG LLP. Specialist in Financial Services Value Added Tax law advisory and disputes.

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

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

If elected, I will:

- Continue to modernise the Inn's approach, tackling challenges such as conduct;
- Improve member's experience of the Inn's facilities and events; and
- Cultivate our worldwide network to improve our domestic/international relationships. Lincoln's Inn should lead 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?

I bring a fresh, outside perspective with extensive experience in governance and leadership, including:

- Governor, Director and Trustee of a large London secondary school since 2024;
- 3 years on KPMG's Shadow Leadership Board challenging strategy and proposing actions; and
- Various committee roles, including as Treasurer and helping run a 250,000+ member adventure community.

My experience will be invaluable as I seek to build consensus and represent you on Bar Rep. I am always around the Inn/MCR, and welcome any thoughts/views/questions!

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time



# Jiachao Xie



## **Year of Call**

2014

## **Practice**

Non-practising in England and Wales, but currently practising in China

A) I am eager to join the Bar Representation Committee to advocate for the Inn's members and elevate their voices within the legal profession. Having contributed to the Inn through pro bono initiatives and mentorship programs, I've witnessed first-hand the challenges students and early-career barristers face, from accessibility issues to evolving practice demands. This role would allow me to channel this insight into actionable strategies, ensuring the Inn remains a dynamic, inclusive community that champions innovation and equity.

B) Within the Inn, I've honed collaborative leadership through organizing advocacy workshops and mooted competitions, fostering dialogue on diversity and modernization. Externally, I am practising with Tiantai Law Firm (Hangzhou, China) as a partner specialising in cross-border commercial dispute resolution. My work as an international litigator and policy advisor has strengthened my ability to analyze systemic issues and draft pragmatic solutions. These experiences, combined with my commitment to inclusive engagement, equip me to drive meaningful representation, bridge gaps between tradition and progress, and ensure the Committee's work resonates across all levels of the profession.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Lamin Mohamed Wurie



**Year of Call**  
2023

**Practice**  
Non Practising

I am excited to submit my application to serve as a Member of the Bar Committee 2025, under the category of “Member with no current practising certificate in England and Wales”.

I was Called to the Bar in 2023 and currently working as a Fee Earner in Personal Injury. Additionally, I am an accredited Mediator with a European Law certificate, hold a Diploma in Peace and Conflict Resolution, and possess a Bachelor’s degree in Economics, all of which equip me with diverse skills and insights.

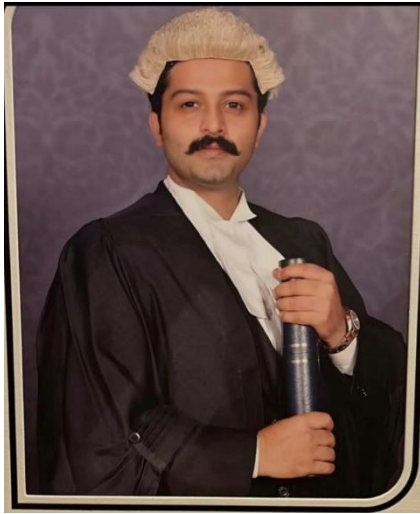
As a candidate, my main goal is to strongly represent Barristers with no practising certificates. My objective is to leverage the gap in communication between barristers and the Inn.

I am optimistic that with my reservoir of knowledge, skills and experience gained from the trainings undergone as a Committee Member of the National Union of Students and as President of the Coventry University Law Society has honed my leadership, communication, mediation, and negotiation skills to articulate the concerns of my peers.

I firmly believe that I am committed to championing the plight of all unregistered barristers and will work tirelessly to facilitate meaningful engagements among the diverse community of barristers within the Inn.

**Committee Status**  
Seeking Election for the first time

# M Shayan Homayon Chaudhry



## **Year of Call**

2024

## **Practice**

Advocate High Courts based in Islambad, Pakistan. Criminal, Civil and Corporate.

I want to join the Committee to be a dedicated voice for our diverse global community and those newly called to the Bar. I aim to bridge the gap between tradition and our evolving international profession, ensuring every member feels represented. My goal is to champion initiatives that provide practical, tangible support from enhanced mentoring to stronger global networks, fostering a more inclusive and connected Inn where every voice is not only heard but actively valued, strengthening our collective future.

As an Advocate of the High Courts, my legal practice is complemented by a deep commitment to pro bono service, a principle deeply reinforced by the Inn's values. The Inn's environment honed my ability to engage with diverse legal traditions and taught me the importance of robust community support systems. This unique perspective allows me to appreciate the critical need for practical resources, such as mentorship and international networks, and equips me to help the Committee create truly inclusive and effective programmes for every member.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Melvyn Brill

(No Image)

## Year of Call

1981

## Practice

Not Practising

I have been a qualified Barrister of Lincoln's Inn since 1981 but I have never actually practised. I would like to get more involved now, and I really feel like I have a lot to offer. I have my own business (IT Supply Chain Limited) which I built up myself and which is extremely successful. Also, I was recently voted Most Influential CEO 2025 <https://www.ceo-review.com/winners/it-supply-chain/>. I am sure that I can make a real difference if I am lucky enough to be selected for a position on Lincoln's Inn Bar Representation Committee.

## Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

# Mohammad Ismail



## **Year of Call**

2022

## **Practice**

Practicing as an advocate in Bangladesh.

As an advocate in Bangladesh, my legal career has been rooted in justice, ethics, and service to the community. I seek election to the Bar Representation Committee to contribute to the Inn's work and ensure that members' concerns are heard and addressed.

My commitment to integrity is demonstrated by challenging corruption within the Land Ministry, where my complaint and persistence led to a noticeable reduction in bribery for land mutation cases. This experience reflects resilience, leadership, and the ability to deliver meaningful change.

I have also worked to improve legal education and assessment standards. By advocating for the closure of online exams to prevent malpractice and for reforms in civil and criminal litigation assessments, I have promoted fairness, transparency, and higher professional standards. These initiatives sharpened my analytical and problem-solving skills, which I believe are vital for the Committee.

Beyond this, my pro bono work has deepened my understanding of the barriers faced by disadvantaged individuals and reinforced my sense of responsibility to the wider profession.

I believe my international perspective, commitment to ethics, and proven record of advocacy will enable me to contribute effectively to the Bar Representation Committee and uphold the Inn's values.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Mohammad Shazzad Ali Chowdhury



## **Year of Call**

2024

## **Practice**

Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn), practising lawyer at the Appellate Division and High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh

I seek election to the Bar Representation Committee to strengthen the voice of barristers across diverse jurisdictions and backgrounds. As a practising Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn) and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, I am committed to fostering a more inclusive, supportive, and internationally engaged Inn. My experience spans civil, constitutional, and public law, alongside active involvement in social justice initiatives and professional development programmes. Through advocacy, research, and mentoring, I have consistently promoted access to justice and upheld the values of our profession. These contributions reflect my belief that Lincoln's Inn should continue to serve not only as a professional body but also as a community that nurtures excellence and ethical responsibility. I bring to the Committee strong legal expertise, proven advocacy skills, and a record of collaboration within the Inn and beyond. Having navigated practice in a challenging legal environment, I understand the importance of representation, resilience, and reform. I am confident that my background and dedication will enable me to contribute meaningfully to the Inn's ongoing work in supporting its members and shaping the future of the Bar.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time



# Mohd Aftab Uddin

**Year of Call**

2006

**Practice**

Practising Barrister in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Advocate, Appellate Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

I want to contribute to my best to serve the Bar Representation Committee for the overall well-being of my fellow Barristers and the Inn. Based on my current involvement and experience in different professional and social organisations, I can perform my best to serve in this role.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Muhammad Jamshed



## **Year of Call**

2025

## **Practice**

As a lawyer, Practicing in Criminal, Civil & Families Laws/ Cases in Pakistan for last 17 years

I have been practicing law in Pakistan for the past 17 years at the High Court level. Alongside my legal career, I have been actively involved in public service, having contested two General Elections (2018 and 2024) for the National Assembly of Pakistan. These campaigns reflect my long-standing commitment to representing my community and advocating for their rights. This same passion for service and advocacy now draws me to the Bar Representation Committee (BRC). I am eager to contribute meaningfully to the Inn through the BRC, which plays a vital role in enhancing member engagement and supporting the wider Bar community. My connection to the Inn is deeply personal. As a Transferring Qualified Lawyer, I made repeated efforts to attend my Qualifying Sessions and Call in person, but UK visa issues, despite having funds and intent, prevented this. Taking my Call in Absentia in March 2025, and again watching the July ceremony remotely, was emotional, a mix of pride and longing. These experiences have only deepened my resolve to participate more actively. By joining the BRC, I hope to support fellow members, especially those overseas and promote inclusion across the borders. It would be an honour to serve and give back to a community central to my professional journey.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Muhammad Shafiq Ahmed



**Year of Call**  
2022

## **Practice**

Civil Litigation Criminal Litigation, Banking, Tax Law, immigration law, Commercial Law including Commercial Arbitration Currently Practicing in Pakistan.

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.

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 Re-Election

# Nadeem Sheikh



**Year of Call**  
2012

**Practice**

Work as a consultant solicitor with two Law firm such as immigration, family, employment etc

I am a non-practising barrister and consultant solicitor with experience running my own practice across a range of legal areas. This dual background gives me a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities faced by non-traditional legal careers. I am standing for election to the Bar Representation Committee to ensure that the voices of non-practising barristers and those working in consultancy or alternative legal roles are fully recognised and supported.

Having worked independently and now as a consultant, I understand the importance of flexible career paths and maintaining professional identity outside chambers. I believe the Bar Council must be more inclusive of diverse experiences and better engage all members. As an Asian lawyer, I am committed to reflecting the perspectives of Asian members and promoting diversity and inclusion within the profession. I will actively support initiatives that enhance equality and community engagement. If elected, I will advocate for stronger links between the Bar and other legal professions, policies that reflect modern working practices, and greater recognition of non-practising barristers' contributions. I am dedicated to upholding the Bar's core values of integrity, independence, and service, and I believe my practical experience and commitment to diversity would benefit the Committee greatly.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Oshotse Idaewor



## **Year of Call**

2025

## **Practice**

Non-practising bar course graduate based in the Greater London Area. Currently working as a Junior Convenor at UKELA.

'Salus populi suprema lex esto' or 'let the welfare of the people be the supreme law', opined Cicero in his foundational legal text 'On the Laws'. Perhaps a mildly pretentious start to this statement of candidacy but my belief in Cicero's sentiment is deeply sincere. Our Inn of Court, notwithstanding its sprawling garden grounds and towering redbrick halls, is really only the sum of its parts – the consequence of its members and staff. Member welfare, therefore, is paramount to the health of the Inn we share. As someone whose personal and professional development has already benefitted so much from the Inn, I am hoping to become a member of its BRC to give back.

However, should I gain the honour of being elected, my experience of committees and representation would not begin with the BRC. Throughout my academic career I have served on various school councils and society committees, including as the President of the Law Society during my A-Levels and Treasurer of the Afro-Caribbean Society during my LLB. Most recently, I served as Class Representative for my BPC cohort. Members may rest assured: I will serve you with skill and integrity.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Phebe Mann



## **Year of Call**

2020

## **Practice**

Member with no current practising certificate in England and Wales (appointed to sit at Upper Tribunal, GRC, Tax Chamber etc)

A) I am the first woman engineer of minority ethnic origin appointed to the Upper Tribunal Transport Jurisdiction as Specialist Member, General Regulatory Chamber (Transport, Information Rights and Estate Agents jurisdictions), Tax Chamber, and to the Agricultural Land Tribunal (Wales). I have a particular interest in the education and training of legal professionals. I was speaker in Judiciary multi-platform training sessions, I 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) 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 am a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Qualified Accredited Mediator. 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 Fire Safety Act 2021 and Building Safety Act 2022 following Grenfell. I possess knowledge and experience which is valuable in strategic issues in managing the Inn's property, finances and investment.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Rana Uzair Amjad



## Year of Call

2025

## Practice

Non practicing barrister

I am seeking election to the Bar Representation Committee to contribute s that the *voices of Lincoln's Inn members are not only heard but carry real weight*. The Inn has been the bedrock of my professional journey, and I am keen to give back by helping to strengthen its proud tradition of excellence.

As a Barrister with broad experience across criminal, civil, corporate, and other areas of law, coupled with service in law enforcement investigations, *I have worked at the sharp end of complex cases, from financial crime to organized offences. This has given me both a firm grip on the law and a clear understanding of the challenges barristers face at the coalface of practice.*

I bring with me not only legal expertise but also strong skills in leadership, advocacy, and problem-solving. *My background has sharpened my ability to draft with precision, analyse complex legal and policy issues, and engage effectively with diverse stakeholders.*

These skills, coupled with my commitment to professional integrity, will enable me to contribute constructively and meaningfully and with your support, *I will help carry the Inn to new heights of excellence and distinction.*

## Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time



# Talha Faiz



## **Year of Call**

2024

## **Practice**

Practicing lawyer in Pakistan

I wish to join the Bar Representation Committee to contribute actively to the life of Lincoln's Inn and to ensure that members at all stages of their careers feel supported and engaged. The Committee provides an important platform to strengthen our professional community and to address the challenges faced by a modern and diverse Bar.

My involvement with Lincoln's Inn has given me a strong appreciation of its traditions and values. In practice, I work across criminal, constitutional, and civil litigation, which has equipped me with advocacy, research, and problem-solving skills. I regularly engage with colleagues, clients, and institutions, experiences that have developed my ability to listen, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively. I am also accustomed to balancing competing demands with organisation and focus, qualities essential for effective committee work.

I believe that my dedication to the Inn, my professional experience, and my fresh perspective as a younger member place me in a strong position to contribute meaningfully to the Committee and to represent the membership with energy, integrity, and commitment.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Thasniya Parvin



**Year of Call**  
2025

**Practice**

Non-practising barrister based in the Midlands.

I am standing for election for the Committee to continue the work I began as a Lincoln's Inn Bar Course student representative. That role taught me how important it is for members' voices to be heard, and I am eager to extend that at committee level.

As a South Asian woman and first-generation barrister, I understand the financial, cultural, and social challenges. My journey to the Bar required resilience, balancing studies and training with full-time work while supporting my family, this has strengthened my commitment to making the Inn accessible and supportive for all members.

Being selected for the Luxembourg EU trip demonstrated how the Inn's opportunities can inspire and equip members. Professionally, I have worked in HMCTS, the Police, and pro bono clinics, gaining leadership experience, training staff, and resolving disputes.

I am proud to have created a neurodiverse-aware custody library, nationally recognised with an NPCC award, demonstrating my ability to deliver practical initiatives that promote inclusivity and public confidence.

If elected, I will bring energy, creativity, and approachability, ensuring members feel represented and empowered. I will listen and advocate for all members. I would be honoured to have your nomination.

**Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time

# Vivek B Siddalingaiah

(No Image)

## **Year of Call**

2022

## **Practice**

Justices' Legal Adviser at East London Magistrates Court

I am submitting my nomination for the Bar Representation Committee of Lincoln's Inn with a strong commitment to the values of representation, inclusion, and service.

As a dual-qualified barrister, I bring a unique perspective shaped by cross-jurisdictional experience and a deep appreciation for the diversity of legal practice. My journey into the profession has reinforced my belief that the Bar must reflect the society it serves — not only in background but in thought, experience, and accessibility.

Working as Magistrates Legal Adviser at HM Courts & Tribunal Service, Ministry of Justice, UK, the skills, combined with my lived experience navigating different legal systems, allow me to contribute meaningfully to discussions around policy, member support, and institutional development.

I am passionate about promoting diversity and inclusion within Lincoln's Inn. I believe the Committee plays a vital role in shaping Inn's culture and ensuring that all members - especially those from underrepresented backgrounds — feel seen, heard, and supported.

If elected, I would advocate for greater engagement with junior members, enhanced outreach efforts, and initiatives that foster a more inclusive and forward-looking Inn.

Looking forward to serving on the Committee & contribute to its mission of representing and empowering the membership of Lincoln's Inn.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time



## **2025 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 self-employed bar.

### **Amrit Kaur Dhanoa**



#### **Year of Call**

2016

#### **Practice**

Self-employed barrister specialising in commercial disputes and public law at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square in London.

I would like to play an active role in shaping the Inn's governance, representing members of Hall, and ensuring their voices are heard. The Committee is central to Inn life, and I would value the opportunity to use my experience to further its work. Beyond giving back to the Inn, it would enable me to advance inclusivity, progress, and unity among members.

Within the Inn, I have volunteered for the past three years as an interviewer for GDL and Bar Course Scholarship interviews. This has deepened my commitment to fairness, excellence and widening participation. In 2024, I was elected Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales's Young Barristers' Committee – the first ethnic minority woman to hold this position in its 70-year history – where I forged international practitioner links, worked on practice development tailored for the post-pandemic era, and ensured the young bar's voice was heard on fees and regulatory developments. I also serve on the Bar Council's ADR Panel, and International Committee, and am a co-opted member of Inner Temple's Pegasus Scholarship Trust Council of Management. I am collaborative, evidence-minded and would look to consult widely to build consensus – ensuring members' priorities are clear and well advocated.

#### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

# Amy Proferes



## Year of Call

2012

## Practice

Self-employed tenant at Serle Court, Lincoln's Inn. Commercial Chancery practice with a focus on contentious probate and company.

Lincoln's has a special place in my heart, having welcomed me as a part-time student with no connections at the Bar and turned me into a barrister. I have remained actively involved with the Inn ever since. By serving on the Bar Representation Committee I aim to help the Inn continue its traditions, in particular ensuring our strong sense of community is maintained, whilst also modernising to meet new challenges.

This year I have served as co-vice chair of the BRC, as well as sitting on the Advisory (Bencher) Committee and Hospitality, Events & Dining. I was a member of the BRC in 2018 and 2019, sitting on the Estates Committee. Having been on various committees in my chambers as well as the Property Bar Association committee for several years, I am experienced in navigating the sometimes fraught world of group decision making.

I am co-chair of the debating society, and have worked to make the debating society accessible by producing an introductory guide and video for those with no debating experience. I have also been an advanced advocacy tutor at the Inn since 2019. In my spare time you'll find me competing in strongman at an international level.

## Committee Status

Currently Co-opted and seeking election.

# Ben Boucher-Giles



## **Year of Call**

2004

## **Practice**

Family law, primarily matrimonial finance

I have been at the self-employed bar for 21 years, half of that in the North East and for the last 11 years from a chambers within Gray's Inn. I have been a member at Lincoln's throughout. I regularly assist the Inn with educational courses, including as a tutor on the residential advocacy courses. I have noticed a move toward a more commercially orientated mindset within the Inn, particularly as the BSB increases the scope of its role. I stand for a return to more collegiate values, particularly the promotion of social and educational events. The Inn is not a business the profits for which should be maximised - it is an institution of which we should all be very proud to be members. I want to help ensure that this long remains so.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

# Ben Hamer



## Year of Call

2017

## Practice

Barrister at 5RB

I have served on the Bar Representation Committee since 2018 (I am currently co-opted and was previously an elected member). Having built good relationships with members at all levels, I feel well placed to represent Hall effectively. In particular:

- I am currently chair of the Social and Wellbeing Group (SWG) of the BRC;
- I spent six years as co-chair of the Junior Members' Committee (JMC) of the BRC; and
- I have held membership of a number of Bench committees over the years. I currently sit on Advisory (Benchers) Committee.
- In these roles, particularly as a member and/or chair of the JMC and SWG, I have helped to develop numerous successful events and initiatives – from career and professional development workshops to social events. I also have a very good understanding of the Inn's operations from sitting on various Bench committees.
- I am dedicated to working hard to advance the committee's goals and members of Hall. I have benefitted a great deal from the Inn and would like to ensure that all members feel the Inn is a supportive environment for them too.

## Committee Status

Currently Co-opted and seeking election



# Cecilia Xu Lindsey



## Year of Call

2012

## Practice

Commercial, Chancery, International, Arbitration

A) I stand for election to the BRC based on my volunteering at the Inn's events over the last several years. I gained an understanding of the Inn and needs of members through observing, working with people, learning from more experienced colleagues, and helping tutoring student members who are preparing for their career in the Bar. Whilst the Bar itself faces challenges, I have overcome wellbeing and inclusivity issues in my practice whilst continuing to grow my career in the Bar. I wish to support the Inn and its members who share these challenges and desire to shape the Bar to be a fulfilling place.

B) I commit myself to this course. I have strong ethics, fully embrace the Inn's guidance on promoting a positive inclusive environment for all members, and endeavour to promote the ethos throughout my own conduct. I participated in the Bar Council's EDO Network and have gained insight of the issues and progress in the Bar. Being elected to the BRC will enable me to represent those with a focus through working with colleagues and promoting the needs of Hall members of the Inn. I shall be honoured to take up the role and serve wholeheartedly.

## Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time

# Chloe Hudson



## Year of Call

2003

## Practice

Self employed practitioner at New Park Court Chambers, Leeds. Criminal/regulatory practice on the North Eastern Circuit.

I am a self-employed barrister at New Park Court Chambers, Leeds. I was called to the Bar in 2003 by Lincoln's Inn, with which I maintain a special bond. My journey to the Bar was only possible because of the Inn's generous scholarship scheme and welcoming community. I have practised on the North Eastern Circuit for my entire career and am keen to support the Circuit at the Inn on the Bar Representation Committee.

I am actively engaged in the profession in a variety of roles, including as a pupil supervisor, an advocacy trainer for the North Eastern Circuit and tutor for the Inns of Court School of Advocacy (ICCA) which has included travelling to South Africa to teach young practitioners. I hope that my skills and experience would enable me to make a positive contribution to the work of the Bar Representation Committee. In particular, I would bring a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion and to supporting junior and aspiring barristers, in part cultivated through my own background and my pupil supervising and mentoring activities. I have successful experience of working on committees (including the Pupillage and Practice Group committees in Chambers) adopting a pragmatic, collaborative approach.

## Committee Status

**Seeking Election for the first time**

# George Payne



## **Year of Call**

2004

## **Practice**

Criminal bar at Furnival Chambers in London

As the current Chair of the Bar Representation Committee I am seeking re-election as a member of the committee to continue to working for the interests of members of hall at the Inn.

Since joining the committee in 2017 I have been working hard with the other members to represent your interests on a number of committees including Education and Hospitality Events and Dining. Since being chair last year I have also had the benefit of working more closely with the Treasury office to make sure we continue to be an inclusive and representative body.

I am a self-employed member of the criminal bar in chambers close to the Inn and put a great deal of time into both teaching and other collegiate events.

I strongly believe that the Inn has a vital role to play in holding together our profession at a time when more of us work away from chambers and where the need for a collegiate support network is stronger than ever.

I look forward to your support and to being able to represent your views.

## **Committee Status**

Seeking Re-election

# Rupert Cohen



## Year of Call

2011

## Practice

Self-employed chancery barrister at Landmark Chambers in London

Life as a barrister can, all too often, lead to feelings of imposter-syndrome, anxiety and inferiority. Given the turnover of cases we do and the range of clients we represent the odds are fairly high that in our respective careers a complaint (meritorious or not) will be made. Inevitably one feels deflated, partially responsible (deservedly or not) and exposed. Membership of Lincoln's Inn has a unique role in helping rationalise those feelings and seeing them for what they are.

If elected I would endeavour to build on the Inn's existing wellbeing programmes with a view to promoting the Inn's role in managing our practices and the strains that coming with them. This would include workshops on how to manage complaints both emotionally and practically (how many of us know how to contact the Bar Mutual if legal action is threatened?) and seminars on accountancy (perhaps someone can explain what Making Tax Digital means and why I should care?). Of themselves arid topics but if followed by a glass of wine in the company of others then more bearable. I was on the Property Bar Association Committee for 7 years and the Chancery Bar Education and Training sub-committee for 4 years.

## Committee Status

Seeking Election for the first time





## **2025 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.

### **Mark Rowlands**



#### **Year of Call**

2009

#### **Practice**

Employed barrister at Kobre & Kim in London, practising in international commercial and trusts disputes.

Having worked at the self-employed bar and the employed bar, in civil and criminal practice, and both onshore and offshore, it is common for employed barristers to feel disconnected from the profession and the Inn. I would like to help ensure that barristers whose careers have followed less conventional paths feel understood and have their concerns and priorities valued and represented.

Employed barristers are an incredibly diverse and accomplished group, many of whom have pursued unique and highly specialised practices. We work within some of the most interesting organisations in the world and have perspectives and expertise that one might struggle to develop at the independent bar. As the legal professions continue to evolve we are likely to see the significance of the employed bar grow.

Nevertheless, it is very easy for employed barristers to feel isolated, because we tend not to work in large groups, and consequently as though we have left the bar behind. I would like to combat this by reinforcing employed barristers' voices in the Inn and ensuring that the Inn benefits from and reflects their active and engaged membership.

#### **Committee Status**

Seeking Election for the first time.

# Martin Nelson



## **Year of Call**

2011

## **Practice**

I work in the Government Legal Profession in London, with a focus on defence, data and national security.

I've enjoyed the last year on the BRC, and I've also represented the Inn's members on the pre-call education committee. I'd like to continue finding ways to make our Inn friendlier and even more supportive of the students and members who call it home. I'd like to strengthen the Inn's connections to the employed bar, including those parts of it that aren't in court every day. I'm also keen to safeguard the community we build for students, including through the Inn's diversity training group, which I've been assisting. Education is a core part of the Inn and it should be welcoming for everyone, including students, staff, and those barristers who help teach.

If you were called after 2012, and have ever done mooting, debating, or a teaching weekend, I may well have taught you! I'm one of the three barrister Chairs of the Debating Club, and have spent well over a decade providing feedback, support and a friendly face for those seeking pupillage. Over the last year I've brought some of that experience into the issues at the BRC and pre-call committee. Finally, as a civil servant, I'm also good with meetings.

## **Committee Status**

Currently Co-opted and seeking election.



## **2025 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

### **Adam Kayani**

#### **Year of Call**

2019

#### **Practice**

Self-Employed Family Barrister in London and South-East.

I consider myself a committed member of the Inn who has experience across a range of its work, with a commitment to the educational and social aspects of the Inn as well as being a tireless advocate for the better inclusion of all members, but particularly those with South Asian heritage.

I have served the Inn continuously since 2017 when I was co-opted to the then Junior Members Association in my student year at the Inn. In the eight years since then I have been co-opted to the Junior Members Committee (of which I am now co-chair) hosting the Pathways to Pupillage and the Second Six and Beyond events for several years running. I have been a tutor on Pupillage Foundation Scheme and I have been co-opted to the BRC sitting on the Staff, Chapel and Estates committees.

I am a tireless advocate for the inclusion and celebration of South Asian heritage at the Inn. I sat on the steering committee for the Inn's first South Asian Heritage Month dinner in 2023 and have always advocated for celebrating the Inn's historic South Asian connections.

I would be honoured to continue that work as your elected representative on the BRC.

#### **Committee Status**

Currently Co-opted and seeking election.



# Anthony James



## Year of Call

2021

## Practice

Practising Criminal Law in London

It has been a privilege to serve BRC for the past two years as a co-opted member on the hospitality, gardens and young members committees. I feel my work is only partly completed and I wish to continue to promote the views of members and particularly young barristers.

I would like to bring in an annual Q&A and social at the start of each academic year for members less than 10 years call. This would give you an opportunity to hear about the support the Inn can give you and for you to make your voice heard regarding the events you want to see. I would also like to increase co-operation between the Inn and the various bar associations, I myself being a member of the CBA. Finally, I have seen the benefit of reverse mentoring at the CBA and I feel that this could work at the Inn - giving benchers insight into what we want from the Inn and how we want it to be run for our benefit.

There are big plans to increase the scope of and events put on by the junior members sub-committee and I would love your vote to continue to work.

## Committee Status

Currently Co-opted and seeking election.

# Leo Graves



## Year of Call

2021

## Practice

Self-Employed Barrister at 3DJB (Family Law)

Following the Harman report, the voices of the junior members at the Bar are vitally important to the functioning of an inclusive profession.

If elected, I will be an advocate for all junior members, not just those who practise in London.

The Inn has had an indelible impact on my life and I wish to give back to our professional home as an elected member of BRC.

I was co-opted to BRC in 2024 and have experience as a member of 2 Bench Committees. Throughout this time, I have been actively engaged in promoting the interests of junior barristers and supporting the work of the Inn as a whole. I also serve the Inn as part of JMC, helping to organise professional networking and career development events.

As one of joint chairs of the Debate Club, I am directly involved in the education of new students, which gives a key insight into the issues relevant for those at the very start of their careers.

Being a keen salsa dancer, I know that communication is integral to any successful relationship. These skills, along with my interpersonal skills as a family law barrister, make me well suited to this position on BRC.

## Committee Status

Currently Co-opted and seeking election