**Young Bar Advocate: Executive Committee Information**

We are looking for an executive committee to set the direction of Young Bar Advocate.

Created by young barristers, for young barristers. This is an opportunity to join a brand new executive committee and to build something from the ground up. We will look to our YBA executive committee to decide how best to engage our young barristers.

The broad agenda is to form a network of likeminded individuals, across all sectors of the Bar, and to support them through their careers to take on pro bono work.

We know that Covid has changed many career plans for young barristers and made it harder to take on pro bono cases. Advocate wants to ensure that the young barristers signed up to volunteer with us, who recognise the necessity for access to justice and want to help, feel supported to take on pro bono work and help those in need, while also building their own successful careers.

The executive committee will itself be supported by the Advocate staff team and can consider acting on the following ideas:

* Planning events to support the young Bar.
* Deciding how to offer networking and development opportunities to the existing 650 young barristers who are Advocate volunteers.
* Encouraging new young barristers to volunteer and gain invaluable experience by working on pro bono cases.
* Drawing from our network of over 2,000 senior barristers and QCs to support with mentoring young barristers.
* Forming a network across areas of law and circuits

We are looking for up to 10 committee members.

To join we ask that you:

* Have completed your first six months of pupillage
* Have a demonstrable understanding of the work of Advocate
* Show examples of a commitment to pro bono and access to justice.

If you satisfy these criteria, please complete the application form and an equal opportunities form found below.

We will then select candidates to ensure that we have a diversity of areas of law and regions of the country represented on the committee. We ask that committee members serve for at least one year and not more than three years.

**Deadline: 28th May 2021.**

**Please return the complete form to Bryony Wells, Volunteer Manager at**[**bwells@weareadvocate.org.uk**](mailto:bwells@weareadvocate.org.uk)



Application Form & Equal Opportunities Form

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| **Name** |  | |
| **Organisation** |  | |
| **Email** |  | |
| **Year of Call / professional qualifications** |  | |
| **Specialist areas:** | | |
| Admin & Public  Animals  Banking & Financial Services  Betting / gaming / lotteries  Breach of Confidence  Canon / Ecclesiastical  Chancery  Charities  Civil Liberties  Clinical Negligence  Commercial  Company  Consumer  Contract  Conveyancing  Coroners  Costs  Court of Protection  Criminal  Criminal injuries  Criminal judicial review  Damages  Data protection / freedom of information  Defamation  Disciplinary - health related  Disciplinary - other  Discrimination (employment)  Discrimination (other than employment)  Economic torts  Education  Employment & Industrial Relations  Energy & Natural Resources  Environmental  Equity and Trusts  Extradition  Family - Children  Family - Financial  Family - FLA  Family - Other  Franchising  Fraud - civil  Fraud - criminal  General common law  Harassment | | Health & Safety  Housing  Human Rights  Immigration & Asylum  Inquests & Public Inquiries  Insolvency  Insurance / Reinsurance  Intellectual Property  IT  Judicial Review  Landlord and Tenant  Licensing  Local Government  Media & Entertainment  Mental Health  Nuisance  Parliamentary  Partnership  Pensions  Personal injury  Planning  Police  Prison  Private International  Professional Negligence  Public International  Real Property  Road traffic  Security  Shipping  Solicitors Costs  Tax (corporate)  Tax (personal)  Tax (VAT and duties)  Technology and construction  Torts  Trade Union  Transport  Travel  Utilities  Welfare Benefits  Wills & Probate |
| **Professional referee** |  | |
| **Brief history of work with Advocate** |  | |
| **Brief history of experience of pro bono legal work (including any Law Centre work)** |  | |
| **Previous committee experience** |  | |
| **Please outline any ideas you have for the direction of Young Bar Advocate** |  | |
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| Advocate is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications irrespective of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, creed, religion or political persuasion. In order to help us monitor the effectiveness of our equal opportunities policy, we ask all applicants to provide the information indicated below. This information will only be used for monitoring and statistical analysis. | | |
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| Ethnic origin | | |
| I would describe my ethnic origin as: | | |
| A) White  English  Scottish  Welsh  Irish  Other White: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | B) Mixed  White & Black Caribbean  White & Black African  White & Asian  Other Mixed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | C) Asian  Indian  Pakistani  Bangladeshi  Chinese  Other Asian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| D) Black  Caribbean  African  Other Black: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | E) Other  Any other ethnic background, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | F) Would prefer not to indicate |
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| Age and Gender | | |
| Date of birth: | | Would prefer not to indicate |
| Gender: | | Would prefer not to indicate |
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| Disability | | |
| Do you consider yourself to have a disability?  Yes  No  Would prefer not to indicate.  If yes, please tick any of the list below which apply. | | |
| Dyslexic  Blind / partially sighted  Deaf / hearing impairment  Wheelchair use / mobility difficulties | Need personal care  Mental health difficulties  Unseen disability (e.g. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy | Multiple difficulties  Other:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Would prefer not to indicate |