

# CALL TO THE BAR

**Please read the following information carefully**

The closing date for applications will be advertised on the website.

Please submit **all** required documentation to the Inn before the deadline above. Failure to do so may result in you not being Called on your requested date.

## 1. Eligibility for Call

1.1. You are eligible to be Called if you have:

- successfully completed the BPTC **and** completed a minimum of 12 Qualifying Sessions (see [website](#) for update on attending the Call Reception as a 12<sup>th</sup> QS) **or**
- successfully applied to the Bar Standards Board as a Specially Qualified Applicant **and** completed any parts of the Bar Transfer Test (BTT), as required.

### **Please note;**

- 1.2 You can apply for Call before receiving your BPTC or BTT results (this will be the case for the majority of applicants).
- 1.3 You can apply for Call before completing all the required QS, however any outstanding QS must be booked in advance where possible and you must attend them before the Call day.

## 2. Publication of Call lists

Please note that the names of all the students who are Called to the Bar (Callees) will be published in the Times, the Telegraph and the Independent newspapers after the date of Call (the actual date of publication varies depending on availability of space in the newspapers).

## 3. Completing the Call Application

3.1 The following should be submitted before the stated closing date (**we will not consider your application to be complete until we have received all of these**):

- Call Application & Declaration form
- any additional documents that are required, e.g. degree certificates, if not previously provided

### **Your name as it will appear on your Call certificate**

- 3.2 You will be Called using your full name, including middle names. This will be printed on your Call certificate and also published in the Times, Telegraph and Independent newspapers.
- 3.3 If due to cultural convention you would like your name to appear in a different order from first name ~ middle names~ surname please specify this on the application form.

### **Degree certificates**

- 3.4 If you completed any of your degree qualifications after being admitted to the Inn, please upload certified copies of the relevant degree certificates. If you provided a degree certificate at admission you do not need to submit another copy.

### **Call Fee (£125)**

- 3.5 Payment of the Call fee will be requested around 2-3 weeks before Call. This is required whether you are Called in person or in Absentia.

### **Call in Absentia [NB This written request is not required for July 2020 Call]**

- 3.6 Permission from the Masters of the Bench may be sought if any student wishes to be Called in Absentia. This must be a formal written request outlining the reason why you cannot be Called in person. Please contact us if you think you may need to be Called in Absentia.

## **4. Information about Call Day [November Call only]**

### **Call Ceremony**

- 4.1 Whilst we hope that it will be possible to hold ceremonies in person in November, we cannot guarantee this. We also cannot, at this time, define the format this may take. Further details will be decided nearer the time.

### **Call Reception**

- 4.2 Similarly, we do not know whether it will be possible to hold Call receptions in the usual way.  
*It is recommended that you complete all 12 QS before Call as we cannot guarantee that Call receptions will go ahead in person in November.*

### **Dress code for Callees [If Call ceremonies are held in person]**

- 4.3 You must attend the Call ceremony in **court dress including wig, gown and bands**
- 4.4 You can hire wig, gown and bands for the day from Ede and Ravenscroft.
- 4.5 In addition to the wig, gown and bands, Callees should wear;
- ❖ A plain black (or very dark grey) suit. Your jacket must be buttoned up at the front (a double-breasted or three piece suit is traditionally worn by men).
  - ❖ a white wing-collared shirt (a collaret is acceptable for women) – google for pictures if you're unsure what either of these are!
  - ❖ formal, black shoes. Sandals and open-toe footwear are not appropriate. When choosing your footwear, do bear in mind that you will be standing for the length of the ceremony.
  - ❖ hair tied back if it is below shoulder length

### **Dress Code of Guests [If it is possible to accommodate guests at the ceremonies]**

- 4.6 The dress code for guests is 'lounge suits'. This means that guests should dress reasonably formally (for example a suit with a shirt and tie, or a dress or trousers/skirt with smart top). Guests are not obligated to wear dark colours or a white shirt; colours are fine. National dress is also welcome.

### **Photography [If Call ceremonies are held in person]**

- 4.7 There will usually be an official photographer available to take professional photographs on Call Day. For prices and further information please visit [www.successphotography.com](http://www.successphotography.com).

All queries concerning Call should be directed to;

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