

THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE
MIDDLE TEMPLE

CALL TO THE BAR

TRINITY CALL

18:00, THURSDAY 25 JULY 2024

MASTER TREASURER

Paul Darling OBE KC

MASTER READER

His Honour David Stockdale KC

SOME HISTORY

The term “barrister” appears to have originated in the Inns of Court in the mid-fifteenth century, when it described the junior members of the Inns who participated in the exercise known, even then, as mootings. At that time instruction was conducted in each of the Inns of Court, under the direction of a Master of the Bench appointed as Reader, during two terms in each year known as Grand Vacations. Instruction was mostly oral and practical. In the mootings exercises the most junior students, who sat in the middle tiers of the benches, were known as Inner Barristers, and carried out the simpler exercises; the more learned sat outer or “utter”- most, and argued the more abstruse points of the law.

Call to the Utter Bar was therefore recognition of a degree of learning and was generally accorded only after a Barrister had been under instruction for five or six years. Moreover, even after being Called, a Barrister in the time of Elizabeth I was not allowed to plead before the high courts for a further five years, though the Justices of Assize might admit him to their courts earlier. Time both as a student and as a pupil therefore seems to have been pretty protracted.

For some decades there was a dispute as to who might authorise Call to the Utter Bar. Readers often assumed, or were given, authority to Call Barristers, but gradually this passed to the Masters of the Bench as a whole; an Order of shortly after 1574 (about the year this Hall was completed) said that none should be “*Called to the Barr but by the Ordinary Council of the House*”.

The members Called each year were far fewer than in modern times; in the Middle Temple, under 10 a year in the reign of Elizabeth I, gradually rising throughout the next century to nearly 20 in the reign of William and Mary.

TODAY'S CEREMONY

Students who have passed the Bar Course (or have complied with other relevant academic or professional requirements) and have met the regulatory requirements are eligible for Call and have been so authorised by the Masters of the Bench in Parliament. The students are Called in a specific order. This is the order of seniority according to the date of their admission to the Inn. Each wears a wig and gown over a dark suit or dress (the tradition of sobriety in clothing, too, goes back to Elizabeth I's reign).

Master Treasurer accompanied by Master Reader and followed by other Masters of the Bench, will process into Hall and take their places.

Master Reader addresses the students with the words:

“Student members of the Middle Temple being Called to the Degree of the Utter Bar, you have declared that for as long as you remain a barrister you will use your knowledge and skills in keeping with the principles and ethics of the profession, uphold the Rule of Law and in doing so comply with the Code of Conduct and Core Duties of the Bar of England and Wales.

You have also accepted the obligation to follow the regulations of the profession and to undertake continual improvement of your professional knowledge and competence.”

Master Reader addresses Master Treasurer with the words:

“Master Treasurer, it is my duty and privilege as Master Reader to introduce to you those Students of this Honourable and Learned Society whose proposals for Call to the Degree of the Utter Bar have been authorised by Parliament. When they have been Called by you they will, after the ancient manner, enter

their names at the Cupboard in the Book Containing the Roll of the Barristers of this Inn.”

Master Reader then presents each student by name:

“Master Treasurer, I introduce”

Master Treasurer then calls him or her:

“..... in the name of the Masters of the Bench, I Call you to the Degree of the Utter Bar”.

When all have been Called, Master Treasurer gives a speech.

CALL TO THE BAR

The following Members of the House were this day Called to the Degree of the Utter Bar:

Emena Emuobor Efeotor

Sara Haqi El Kaysi

Ayanthi Tamera Palihawadana

Quazi Arham Abedin

Greg Steven Mitchell Clement

Sean Patrick Charles Cole

Ticiana Fernandes Castro de Alencar

Hannah Brumpton

Eleanor Katie Hull

Jayne Ann Lever

Bibi Ishrath Peeroo
Martha Angela Garcia Vizuete
Niall Christopher Robinson
Mohammad Riadz Bin Mohd Rashdan
Rohan Singh Sidhu
Ibtehal Khalifa Derek Cahusac de Caux
Sarmelan Mugunthan
Lois Isabel Connelly
Alexander John Henry French
Iqra Shahid
Amy Siew Pitt Wen
Oliver Luke Goodrich Taylor
Piers Barnaby Benton
Gemma Ann McKernan
Xin Yen Lim
Ha Wai Hiun Sandra Ha
Jie Kai Lee
Belinda Elizabeth Curtis
Benjamin George Sasvari
Ogechi Niamh Igwe
Sajini Sridaran
Bibi Shabneez Nushruth Hossain
Divya Thapa Magar

Maia-Vianna Jones

Asha Thirunavukkarasu

Robbyn Nakita Thompson

Veronika Imogen Phillips

Stephanie Elizabeth Longmore

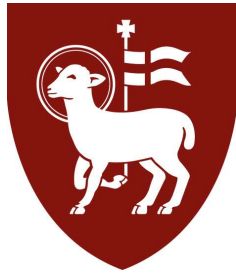
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Conrad Sean Cummings

Bébhinn Catherine Murphy

Charles David Creasey

Jane Rapin



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