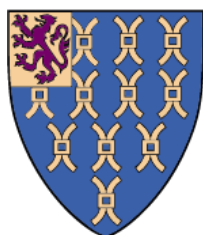


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Press Release on Behalf of the Inns of Court



The Inns of Court are conscious of the predicament in which many members of the Bar have been placed as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, and are working urgently on a package of measures to assist those most in need. These include:

- (a) Participation in, and an immediate contribution towards, an emergency fund that is imminently being launched by the Barristers' Benevolent Association to distribute funds to barristers in urgent need; and
- (b) Hardship funds provided by each Inn, designed primarily to assist pupils and other junior barristers who are not eligible for either the Government assistance for the self-employed or for help from the BBA.

In addition, the Inns are taking measures to relieve hardship in relation to the rental obligations of Chambers on each Inn's estate.

Notes to Editors

The four Inns of Court are the professional membership associations for barristers in England and Wales. We provide legal education and training to members at all stages in their careers, and hold the exclusive right to Call candidates to practise at the Bar of England and Wales. In 2019 the Inns of Court made awards, scholarships and bursaries to prospective barristers of £6million.

The Barrister's Benevolent Association exists to help past and present practising members of the Bar in England and Wales, including the judiciary, and their families and dependants. The criteria are that the applicant is needy and deserving. The aim is, wherever possible, to overcome the problem and rebuild the applicant's life and career.

More information about each of the Inns, and the BBA, can be found on their websites:

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

www.lincolnsinn.org.uk

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

www.innertemple.org.uk

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

www.middletemple.org.uk

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
www.graysinn.org.uk

The Barrister's Benevolent Association
www.the-bba.com