

Quality Assurance For Advocates Scheme Impact Assessment Survey



Section A: About your practice

A1. In what year were you called to the Bar?

Y	Y	Y	Y
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A2. Have you taken Silk?

Yes

No

A3. Are you in:

Employed Practice.

Please go to question A12

Self-employed Practice.

Please continue with question A4

Self-employed barristers

A4. What is your current status within self-employed practice? (Please tick one box only)

Sole Practitioner

Door tenant

Tenant in chambers

Squatter / Pupil / 3rd Six pupil

Probationary Tenant

Temporarily not practising due to career break, ill health, maternity / paternity leave or other reason

A5. If you practise in chambers, do you practise from more than one set?

Yes (if yes, please go to question A7)

No (if no, please answer question A6 then go to question A8)

A6. If you practise from one set of chambers how many members are in your set?

A7. If you practise from more than one set of chambers please say how many members are in each of the sets from which you practise.

i) _____ ii) _____ iii) _____ iv) _____

A8. In which circuit(s) do you practise? (Please tick as many as apply and please give the percentage of time spent on each circuit)

- North Eastern % Wales and Chester Western %
 Northern % Midland and Oxford

South Eastern – Please indicate in which part of this circuit your practice is based.

- Central London % South East England (outside London) % Greater London %

A9. Do you practise:

- Full-time (*more than 30 hours per week*) Part-time (*less than 30 hours per week*)

A10. What was your approximate gross billed income, net of VAT, in the last financial year? (*Answering this question is voluntary*)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under £20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £150,001 - £175,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £20,001 - £40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £175,001 - £200,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £40,001 - £60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £200,001 - £250,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £60,001 - £80,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £250,001 - £300,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £80,001 - £100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £300,001 - £500,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £100,001 - £125,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £500,001 - £1m |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £125,001 - £150,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over £1m |

A11. What approximate percentage of your gross billed income is accounted for by overheads and expenses, not including tax and pension fund payments?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 10% | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 51-70% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 11-30% | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 71-90% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 31-50% | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 91% |

Employed Barristers

A12. If currently in employed practice, have you previously worked in self-employed practice?

- Yes No

A13. Is your practice?

- Full-time (*more than 30 hours per week*) Part-time (*less than 30 hours per week*)

A14. Which type of organisation best describes where you work?

- | | | |
|--|-----------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitors firm | Private Sector: | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable/non-profit organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Authority | | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPS | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | | |

Other (please specify:)

A15. What was your approximate gross annual salary in the last financial year?
(Answering this question is voluntary)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under £20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £150,001 - £175,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £20,001 - £40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £175,001 - £200,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £40,001 - £60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £200,001 - £250,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £60,001 - £80,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £250,001 - £300,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £80,001 - £100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £300,001 - £500,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £100,001 - £125,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £500,001 - £1m |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £125,001 - £150,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over £1m |

NOTE: If you are employed by the Government Legal Service or the CPS please go to **Section C**. All other employed barristers please continue with **Section B**

Section B: Practice Areas

B1. Do you practise in **Crime**?

- Yes No (if no please go to question B9)

B2. What percentage income of your **total** practice is in **Crime**?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 10% | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 51-70% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 11-30% | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 71-90% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 31-50% | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 91% |

B3. Approximately how many contested criminal trials have you conducted over the last 12 months? _____

B4. Approximately how many cracks and guilty pleas have you conducted over the last 12 months? _____

B5. Approximately, what proportion of these cases were under contract with the Legal Services Commission Complex Crime Unit? _____%

B6. Have you been included on any of the tenders for the Legal Services Commission's new Very High Cost Case (Crime) Panel?

Yes

No

B7. What percentage income of your total **Crime** practice is publicly funded?

Less than 10%

Between 51-70%

Between 11-30%

Between 71-90%

Between 31-50%

More than 91%

B8. Are you a member of any of the following panels? (Please tick all that are applicable)

CPS External Advocate scheme

Attorney General's Treasury Counsel Panel – Prosecution Panel

Other (please specify). _____

B9. Do you practise in **Civil** work?

Yes

No (if no please go to question B15)

B10. In which areas of **Civil** law do you practise? Please give the approximate proportion of time spent on each category in relation to your total, overall workload.

	%		%
Family	<input type="text"/>	Personal Injury	<input type="text"/>
Public law	<input type="text"/>	Admiralty & shipping	<input type="text"/>
Chancery	<input type="text"/>	Employment	<input type="text"/>
Immigration/Asylum	<input type="text"/>	Planning & Environment	<input type="text"/>
Revenue	<input type="text"/>	Landlord and tenant	<input type="text"/>
Commercial	<input type="text"/>	Construction	<input type="text"/>
Arbitration	<input type="text"/>	Intellectual property	<input type="text"/>
International or EC	<input type="text"/>	Professional negligence	<input type="text"/>

Other (please specify) _____

B11. If in receipt of any public funding for any **Civil** work, what percentage of your **total Civil** practice is publicly funded?

None, do not do Legal Aid work (if none please go to question B15)

Less than 10%

Between 51-70%

Between 11-30%

Between 71-90%

Between 31-50%

More than 91%

B12. In which of the following **Civil** areas of practice do you receive public funding? (Please tick all that are applicable)

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer | <input type="checkbox"/> Actions against Police | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration/Asylum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Community care | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debt | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical negligence | <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Public law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Other (please specify)

B13. If you practise in **Family Law**, what percentage of your **Family** practice income is publicly funded?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 10% | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 51-70% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 11-30% | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 71-90% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 31-50% | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 91% |

B14. Taken together, what proportion of your income from your total practice (Civil and Crime) is publicly funded?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 10% | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 51-70% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 11-30% | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 71-90% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 31-50% | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 91% |

B15. Are you a member of:

- Attorney General's Treasury Counsel Panel – Civil and EC Panel
- Other panels/professional accreditation schemes (Please specify)

Other (please specify)

B16. Are you a member of a Specialist Bar Association(s)?
(Please tick as many as apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Bar Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Negligence Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bar European Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Law Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> London Common Law and commercial Bar Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chancery Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Midland Chancery and Commercial Bar Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Chancery Bar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Law Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Environment Bar Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IP Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injuries Bar Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology and Construction Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Bar Association |

Other (please specify)

B17. In the last 12 months, what proportion of your work came from firms with a significant BME membership (i.e. at least one third of partners/directors are of black or minority ethnic background)?

- less than 25%
 25-50%

- 50-75%
 75% or more

Section C: Education – to be answered by all respondents

C1. Did you mainly attend a state or fee-paying school between the ages of 11-18?

- State Fee-paying

C2. If you attended a fee-paying school please tick the box if you received any kind of financial award to cover 50% or more of the school fees.

C3. Please give the name of the university which awarded your first degree.

C4. Please indicate the class of your first degree. (Please tick one box only)

- 1st 2:1 2:2 3rd
 Pass Non-graded Other

Other (please specify)

C5. Was your first degree?

- Law Non-law

Section D: Career Breaks – to be answered by all respondents

D1. Since completing your pupillage, have you ever spent any time away from practice for any of the following reasons? (Please tick all that apply)

- Not applicable (If not applicable please go to question E1)
 Maternity/Paternity or adoption leave Career break for childcare Ill health
 Parental leave Career break for other reason

Other (please specify)

D2. After how many years of practice was your first period away from practice?

D3. On how many subsequent occasions have you been away from practice?

D4. If you have spent time away from practice, how long was the most recent period of leave?

- Less than one month between six months and one year more than two years
- between one month and six months between one year and two years

Section E: Diversity monitoring – to be answered by all respondents

E1. Please state your age in years at your last birthday:

Years

E2. Are you:

Male

Female

E3. Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

E4. What do you consider your sexual orientation to be?

Bisexual

Gay Woman/Lesbian

Prefer not to say

Gay Man

Heterosexual

E5. Do you have any dependant children?

Yes

No

E6. Do you have any caring responsibilities for an elderly or dependant adult?

Yes

No

E7. Have your caring responsibilities ever impacted on your caseload or the type of cases you were able to take on?

Yes

No

E8. Do you consider yourself to have a health problem or disability?

- Yes No

E9. If you have answered 'Yes' to the question above, how would you describe your disability?
(Please tick all that apply)

- Hearing Mobility/Physical Severe disfigurement
 Visual Mental health Prefer not to say
 Speech Learning (e.g. dyslexia)

Other (please specify) _____

E10. Please indicate your religious beliefs:

- None Hindu Sikh
 Buddhist Jewish Agnostic
 Christian Muslim Prefer not to say

Other (please specify): _____

E11. With which group do you most identify? Please tick only ONE box in Section 1 (National identity) and ONE box in Section 2 (Ethnic background).

Section 1	Section 2	
<p>British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> British/mixed British <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If other please specify: _____</p>	<p>Asian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian background</p> <p>If other please specify: _____</p> <p>Black</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> African <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Other black background</p> <p>If other please specify: _____</p> <p>White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any white background</p>	<p>Mixed ethnic background</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian and white <input type="checkbox"/> Black African and white <input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean and white <input type="checkbox"/> Other mixed ethnic background</p> <p>If other please specify: _____</p> <p>Any other ethnic background</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic background</p> <p>If other please specify: _____</p> <p>Chinese</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any Chinese background</p> <p>If other please specify: _____</p>