

2024-2025 Committee Members

I am pleased to announce the membership lists for the Bar Association's 2024/2025 committees.

The 2024/2025 committees formally come into effect from 1 July 2024. Bar Association staff will be in contact with chairs and committee members shortly.

We received a huge number of offers from members to assist in the work of the committees this year. Sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to take up everyone's offer. During the year, the Bar Council invariably needs the assistance of members on a wide range of matters beyond the scope of the committees' jurisdictions and we hope to be able to call on some of those who have volunteered, but whom we have been unable to place on a committee, throughout 2024/2025.

It is critical that committee membership answers the needs of the Bar Council for expertise in particular areas and additionally reflects as wide a cross-section of the Bar, and the community, as possible. In accordance with the Association's Guidelines for Committee Tenure and Governance, it is important for there to be some regular turnover in committee membership. To accommodate the interests of as many members as possible, and to maximise the opportunities available to members, as a general rule, no applicant will sit on more than two committees. The new committees have been chosen with these considerations in mind.

I thank all chairs, committee members and Bar Association staff for their service and contribution in 2023-2024.

I especially thank those committee chairs and members who are not continuing on a committee this year for their tireless assistance in previous years. It reflects the highest standards of collegiality and commitment to the administration of justice that so many members continue to offer their time and expertise on committees.

Ruth Higgins SC

President

28 June 2024

ACCESSIBILITY PANEL

- Sean Docker SC (Chair)
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- Anne Healey
- Neil Jackson
- Phillip Bambagiotti
- Hugh Stowe
- David Liebhold
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- Lucas Shipway
- Vanessa Thomas
- Nuala Simpson
- Wilson Chan
- Sarah McCarthy
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- Matthew Lewis
- David Parish
- Victoria Brigden
- Talitha Fishburn
- Ann Bonnor
- Claire O'Neill
- Nicholas Bentley
- David Townsend
- Naomi Wootton
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- Jordan Smith
- Bede Haines
- Thomas O'Connor

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- Robert White
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- Alexandra Rose
- Zaina Shahnawaz
- Harrison Grace
- Kate Lindeman
- Jerome Entwisle
- Anna Elizabeth
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- Matthias Thompson
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- Ross Stanton
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- Raphael Perla
- Jnana Gumbert
- Eraine Grotte
- James Lee
- Nicole Compton
- James Masur
- Sarah Warren
- Belinda Epstein
- James Thompson
- Matthew McGirr

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- William Calokerinos
- Bora Kaplan
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- Kirralee Young
- Andrew Bailey
- David Harris
- David Smith
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- Guy Newton SC
- David Patch
- Nathan Steel
- Emmanuel Kerkyasharian
- Sarah Talbert
- Sophie Anderson
- Christopher Parkin
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- Fiona McNeil
- Madeleine Bridgett
- Adam Butt
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- Kate Bones
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- Andy Munro
- Anais d'Arville
- Daniel Krochmalik
- Nicholas Ford
- Thomas Buterin
- Tom O'Brien
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- Sophie Anderson
- Sarah Warren
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- Tamara Phillips
- Zoë Hillman
- Emma Beechey
- Jocelyn Jaffray
- Louise Coleman
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- Rose Khalilizadeh
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- Scott Richardson
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- Ragni Mathur SC
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- Nicolas Kirby
- Conor Bannan
- Cara Feiner
- Callan O'Neill
- Stephanie Patterson
- John Longworth
- Angus Macauley
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- Andrew Naylor
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- Awais Ahmad
- Christopher Othen
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- Talitha Fishburn
- Ingrid King
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- Amelia Smith
- Kate Lindeman
- Emma Bartley