



**BAR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT
TO THE AGM ON 23 JULY 2026**

1. The Bar Council does an enormous amount of work that benefits the profession as a whole on matters as varied as the current plight of the publicly funded Bar, the difficulties faced by the criminal justice system (particularly the backlog of cases in the Crown Court), how the cab rank rule should be applied, monitoring the work of the BSB (including the BSB's proposals to expand the reach of the code of conduct), ethics, bullying and harassment and equality.
2. TECBAR members are fortunate in that they continue to be largely unaffected by the majority of issues that impact the broader Bar (for example the problems caused by the cyber attack at the Legal Aid Agency). The judiciaries' push to have information on 'standard rates' for barristers and/or to standardise fees for different types of hearings is of some concern, though TecBar appears to have navigated that well to date.
3. If anyone is interested, the minutes from the Bar Council meetings are on the Bar Council's website at <https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/about-us/constitution-and-structure/bar-council/>.
4. It remains important that TECBAR members:
 - (1) Pay the Bar Representation Fee to ensure that the Bar Council is adequately funded and can continue to provide proper representation.

- (2) Identify and take advantage of the overseas missions that the International Business Development Committee organises.
- (3) Respond to the surveys and consultations which the Bar Council issue, so that they have evidence for proposals and can rightly direct future initiatives.
- (4) Make me aware of matter which should be raised with the Bar Council.

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