

Kerim Fuad QC
Election to the CBA 2015

Anyone that knows me knows I work hard.

I am head of Church Court Chambers and passionately help address as positively as I can those day to day issues which affect my members of chambers.

I try to do right by all.

I have been an active part of the CBA for three years. With the help of my team I was responsible for creating the CBA database which has resulted in the rise of CBA members nationally from 1,775 to over 4,400. My work on this is ongoing. The aim is to have all criminal sets in tandem, with a designated CBA representative and all chambers having their criminal practitioners signed up to the CBA.

Further I have prepared a document detailing the ways in which we can improve the mechanics of the Crown Court, remove financially crippling and pointless hearings and speed up the billing process.

One particular absurdity that must be righted is the delay caused by the insistence of the provision of the Representation order, a fact so easily proved at the touch of a computer button. A single fact that delays thousands of bills.

I am resolved to help fight the injustice of clearly served Prosecution electronic material not counting towards the page count.

I have served under recent CBA Chairs Mike Turner QC, Nigel Lithman QC, and now Tony Cross QC. I have missed one meeting in all that time and contributed in every meeting.

I am determined to do all I can to protect the independent bar and ensure those starting at the junior end have a future. I am still a pupil supervisor and enjoy being part of this pivotal stage in my pupils' careers.

I also teach the young bar advocacy at the Middle Temple.

I am firmly of the view, as recent events have shown government, that together we are strong, indeed invincible.

What we have crucially proved is not just that government knows that we are at last united but that the Bar itself now knows.