



## THE ROLE AND DUTIES OF GOVERNING BENCHERS

The duties of Governing Benchers should involve participating in the following activities:

- a) Attendance at Bench Table meetings and Parliaments.
- b) Attendance at meetings of committees and sub-committees of the Inn to which they have been elected and meetings of other bodies to which they have been nominated by the Inn.
- c) Assist the Inn in carrying out the Education and Training functions of the Society.
- d) Attendance at Qualifying Sessions (ideally not less than two per year).
- e) Election of the Trustees and Executive Committee.
- f) Election of Barrister, Judicial and Other Governing Benchers, and Academic, Honorary and Overseas Benchers.
- g) Election of the Reader-Elect, Reader and Treasurer.
- h) Availability to the Treasurer and Reader for informed advice and guidance on matters pertinent to the Inn.
- i) Responsibility of shaping the future direction of The Inner Temple. This is a strategic duty and consideration would need to be given as to how this could best be undertaken.
- j) Promotion and representation of The Inner Temple externally to its membership and the wider legal community, including the Circuits and other relevant bodies.
- k) Proposal of students of the Inn for Call to the Bar.
- l) Service on disciplinary committees that consider allegations of misconduct by members of the Bench according to availability.
- m) Advising the Treasurer and Reader on any relevant issues that a Governing Bencher feels should be brought to their attention.
- n) Participation in scholarship and education programmes undertaken by the Inn, according to qualification and availability.