

# Glossary

## Authorised individuals

Individuals authorised by the Bar Standards Board to carry out reserved legal activities including: a) practising barristers; b) second six pupils; and c) registered European lawyers.

## Balance of probabilities

It is considered 'more likely than not' that there has been a breach of the BSB Handbook.

## Bar Council

The Bar Council represents barristers in England and Wales.

## Bodies (entities)

Companies or partnerships authorised by the BSB that to provide advocacy, litigation, and expert legal advice services.

## Deferred Sentence

A sentence which will only be activated if the respondent commits professional misconduct during the period of deferral.

## Disbar

Expel (a barrister) from the Bar, so that they no longer have the right to practise law.

## Handbook

Refers to the 'BSB Handbook' which sets out the standards that the Bar Standards Board requires persons it regulates to comply with in order for it to be able to meet its regulatory objectives.

## Joinder provision

Formal power for a Tribunal to join and hear cases or matters together.

## Judicial review

A type of court proceeding in which a judge reviews the lawfulness of a decision or action made by a public body.

## Litigants in person

An individual, company or organisation that is not represented in court by a solicitor or barrister, but represents themselves.

**Professional misconduct**

Professional Misconduct is a breach of the BSB Handbook which is not appropriate for disposal by way of no further action or the imposition of administrative sanctions.

**Standard of proof**

The standard to which the BSB is required to prove its case (that is, 'beyond reasonable doubt').

**Unregistered barrister**

An individual who does not hold a practising certificate but who has been called to the Bar.