

1. About the Bar Standards Board

- 2.1 The Bar Standards Board was established by the Bar Council in January 2006 to take over the regulatory functions of the Bar Council and is tasked with regulating, in the public interest, barristers called to the Bar in England and Wales.

The Board and the Committees

- 2.2 The main board of the Bar Standards Board, also known as the Bar Standards Board, consists of 15 members: made up of a combination of lay and barrister members with a lay majority. The Board acts as a management committee: setting the business and strategic plans and monitoring all aspects of the regulatory work. It delegates the day to day work to eight Committees: Governance, Risk and Audit (GRA); Planning, Resources and Performance (PRP); Education and Training; Qualifications; Standards; Supervision; Equality and Diversity, and Professional Conduct (see attached structure chart). The Chairs of the eight Committees sit on the main Board.

Staff

- 2.3 The Board and Committees are supported by approximately 80 members of staff organised into various Teams in line with the Committee structure. In relation to enforcement there are three Teams collectively known as the Professional Conduct Department – the Assessment Team, the Investigations and Hearings Team and the Operational Support Team. For more information on the roles of these teams please see Section 11.