

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR

Archive Catalogue

General Council of the Bar Archives

Reference code(s): GB 1697 BCO

Held at: The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Title: The General Council of the Bar Archives

Date(s): 1883 - 1999

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and form: 117 volumes. 45 files, 28 booklets and 113 documents

Name of creator(s): The General Council of the Bar

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: see individual series descriptions

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: The archive includes: Minutes, Agenda & Papers of the Council and committees; Regulations and Bylaws; Correspondence; Subject files; Publications; Bar Council Reports; Annual Statements; Submissions to Royal Commissions and external bodies; Royal Commission Reports; Senate of the Four Inns of Court minutes and statements.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Chronologically within series, unless otherwise stated.

Conditions governing access: Printed and published material open. Unpublished material open after 20 years, except for material closed for 75 years in accordance with the Data Protection Act, for reasons of confidentiality and to protect personal privacy; access conditions are specified in the individual series descriptions.

Conditions governing reproduction: Copyright remains with The Bar Council. Copyright declaration form to be completed. Digital photography copyright declaration form to be completed. Copying of material is at the archivist's discretion. Some material may be too fragile for copying.

Finding aids: Detailed catalogue available at the IALS and on the IALS website.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: the collection consists of all the surviving material relating to the general Council of the Bar and with the exception of duplicates has been preserved in its entirety.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Archival history: the records were transferred from The Bar Council to the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in 2012.

Immediate source of acquisition: The General Council of the Bar

ALLIED MATERIALS Other archive material relating to the history of the Bar are included in the records of the Council of Legal Education (held at IALS Archive) and in the Archives of the Inns of Court.

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: Compiled by Elizabeth Dawson. Collection catalogued by Catherine Wakeling, with additional material by George Bray and Elizabeth Dawson.

Rules or conventions: Compiled in compliance with General International Standard Archival Description, ISAD(G), second edition, 2000; National Council on Archives Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names, 1997.

Date of description: 27th May 2014

BAR COUNCIL ARCHIVE: SERIES LIST

Reference	Series
BCO / 01	Constitution files 1883 - 1973
BCO / 02	Regulations and By- Laws (Office copies), 1910 – 1970
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BCO / 26	Bar Organisation Records, 1969 - 1986
BCO / 27	Royal Commission on Legal Services Submissions, 1977 - 1978
BCO / 28	Registry Files, 1876 - 1987
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BCO / 30	Bar Council Periodicals, 1982 – 2002 [wanting]
BCO / 31	Bar Council Publications, 1892 – 1978
BCO / 32	Ephemera, c1918 - 1949
BCO / 33	Senate of the Four Inns of Court: Minutes, 1966 - 1974
BCO / 34	Senate of the Four Inns of Court: Executive Council Minutes, 1962 – 1967
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BCO / 39	Council of the Inns of Court Minutes, 1994 - 1995
BCO / 40	Consolidated Regulations of the Four Inns of Court, 1910 - 1945
BCO / 41	Royal Commission Report, 1855
BCO / 42	Parliamentary Select Committee Reports, 1834
BCO / 43	Publications, 1880 - c1969

BCO/01, Constitution Files, 1883 - 1973

Extent and form: 3 files

Scope and content: apart from the 1936 letter in BCO/01/03 and the 1973 report in BCO/01/02, these files relate to the formation of the Bar Committee in 1883 and its reconstitution as the Bar Council in 1894. However, the files in this series were compiled at a later date than their contents were created and at some point were assigned the reference OS 35.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/01/01	Constitution of the Bar Committee and Bar Council	1883 – 1895	1 file	Contains two sub-files: the first relating to the 1883 formation of the Bar Committee, including the Memorial to the Attorney General and his reply (6 documents); the second relating to the Bar Committee's reconstitution as the Bar Council, including the James' Committee Report, resolutions, the Regulations and the Bye-Laws (8 documents).
BCO/01/02	1883 Bar Committee Copies of Regulations and Bye-Laws	1883 – 1973	1 file	Contains two sub-files: the first consisting of multiple copies of the 1883 Regulations, Bye-Laws and election documents (5 documents); the second contains the Interim Report of the Special Committee on the Regulations and By-Laws of the Council, March 1973.
BCO/01/03	Constitution of the Bar Council – Correspondence with Inns	1894 – 1936	1 file	Apart from one letter, the correspondence relates to the reconstitution of the Bar Committee as the Bar Council (12 documents). The 1936 letter describes the role of the Bar Council in relation to the Attorney General.

BCO/02, Regulations and By-Laws (Office Copies), 1910 - 1970

Extent and form: 8 booklets and 1 document

Administrative history: the Regulations are the constitution of the Bar Council. The first Regulations were drafted for the Bar Committee in 1883. Following the formation of the Bar Council in 1894, the Regulations were revised in 1895. The next complete revision took place in 1946. The implementation of the Pearce Committee's recommendations led to Regulations being introduced in 1974 for the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar. New Regulations were again produced for the General Council of the Bar in 1986, in preparation for the revised arrangements which came into effect on 1 January 1987. The Bar Council's By-Laws were usually printed in the same booklet as the Regulations.

Scope and content: none of the Regulations and By-Laws in this series exactly duplicates those in BCO/03, although a few only contain minor variations.

Related material: see BCO/03.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/02/01	Regulations and Bye-Laws	1898 – 1910	1 booklet	Annotated copy of the Regulations and List of Members, 1898-1899.
BCO/02/02a	Regulations of the General Council of the Bar 1946	1946 – 1949	1 booklet	Annotated copy, with the 1949 List of Council and Committees pasted inside the front cover.
BCO/02/02b	By-Laws	1946	1 document	Found inserted inside the back cover of BCO/02/02.
BCO/02/03	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to May 1950)	1950	1 booklet	
BCO/02/04	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to May 1950)	1950 – 1952	1 booklet	Annotated copy, with the 1951 Composition of Committees list and List of Council 1952 pasted inside the front and back covers.
BCO/02/05	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to May 1950)	c1953	1 booklet	Contains three attachments amending the regulations, two of which appear in the 1955 printed Regulations.
BCO/02/06	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to June 1955)	1955	1 booklet	Regulation 37A has been attached at a later date.
BCO/02/07	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to July 1960)	1960	1 booklet	Regulation 9A has been attached at a later date.
BCO/02/08	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar	1968 – 1970	1 booklet	Annotated copy, with the cover updated to July

	1946 (as amended to October 1968)			1970, but additionally including annotations to November 1970.
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BCO/03, Regulations and By-Laws – Library Copies, 1924 - 1981

Extent and form: 7 booklets and 1 document

Administrative history: the Regulations are the constitution of the Bar Council. The first Regulations were drafted for the Bar Committee in 1883. Following the formation of the Bar Council in 1894, the Regulations were revised in 1895. The next complete revision took place in 1946. The implementation of the Pearce Committee's recommendations led to Regulations being introduced in 1974 for the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar. New Regulations were again produced for the General Council of the Bar in 1986, in preparation for the revised arrangements which came into effect on 1 January 1987. The Bar Council's By-Laws were usually printed in the same booklet as the Regulations.

Scope and content: none of the Regulations and By-Laws in this series exactly duplicates those in BCO/02, although a few only contain minor variations.

Related material: see BCO/02. The earliest version of the 1974 Regulations of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, dated October 1974, can be found at BCO/26/01 m), with an April 1974 draft at BCO/26/04.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/03/01	Regulations and By-Laws, 1924	1924	1 booklet	
BCO/03/02a	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to July 1960)	1960 – 1968	1 booklet	Annotated copy, with the cover updated to July 1968.
BCO/03/02b	Amendment to Regulation 8(a)	ND	1 document	Found inserted in pp4-5 of BCO/03/02. Although undated, the amendment appears to post-date the printing of the 1968 edition, as Regulation 8(a) is unchanged there. The amendment can also be found inserted in BCO/03/04.
BCO/03/03	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to October 1968)	1968 – 1970	1 booklet	Annotated copy, with the cover updated to July 1970.
BCO/03/04	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to October 1968)	1968 – 1970	1 booklet	Annotated copy, with the cover updated to July 1970, but also contains later amendments to Regulations 8(a) and 20 (b) and By-Law 11. Please read carefully, as the amendments are inserted on small slips of paper, which need to remain in their correct location.

BCO/03/05	Regulations of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, Bye-Laws of the Senate, Bye-Laws of the Bar Council, 27 July 1974, incorporating amendments made up to 30 June 1976	1976	1 booklet	
BCO/03/06	Regulations of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, Bye-Laws of the Senate, Bye-Laws of the Bar Council, 27 July 1974, incorporating amendments made up to 31 July 1978	1978	1 booklet	Two undated amendments are attached to the back cover.
BCO/03/07	Regulations of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, Bye-Laws of the Senate, Bye-Laws of the Bar Council, 27 July 1974, incorporating amendments made up to 31 July 1981	1981	1 booklet	

BCO/04, Bar Council Minutes, 1883 - 1950

Extent and form: 22 minute books and 2 documents

Reproduction: photocopying not permitted, due to the large number of attachments. Photography of the minutes permitted. Photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Scope and content: the signed minutes of the Bar Committee/Bar Council, general meetings of the Bar and the annual general meetings of the Bar.

The minute books contain a large number of attachments, including agenda papers from 1896; the Regulations; the By-Laws; the Annual Statement; election documents such as lists of members retiring, lists of candidates proposed and election results; lists of committee members; committee and sub-committee reports, especially if they were printed; and letters and documents sent to the Bar Council which were being considered. After the Second World War fewer documents were attached to the minute books, mainly comprising of agenda papers, the Annual Statement and election documents.

It appears the minutes of the Bar Council after September 1950 are no longer extant, as later minutes were not transferred to IALS. The meeting held on 27 July 1950 is the last regular meeting recorded in BCO/04/22 and the minutes were signed and dated on 8 November 1950 (the 20 September 1950 meeting was a special meeting on the Legal Aid and Advice Act and the minutes are unsigned), which indicates Bar Council meetings continued. From May 1949 the minutes are typescript and pasted into the minute book, so it is a reasonable assumption filing practice changed to a different method in the autumn of 1950, such as filing in folders, and this may account for the lack of continuity in the survival of the minutes.

Related material: some agenda papers can be found in BCO/05 and BCO/06. Copies of the Regulations and By-Laws are in BCO/02 and BCO/03. The Annual Statements can also be found in BCO/18, BCO/19 and BCO/20. For detailed election records see BCO/21.

Finding aids: each volume contains an integral index. There is a system of cross referencing in the margins to the minutes of other meetings, to the minute books of other committees and to the letter books.

Important notes for users: the Annual Statements in these volumes must not be unfolded. Please use the set of Annual Statements in series BCO/19.

Great care must be taken when unfolding the other documents attached to these volumes, to prevent damage to either the volume or the attached documents.

Where pages are stuck together they must not be forced apart – please alert the IALS Archivist if you find any stuck pages not noted below, so arrangements can be made for them to be assessed by a conservator.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/04/01a	Bar Committee minute book vol.1	26 May 1883 – 3 November 1886	1 volume	Prior to the minutes of the first meeting there is a recital of the initial stages in the formation of the Bar Committee from

				14 April to 5 May 1883.
BCO/04/01b	The Bar Committee Regulations	1883	1 document	Found inserted at pp10-11 of minute book 1.
BCO/04/02	Bar Committee minute book vol.2	30 November 1886 – 7 May 1889	1 volume	
BCO/04/03	Bar Committee minute book vol.3	16 July 1889 – 21 March 1891	1 volume	
BCO/04/04	Bar Committee minute book vol.4	5 May 1891 – 5 February 1894	1 volume	
BCO/04/05	Bar Committee/Bar Council minute book vol.5	5 April 1894 – 28 July 1896	1 volume	Pages 214-216 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.
BCO/04/06	Bar Council minute book vol.6	27 October 1896 – 20 March 1899	1 volume	Several groups of pages between pages 1 and 36 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.
BCO/04/07	Bar Council minute book vol.7	18 April 1899 – 25 June 1900	1 volume	
BCO/04/08	Bar Council minute book vol.8	9 July 1900 – 8 December 1902	1 volume	Pages 1-2, 4-5, 11-12 and 59-60 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.
BCO/04/09	Bar Council minute book vol.9	26 January 1903 – 10 April 1905	1 volume	
BCO/04/10	Bar Council minute book vol.10	9 May 1905 – 10 April 1907	1 volume	Pages 214-215 and 264-266 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.
BCO/04/11	Bar Council minute book vol.11	16 April 1907 – 14 December 1908	1 volume	
BCO/04/12	Bar Council minute book vol.12	18 January 1909 – 25 July 1910	1 volume	
BCO/04/13	Bar Council minute book vol.13	31 October 1910 – 4 November 1912	1 volume	
BCO/04/14	Bar Council minute book vol.14	18 November 1912 – 25 May 1914	1 volume	
BCO/04/15	Bar Council minute book vol.15	24 June 1914 – 2 April 1917	1 volume	
BCO/04/16	Bar Council minute book vol.16	7 May 1917 – 19 July 1920	1 volume	

BCO/04/17a	Bar Council minute book vol.17	25 October 1920 – 2 June 1924	1 volume	
BCO/04/17b	Extract from minutes of 14 November 1921 re the Civil Service Legal Society and a letter from the Society of 10 December 1921	1921	2 documents	Found inserted at page 7 of minute book 17, but relates to minutes on pages 34, 36 and 41.
BCO/04/18	Bar Council minute book vol.18	14 July 1924 – 13 February 1928	1 volume	
BCO/04/19	Bar Council minute book vol.19	17 February 1928 – 27 July 1931	1 volume	
BCO/04/20	Bar Council minute book vol.20	30 October 1931 – 24 July 1935	1 volume	
BCO/04/21	Bar Council minute book vol.21	18 November 1935 – 23 February 1943	1 volume	
BCO/04/22	Bar Council minute book vol.22	15 April 1943 – 20 September 1950	1 volume	Typescript from May 1949.

BCO/05, Bar Committee Agenda Papers, 1886 - 1891

Extent and form: 4 documents

Reproduction: photocopying permitted at the IALS Archivist's discretion. Photography permitted.

Related material: see BCO/04 for the minutes of these meetings.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/05/01	Agenda paper	3 November 1886	1 document
BCO/05/02	Agenda paper	7 June 1887	1 document
BCO/05/03	Agenda paper	22 January 1889	1 document
BCO/05/04	Agenda paper	11 March 1891	1 document

BCO/06, Annual General Meeting of the Bar Agenda Papers, 1899 - 1931

Extent and form: 35 documents

Scope and content: pro-forma agenda papers prepared in advance for use by the Chairman, Secretary and Clerk of the Council, to many of which are added the names of the proposers and seconders of motions. Some agenda papers also contain additional annotations and a few have related documents filed with them.

Related material: see BCO/04 for the AGM minutes.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/06/01	Agenda paper	18 April 1899	1 document	
BCO/06/02	Agenda paper	1 May 1900	1 document	
BCO/06/03	Agenda paper	23 April 1901	1 document	
BCO/06/04	Agenda paper	15 April 1902	1 document	
BCO/06/05	Agenda paper draft containing an additional motion that was not put to the meeting.	15 April 1902	1 document	
BCO/06/06	Agenda paper	28 April 1903	1 document	
BCO/06/07	Agenda paper	1 May 1906	1 document	
BCO/06/08	Agenda paper	5 May 1908	1 document	
BCO/06/09	Agenda paper	27 April 1909	2 documents	Copies labelled for use by the Chairman and Secretary.
BCO/06/10	Agenda paper	18 January 1910	1 document	
BCO/06/11	Agenda paper	18 January 1911	1 document	
BCO/06/12	Agenda paper	18 January 1912	1 document	
BCO/06/13	Agenda paper	17 January 1913	1 document	
BCO/06/14	Agenda paper	16 January 1914	1 document	
BCO/06/15	Agenda paper	18 January 1915	1 document	
BCO/06/16	Agenda paper	18 January 1916	1 document	
BCO/06/17a	Agenda paper	18 January 1917	1 document	
BCO/06/17b	Note – gives details of proposers and seconders of motions, supporter and opponent speakers for a resolution and votes cast	18 January 1917	1 document	
BCO/06/17c	Notice of the AGM 1917	15 January 1917	1 document	
BCO/06/18	Agenda paper	18 January 1918	1 document	2 copies
BCO/06/19a	Agenda paper	17 January 1919	1 document	
BCO/06/19b	Additional resolutions to be put to the AGM	17 January 1919	1 document	
BCO/06/19c	Pages from 'The Law Times' containing items relating to the AGM of the Bar held on 17 January 1919 and other items relating to the Bar Council	25 January 1919	4 sheets of paper	
BCO/06/20	Agenda paper	16 January 1920	1 document	

BCO/06/21	Agenda paper	18 January 1921	1 document	
BCO/06/22	Agenda paper	18 January 1922	1 document	
BCO/06/23	Agenda paper	18 January 1923	1 document	
BCO/06/24	Agenda paper	18 January 1924	1 document	
BCO/06/25	Agenda paper	16 January 1925	1 document	
BCO/06/26	Agenda paper	18 January 1926	1 document	
BCO/06/27	Agenda paper	16 January 1927	1 document	
BCO/06/28	Agenda paper	16 January 1928	1 document	
BCO/06/29a	Agenda paper	16 January 1929	1 document	
BCO/06/29b	AGM attendance list	16 January 1929	1 document	
BCO/06/30	Agenda paper	16 January 1931	1 document	

BCO/07, Register of Reports to the Bar Council, 1883 - 1943

Extent and form: 1 volume

Reproduction: photocopying not permitted

Scope and content: alphabetical register of reports to the Bar Committee/Bar Council, 1883-1922, giving the report number, title and date together with their minute book and Annual Statement references. The register is annotated if the report was adopted and/or printed or reproduced in some other way.

There are lists at the rear of the register of the dates covered by each volume of the Bar Council and committees' minute books and the letter books, which is complete to 1943. In addition there is a list of newspapers, for both the London and regional press, dated July 1908.

Finding aids: The register cross references to the minute books and to the Annual Statements.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/07/01a	List of reports register	1883 – 1943	1 volume	When a letter's allocation of space in the register was exhausted, additional reports were listed on sheets of paper inserted in the appropriate page.
BCO/07/01b	List of reports (Mss)	1883 - 1898	1 document	Found inside the front cover of BCO/07/01.

BCO/08, Executive Committee Minutes, 1902 - 1952

Extent and form: 6 minute books [2 wanting]

Reproduction: photocopying not permitted, due to the large number of attachments. Photography of the minutes permitted, except for BCO/08/07 which does not open fully following rebinding. Photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: the Executive Committee was one of the standing committees established under the Bar Council Regulations of 1896.

For a long period the Executive Committee met less frequently than the Bar Council, but from the 1940s it met more frequently.

Scope and content: in addition to the signed Executive Committee minutes, these minute books contain minutes of joint committees and sub-committees, particularly during the 1946-1947 period when the Bar Council was reorganising itself and in 1950 when joint meetings were held with the Legal Aid Committee.

The minute books contain attachments, including agenda papers in 1927, from 1934-1945 and from 1947-1950; reports; and letters and documents sent to the Bar Council which were being considered. There are fewer attachments after 1945, when they mainly comprise agenda papers.

It appears the minutes of the Executive Committee after June 1952 are no longer extant, as later minutes were not transferred to IALS. The minutes of 9 June 1952, which were signed, noted the next meeting was to be held on 30 June 1952, indicating the Executive Committee continued. From October 1950 the minutes are typescript and pasted into the minute books, so it is a reasonable assumption filing practice changed to a different method in the summer of 1952, such as filing in folders, and this may account for the lack of continuity in the survival of the minutes.

Finding aids: each volume contains an integral index. There is a system of cross referencing in the margins to the minutes of other meetings, to the minute books of other committees and to the letter books.

Important notes for users: great care must be taken when unfolding the documents attached to these volumes, to prevent damage to either the volume or the attached documents.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/08/01	Minute book vol.1	1896 –		[wanting]
BCO/08/02	Minute book vol.2	– 1901		[wanting]
BCO/08/03	Minute book vol.3	20 January 1902 – 29 May 1908	1 volume	A document opposite p68 has been inserted into slots cut into the page. A letter opposite p110 has had the bottom half of the fourth page torn off, containing text and Winston Churchill's signature.
BCO/08/04	Minute book vol.4	1 July 1908 – 12 January 1914	1 volume	

BCO/08/05	Minute book vol.5	23 February 1914 – 29 June 1922	1 volume	
BCO/08/06	Minute book vol.6	27 October 1922 – 5 December 1934	1 volume	
BCO/08/07	Minute book vol.7	14 January 1935 – 28 November 1949	1 volume	Some attachments are incomplete, where pages have torn away, for example opposite p191.
BCO/08/08	Minute book vol.8	5 December 1949 – 9 June 1952	1 volume	Typescript from 16 October 1950.

BCO/09, Professional Conduct Committee Minutes, 1896 - 1954

Extent and form: 7 minute books and 1 document

Access: BCO/09/06 and BCO/09/07 closed for 75 years under Data Protection legislation.

Reproduction: photocopying not permitted, due to the large number of attachments. Photography of the minutes permitted. Photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: the Professional Conduct Committee was one of the standing committees established under the Bar Council Regulations of 1896.

Scope and content: contains signed minutes. The minute books contain attachments, mainly agenda papers from 1935-1954 and letters. There are fewer attachments after 1945, when they almost entirely comprise agenda papers.

It appears the minutes of the Professional Conduct Committee after June 1954 are no longer extant, as later minutes were not transferred to IALS. From January 1951 the minutes are typescript and pasted into the minute books, so it is a reasonable assumption filing practice changed to a different method in 1954, such as filing in folders, and this may account for the lack of continuity in the survival of the minutes.

Finding aids: each volume contains an integral index. There is a system of cross referencing in the margins to the minutes of other meetings, to the minute books of other committees and to the letter books.

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Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/09/01	Professional Conduct Standing Committee minute book vol.1	15 March 1896 – 27 February 1900	1 volume	
BCO/09/02	Professional Conduct Standing Committee minute book vol.2	10 May 1900 – 23 July 1908	1 volume	
BCO/09/03a	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.3	16 October 1908 – 29 January 1914	1 volume	
BCO/09/03b	Long Vacation Note	1911	1 document	Found inserted at p62 of minute book 3, although it does not appear to relate to any items discussed at meetings in 1911.

BCO/09/04	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.4	19 February 1914 – 16 April 1920	1 volume	
BCO/09/05	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.5	17 May 1920 – 3 July 1934	1 volume	Pages 5-9, 250-258, 262-263 and 269-index are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.
BCO/09/06	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.6	19 July 1934 – 27 October 1949	1 volume	
BCO/09/07	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.7	31 January 1950 – 2 June 1954	1 volume	Typescript from 10 January 1951.

BCO/10, Professional Conduct Committee Attendance Book, 1981 - 1985

Extent and form: 1 volume

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/10/01	Attendance register	25 February 1981 – 10 January 1985	1 volume

BCO/11, Court Buildings Committee Minutes, 1896 - 1958

Extent and form: 2 minute books

Reproduction: photography of the minutes permitted. Photocopying and photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: the Court Buildings Committee was one of the standing committees established under the Bar Council Regulations of 1896.

The Court Buildings Committee did not have a regular schedule of meetings, but met as the need arose.

Scope and content: contains signed minutes. The minute books contain some attachments; they are mainly letters, but also reports and agenda papers from 1935.

It appears the minutes of the Court Buildings Committee after May 1958 are no longer extant, as later minutes were not transferred to IALS. The minutes of 20 May 1958 were signed and dated on 22 October 1958, which indicates the Court Buildings Committee continued. From March 1955 the minutes are typescript and pasted into the minute books, so it is a reasonable assumption filing practice changed to a different method in the autumn of 1958, such as filing in folders, and this may account for the lack of continuity in the survival of the minutes.

Finding aids: both volumes contain an integral index. There is a system of cross referencing in the margins to the minutes of other meetings, to the minute books of other committees and to the letter books.

Important note for users: great care must be taken when unfolding the documents attached to these volumes, to prevent damage to either the volume or the attached documents.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/11/01	Court Buildings Standing Committee minute book vol.1	25 March 1896 – 4 March 1920	1 volume	
BCO/11/02	Court Buildings Committee minute book vol.2	17 March 1920 – 20 May 1958	1 volume	Typescript from 1 March 1955

BCO/12, Business and Procedure Committee Minutes, 1896 - 1939

Extent and form: 2 minute books and 1 document

Reproduction: photocopying and photography of the minutes permitted. Photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: the Business and Procedure Committee was one of the standing committees established under the Bar Council Regulations of 1896.

The Business and Procedure Committee did not have a regular schedule of meetings, but met as the need arose.

Scope and content: in addition to the signed Business and Procedure Committee minutes, these minute books contain minutes of committees appointed to discuss specific issues.

The minute books contain a few attachments. In the first volume they are mainly letters and in the second volume they are mainly resolutions or reports, plus a couple of agenda papers from the late 1930s.

Finding aids: both volumes contain an integral index. There is a system of cross referencing in the margins to the minutes of other meetings, to the minute books of other committees and to the letter books.

Important note for users: great care must be taken when unfolding the documents attached to these volumes, to prevent damage to either the volume or the attached documents.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/12/01	Business and Procedure Standing Committee minute book vol.1	3 November 1896 – 21 July 1910	1 volume
BCO/12/02a	Business and Procedure Committee minute book vol.2	7 February 1912 – 14 March 1939	1 volume
BCO/12/02b	Notes prepared for a discussion on the Rules relating to Third Party Procedure at the meeting held on 28 July 1926 (two copies)	[July 1926]	2 sheets, inserted at p57.

BCO/13, Special Committee Minutes, 1909 - 1950

Extent and form: 4 minute books

Reproduction: photocopying and photography of the minutes permitted. Photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: in addition to the regular committees, the Bar Council appointed other committees and sub-committees for specific purposes. They were known as the special committees and their remit was wide ranging, including practice issues, fees, legislation, courts and court procedure, the impact of government initiatives and international issues.

These committees did not have a regular schedule of meetings, but met as the need arose.

Scope and content: the minute books contain the signed minutes of a range of committees and sub-committees appointed to consider particular issues and also of joint meetings between the Bar Council and other organisations, particularly the Law Society. Some committees considered issues arising at a specific time, such as the Recommendations Committee during the Second World War, while others were appointed to consider an issue that then recurred at a later date, such as the Special Committee on General Retainers. The minute books also contain the minutes of some joint meetings of the Bar Council's regular committees, such as the Executive Committee and Professional Conduct Committee in the 1940s.

The minute books contain a few attachments, including letters, notices issued, forms and lists, plus agenda papers from the 1930s.

Finding aids: minute books 1, 3 and 4 contain an integral index. There is a system of cross referencing in the margins of all four books to the minutes of other meetings, to the minute books of other committees and to the letter books.

Important note for users: care must be taken when unfolding the documents attached to these volumes, to prevent damage to either the volume or the attached documents.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/13/01	Minute book vol.1	17 December 1909 – 14 March 1917	1 volume	
BCO/13/02	Minute book vol.2	24 January 1918 – 1 December 1926	1 volume	Includes the Demobilisation Committee, 1919-1920 and the Barristers Returning to Practice Committee, 1920-1921.
BCO/13/03	Minute book vol.3	15 December 1926 – 13 May 1931	1 volume	
BCO/13/04	Minute book vol.4	17 November 1931 – 14 November 1950	1 volume	Typescript from 14 November 1950. Includes the Recommendations Committee, 1939-1945 and the War Service Committee, 1946-1947.

BCO/14, Law Reform Committee Minutes, 1946 - 1957

Extent and form: 1 minute book and 2 documents

Reproduction: photocopying and photography of the minutes permitted. Photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: the Law Reform Committee was one of the regular committees established under the revised By-laws of 1946.

The Law Reform Committee did not have a regular schedule of meetings, but met as the need arose.

Scope and content: contains signed minutes. The minute book contains attachments, mainly consisting of agenda papers, reports and letters.

It appears the minutes of the Law Reform Committee after October 1957 are no longer extant, as later minutes were not transferred to IALS. The minutes of 31 October 1957 were signed and dated on 15 April 1958, which indicates the Law Reform Committee continued. From April 1952 the minutes are typescript and pasted into the minute books, so it is a reasonable assumption filing practice changed to a different method in the autumn of 1957, such as filing in folders, and this may account for the lack of continuity in the survival of the minutes.

Finding aids: the minute book contains an integral index, which covers the period to the end of 1949. There is a system of cross referencing in the margins to the minutes of other meetings, to the minute books of other committees and to the letter books, again covering the period to the end of 1949.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/14/01a	Minute book vol.1	11 November 1946 – 31 October 1957	1 volume	Typescript from 23 April 1952.
BCO/14/01b	Agenda and papers	12 February 1953		Excludes final page, which is attached to the minute book
BCO/14/01c	Agenda and papers	13 May 1957		Excludes final page, which is attached to the minute book

BCO/15, External Relations Committee and Legal Education Committee Minutes, 1946 - 1957

Extent and form: 1 minute book

Reproduction: photocopying and photography of the minutes permitted. Photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: the External Relations Committee and the Legal Education Committee were two of the regular committees established under the revised By-laws of 1946.

Neither the External Relations Committee nor the Legal Education Committee had a regular schedule of meetings, but met as the need arose.

Scope and content: contains the minutes of two meetings of the Legal Education Committee in 1947 and 1953 and the signed minutes of the External Relations Committee from 1946-1956, plus the minutes of two related joint meetings in 1957.

The minute book contains a few attachments. They are mainly agenda papers, plus some reports and letters.

Related material: later Legal Education Committee minutes can be found in BCO/16.

Finding aids: the minute book contains an integral index, which covers the period to the end of 1949. There is a system of cross referencing in the margins to the minutes of other meetings, to the minute books of other committees and to the letter books, again covering the period to the end of 1949.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/15/01	I. External Relations Committee: II. Legal Education Committee: vol.1	6 November 1946 – 23 May 1957	1 volume	Typescript from 5 February 1953.

BCO/16, Legal Education Committee Minutes, 1968 - 1973

Extent and form: 1 file

Administrative history: the Legal Education Committee was one of the regular committees established under the revised By-laws of 1946.

Scope and content: contains the agenda, papers and signed minutes for each meeting, except 8 October 1973 for which there are only the agenda and papers. There are no records of the 30 April 1971 meeting, which is referred to at the next meeting when the minutes were approved and signed.

Related material: earlier Legal Education Committee minutes can be found in BCO/15.

Finding aids: contains an integral index.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/16/01	Minute book	25 June 1968 – 8 October 1973	1 file	The agenda for the 24 May 1971 meeting is out of order at the beginning of the file. The file also contains an unrelated document 'Additions and Amendments to the guide to the Lincoln's Inn Commonwealth Collection 1981.

BCO/17, Special Committee on a Central Organisation for the Inns of Court Minutes and Papers, 1961

Extent and form: 1 file

Administrative history: the idea of a central organisation for the Bar first emerged during the second half of the 1950s. Eventually, in 1961, the Bar Council Chairman sent a letter suggesting the idea to the Inns of Court and offering to formally send a Memorandum setting out the Bar Council's thinking. The Inns reply was positive to the idea and the offer of a Memorandum, so the Special Committee was appointed to produce the Memorandum.

Scope and content: only the minutes of first meeting are signed, but this is the formal record of the Committee's meetings. However, the file does not contain a copy of the final version of the Memorandum.

Related material: see BCO/28/20 for the Memorandum sent by the Bar Council to the four Inns of Court and their report in reply.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/17/01	Minute book	1961	1 file

BCO/18, Annual Statements, 1883/1884 - 1999

Extent and form: 10 volumes and 5 documents

Access: for research purposes, please use series BCO/19.

Reproduction: not permitted.

Administrative history: for most of its existence, the Bar Council's printed annual report and financial statements were known as the Annual Statement.

Scope and content: contains the annual report and financial statements.

Annual Statements were not published for the years 1986/1987 to December 1989.

Related material: duplicate bound set in BCO/19 and unbound set for 1883/1884-1914 in BCO/20. The Annual Statements to 1950 are also bound with the Bar Council Minutes in series BCO/04.

Annual accounts for 1987/1988 to 1989/1990 were published in 'Counsel' magazine.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/18/01	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee/Bar Council	1883/1884 – 1909	1 volume	
BCO/18/02	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1910 – 1932	1 volume	
BCO/18/03	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1933 – 1939	1 volume	
BCO/18/04a	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1936 – 1948	1 volume	Contains additional copies of the Annual Statements for 1936-1939.
BCO/18/04b	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1949	1 document	Found inserted at the back of volume 4
BCO/18/05	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1950 – 1959	1 volume	
BCO/18/06	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1960 – 1967	1 volume	
BCO/18/07	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1968/1969 – 1973/1974	1 volume	
BCO/18/08	Annual Statement of the Bar Council/Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar	1974/1975 – 1979/1980	1 volume	
BCO/18/09	Annual Statement of the Inns of Court and the Bar	1980/1981 – 1985/1986	1 volume	
BCO/18/10a	Annual Report and Accounts of the Bar Council	1990 – 1999	1 volume	For 1990-1994 only a summary of the financial statements printed in the annual report is available.
BCO/18/10b	Annual accounts of the Bar Council	1986/1987	1 document	Found inserted inside the front cover of vol10 (Photocopy.)

BCO/18/10c	Extract of agenda and minutes of the General Management Committee, 21 May 1998 relating to appointing trustees of Bar Council related organisations. Extract of agenda and minutes of the General Management Committee, 28 July 1999 and attached memorandum, 23 July 1999 relating to the Bar Council Activities Trust. Extract of agenda and minutes of the Bar Council, 16 October 1999 relating to the Inns of Court and the Bar Educational Trust (ICBET) and attached ICBET report for 1998/1999.	1998 – 1999	3 documents	From volume 10 where they were attached to the final page of the 1999 accounts containing the notes on related party transactions, to which these documents relate.
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BCO/19, Annual Statements, 1883/1884 - 1999 (reference set)

Extent and form: 10 volumes and 1 document

Administrative history: for most of its existence, the Bar Council's printed annual report and financial statements were known as the Annual Statement.

Scope and content: contains the annual report and financial statements.

Annual Statements were not published for the years 1986/1987 to December 1989.

Related material: bound set in BCO/18 and unbound set for 1883/1884-1914 in BCO/20. The Annual Statements to 1950 are also bound with the Bar Council Minutes in series BCO/04.

Annual accounts for 1987/1988 to 1989/1990 were published in 'Counsel' magazine.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/19/01	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee/Bar Council	1883/1884 – 1906/1907	1 volume	Contains the first two pages of the 1915 Annual Statement and a 'Memorandum re the Etiquette of Counsel acting for or advising Clients without the intervention of a Solicitor', which are bound at the beginning of the volume.
BCO/19/02	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1900/1901 – 1928	1 volume	
BCO/19/03	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1926 – 1930	1 volume	Contains additional copies of the Annual Statements for 1926-1928.
BCO/19/04	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1930 – 1949	1 volume	
BCO/19/05	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1950 – 1959	1 volume	
BCO/19/06	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1960 – 1967	1 volume	
BCO/19/07	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1968/1969 – 1972/1973	1 volume	
BCO/19/08	Annual Statement of the Bar Council/Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar	1973/1974 – 1979/1980	1 volume	
BCO/19/09	Annual Statement of the Inns of Court and the Bar	1980/1981 – 1985/1986	1 volume	
BCO/19/10a	Annual Report and Accounts of the Bar Council	1990 – 1999	1 volume	For 1990-1994 only a summary of the financial statements printed in the annual report is available.
BCO/19/10b	Annual accounts of the Bar Council	1986/1987	1 document	Found inserted inside the front cover of volume 10. Photocopy.

BCO/20, Annual Statements, 1883/1884 - 1914 (unbound set for reference)

Extent and form: 32 documents

Administrative history: for most of its existence, the Bar Council's printed annual report and financial statements were known as the Annual Statement.

Scope and content: contains an incomplete set of the annual report and financial statements.

Related material: bound sets in BCO/18 and BCO/19. The Annual Statements to 1950 are also bound with the Bar Council Minutes in series BCO/04.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/20/01	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1883/1884	1 document	2 copies
BCO/20/02	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1885/1886	1 document	2 copies
BCO/20/03	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1886/1887	1 document	2 copies
BCO/20/04	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1887/1888	1 document	
BCO/20/05	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1888/1889	1 document	2 copies
BCO/20/06	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1889/1890	1 document	
BCO/20/07	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1890/1891	1 document	
BCO/20/08	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1892/1893	1 document	
BCO/20/09	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1893/1894	1 document	
BCO/20/10	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1895/1896	1 document	
BCO/20/11	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1896/1897	1 document	
BCO/20/12	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1898/1899	1 document	
BCO/20/13	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1899/1900	1 document	
BCO/20/14	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1900/1901	1 document	
BCO/20/15	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1901/1902	1 document	
BCO/20/16	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1902/1903	1 document	
BCO/20/17	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1903/1904	1 document	
BCO/20/18	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1904/1905	1 document	
BCO/20/19	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1905/1906	1 document	
BCO/20/20	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1906/1907	1 document	
BCO/20/21	Annual Statement of the	1907/1908	1 document	

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BCO/20/22	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1908/1909	1 document	
BCO/20/23	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1909	1 document	
BCO/20/24	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1910	1 document	
BCO/20/25	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1911	1 document	
BCO/20/26	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1912	1 document	
BCO/20/27	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1913	1 document	
BCO/20/28	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1914	1 document	

BCO/21, Election Registers 1896 - 1971

Extent and form: 5 registers

Reproduction: photography of the registers permitted. Photocopying at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: members were elected annually to the Bar Council.

Scope and content: from 1896 to 1900 the register records the names of the candidates, their circuit and the votes they received, plus some statistical analysis of the votes cast and the circuits represented by the candidates proposed and elected. From 1901 the registers additionally record the members remaining on the Council for the following year and the members retiring, with a note of the categories of barristers required to be elected that year. Then from 1906 the registers also contain a List of the new Council, which from 1910 – 1947 includes the membership of the standing committees. The registers and particularly the Lists of the new Council were regularly annotated, mainly with details of other appointments or resignation or death.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/21/01	Register vol.1	1896 – 1912	1 volume	Pages 38-40 record the subscriptions to a testimonial for Master Warmington KC in 1908. Page 41 lists the past officers and official members of the Bar Council and pages 42-44 list the past members.
BCO/21/02	Register vol.2	1912 – 1924	1 volume	The elections for 1915 to 1919 were not contested, with retiring members generally retaking their seats on the Council.
BCO/21/03	Register vol.3	1925 – 1938	1 volume	For 1938 this volume only contains the lists of members remaining and members retiring. The election results and list of the new Council are in the next register.
BCO/21/04	Register vol.4	1938 – 1953	1 volume	For 1953 this volume only contains the lists of members remaining and members retiring. The election results and list of the new Council are in the next register.
BCO/21/05	Register vol.5	1953 – 1971	1 volume	Typescript. Contains a list of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen from 1918-1965, a copy of the Regulations and By-laws 1946 and multiple copies of the 1970 List of Candidates.

BCO/22, Election Records, 1993 - 2008

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: closed for 20 years

Administrative history: members were elected annually to the Bar Council.

Scope and content: Election Results sheets and Elected Representatives of Self-Employed Barristers 100 Word Statements.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/22/01	Election records	1993 – 2008	1 folder

BCO/23, Out Letter Copy Books, 1884 - 1920

Extent and form: 21 volumes

Reproduction: photocopying not permitted. Photography at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Scope and content: the majority of letters were written by the Secretary to the Bar Council, but occasionally there are letters written by other officers including the Chairman.

Finding aids: each volume contains an integral index. There are some cross references to the minutes of the Bar Council and its committees and to other letters.

Important notes for users: great care must be taken when handling these volumes and turning the pages to prevent any damage being done to the fragile paper.

Where pages are stuck together they must not be forced apart – please alert the IALS Archivist if you find any stuck pages not noted below, so arrangements can be made for them to be assessed by a conservator.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/23/01	Letter book vol.1	24 April 1884 – 11 May 1899	1 volume	Contains an attached document: 're the Consideration of Draft Rules of Court' at p73. A few letters on heavier paper have also been attached.
BCO/23/02	Letter book vol.2	11 May 1899 – 21 June 1901	1 volume	Page 1 is particularly fragile.
BCO/23/03	Letter book vol.3	21 June 1901 – 24 February 1903	1 volume	
BCO/23/04	Letter book vol.4	25 February 1903 – 19 July 1904	1 volume	
BCO/23/05	Letter book vol.5	19 July 1904 – 3 August 1905	1 volume	
BCO/23/06	Letter book vol.6	3 August 1905 – 2 June 1906	1 volume	
BCO/23/07	Letter book vol.7	11 June 1906 – 12 July 1907	1 volume	
BCO/23/08	Letter book vol.8	13 July 1907 – 3 June 1908	1 volume	Page 1 is particularly fragile. Pages 19-22 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.
BCO/23/09	Letter book vol.9	4 June 1908 – 25 June 1909	1 volume	
BCO/23/10	Letter book vol.10	26 June 1909 – 29 June 1910	1 volume	
BCO/23/11	Letter book vol.11	29 June 1910 – 28 July 1911	1 volume	
BCO/23/12	Letter book vol.12	31 July 1911 – 17 July 1912	1 volume	
BCO/23/13	Letter book vol.13	17 July 1912 – 11	1 volume	

		March 1913		
BCO/23/14	Letter book vol.14	11 March 1913 – 30 December 1913	1 volume	
BCO/23/15	Letter book vol.15	2 January 1914 – 28 July 1914	1 volume	
BCO/23/16	Letter book vol.16	28 July 1914 – 12 February 1915	1 volume	
BCO/23/17	Letter book vol.17	15 February 1915 – 8 November 1915	1 volume	
BCO/23/18	Letter book vol.18	9 November 1915 – 19 July 1916	1 volume	Pages 32-34 and 37-38 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.
BCO/23/19	Letter book vol.19	26 July 1916 – 24 July 1917	1 volume	
BCO/23/20	Letter book vol.20	31 July 1917 – 21 June 1918	1 volume	Pages 71-72 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.
BCO/23/21	Letter book vol.21	22 June 1918 – 26 January 1920	1 volume	Typescript from 29 May 1919. Fragile - not to be produced, due to conservation requirements.

BCO/24, Account Books, 1897 - 1954

Extent and form: 3 account books and 1 document

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/24/01	Account book	1897 – 1929	1 volume
BCO/24/02	Account book	1929 – 1945	1 volume
BCO/24/03a	Account book	1945 – 1954	1 volume
BCO/24/03b	1953/1954 subscriptions reconciliation between the ledger and Mr Willis' book. Timetable for dispatching circulars.	1954	3 sheets of paper

BCO/25, Weekly Cash Ledger, 1950 - 1952

Extent and form: 1 account book

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/25/01	Cash book	1950 – 1952	1 volume

BCO/26, Bar Organisation Records, 1969 - 1986

Extent and form: 1 file, 1 booklet and four documents

Administrative history: until the 1960s there was relatively little formal collaboration between the Bar's institutions. The first joint organisation was The Inns of Court Executive Council formed in 1962 (see BCO/17 and BCO/28/20). It was replaced by the Senate of the Four Inns of Court in 1966, which also involved the Bar Council. To further consideration of how a stronger central organisation could be developed the Senate set up a committee under Lord Pearce. The Pearce Committee issued an Interim Report in 1971, the responses to which led the Committee to amend its proposals in the Second Interim Report of 1973. These proposals became the basis on which the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar was constituted. The Senate functioned for just over a decade before recognised weaknesses introduced by the amended Pearce proposals and changing external circumstances led to the setting up of a committee under Lord Rawlinson PC QC to consider the Senate's constitution. The Report of the Committee on the Constitution of the Senate, April 1986 resulted in two organisations replacing the Senate from January 1987; the Bar Council and the Council of the Inns of Court.

Scope and content: this is a compiled series bringing together records relating to the organisation of the Bar that were not identifiably part of any other series. The documents in BCO/26/01 were originally together in a plastic folder, from which they have been removed. However, although a compiled file, it consists of significant documents relating to the Pearce Committee's work, so they have been catalogued individually.

Arrangement: the documents have been arranged chronologically.

Related material: see BCO/28 and BCO/33.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/26/01	Bar Organisation, including Pearce	1969 – 1975	1 file	Contains a) Finance and the Bar: Memorandum by Herbert Monroe QC, 1969; b) Organisation and Finance of the Bar Memorandum by the Executive Committee, December 1970; c) Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bar Agenda, 10 April 1972; d) First Interim Report of the Pearce Committee to the Senate of the Four Inns of Court on the Organisation of Our Profession, May 1972; e) Second Interim Report of the Pearce Committee to the Senate of the Four Inns of Court – Amended Scheme for the Organisation of Our Profession, 18 May 1973; f) The General Council of the Inns of Court and the Bar: Administrative Action to Set It Up – Memorandum by WW Boulton, 30 August 1973; g) Report of the Working Party on the Establishment of the General Council of the Inns and of the Bar,

				13 December 1973; h) Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bar Agenda, 3 June 1974; i) Note: Pearce No.2 – “suggested understandings”, undated; j) Election of Hall Representatives Bye-Laws, undated; k) Election of Bar Representatives Bye-Laws, undated; l) The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar Bye-Laws, undated draft; m) The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar Regulations, October 1974 (includes the amendments made on 29 July and 30 September 1974; n) Bar Council Bye-Laws, 4 December 1975.
BCO/26/02	First Interim Report of the Pearce Committee to the Senate of the Four Inns of Court on the Organisation of Our Profession, May 1972	1972	1 document	Printers proof.
BCO/26/03	Report of the Working Party on the Establishment of the General Council of the Inns and of the Bar, December 1973	1973	1 document	
BCO/26/04	Regulations of the General Council of the Inns of Court and the Bar, April 1974	1974	1 document	Draft Regulations. One page is a separate sheet of paper from the remainder of the document – it is possible to see it contains regulations 13-16, which are missing from the main document, but they are very faintly printed and in reverse.
BCO/26/05	First Meeting of the Senate, 29 July 1974, Agenda	1974	1 document	Agenda paper and annexes.
BCO/26/06	Report of the Committee on the Constitution of the Senate, April 1986	1986	1 booklet	

BCO/27, Royal Commission on Legal Services Submissions, 1977 - 1978

Extent and form: 7 volumes

Administrative history: the establishment of the Royal Commission on Legal Services was announced in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister on 12 February 1976. Its terms of reference were 'To enquire into the law and practice relating to the provision of legal services in England and Wales and to consider whether any, and if so what, changes are desirable in the public interest in the structure, organisation, training, regulation of and entry to the legal professions, including the arrangements for determining its remuneration, whether from private sources or public funds, and in the rules which prevent persons who are neither barristers nor solicitors from undertaking conveyancing and other legal business on behalf of other persons'.

The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar submitted a number of background descriptive papers, copies of the Bar's constitutional documents and recent Annual Statements of the Senate, together with these specific responses prepared for the Commission. The responses aimed to be representative for the profession and its institutions, although institutions and individuals were additionally at liberty to submit their own responses.

Related material: several files in BCO/29 contain preparatory material for the submissions to the Commission.

Finding aids: BCO/27/01 contains an index.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/27/01	Answers to the Questionnaire of the Royal Commission on Legal Services, 1977, with Commentary on the Survey of Income at the Bar, 1974-1975	January 1978	1 volume	This copy has been corrected for minor typographical errors.
BCO/27/02	Additional Evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services	March 1978 – September 1978	1 volume	
BCO/27/03	Royal Commission on Legal Services Final Report	1979	4 volumes	HMSO publication

BCO/28, Registry Files, 1876 - 1987

Extent and form: 30 files

Administrative history: a registry system for classifying files was implemented at some point during the second half of the 20th Century, from which the files in this series are the survivals. Most of the files were created during the period the documents they contain were written, but a few are compiled files drawing together earlier documents from other sources.

Scope and content: the majority of files are from the Committee section of the registry system, covering governance, organisation and discipline. A PC reference is for Professional Conduct matters. It is unclear what the other reference letters stand for.

Arrangement: the files have been arranged alphabetically in file reference order.

Related material: BCO/17, containing the minutes and papers of the Special Committee on a Central Organisation of the Inns of Court, relates to BCO/28/20. A number of these Registry files overlap or expand on the records in BCO/26, Bar Organisation.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/28/01	COM 1: Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Bar	1950 – 1974	3 files	Contains notices of meetings, agenda papers, draft minutes, chairman's speeches and other working papers.
BCO/28/02	COM 1 (vol. 2): AGM Senate	1980 – 1985	1 file	Contains notices of meetings of the Senate and of the Bar, agenda papers, draft minutes, correspondence, briefing papers, ballot documents and other working papers.
BCO/28/03	COM 1 (vol. 3): AGM Senate, 1986	1986 – 1987	1 file	Contains notices of the meetings of the Senate and of the Bar, resolutions, minutes, chairman's speeches, ballot documents and a folder of correspondence. The June 1986 EGMs were called to consider the Rawlinson Report on the Constitution of the Senate and to approve the Report's recommendations. The July 1986 AGM of the Bar approved the new constitution.
BCO/28/04	COM 8/18 (2): Planning Committee Sub-Committee B on the Organisation of the Profession 1970	1969 – 1970	1 file	Contains memoranda, correspondence and minutes.
BCO/28/05	COM 12: Extraordinary General Meeting, 25 March	1975	1 file	Contains an agenda/notice of meeting and an

	1975			explanatory letter.
BCO/28/06	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 19 July 1975	1975	1 file	Contains the agenda paper for the AGM of the Bar.
BCO/28/07	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 12 July 1978 and 24 November 1978	1978	1 file	Contains the agenda paper for the AGM of the Bar.
BCO/28/08	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 18 July 1979	1979	1 file	Contains the agenda paper for the AGM of the Bar.
BCO/28/09	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 15 July 1980	1980	1 file	Contains the agenda papers for the AGMs of the Senate and of the Bar, plus an explanatory letter from the Chairman of the Bar.
BCO/28/10	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 14 July 1981	1981	1 file	Contains the agenda papers for the AGMs of the Senate and of the Bar.
BCO/28/11	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 14 July 1982 and 21 July 1982	1982	1 file	Contains the agenda paper for the AGM of the Bar.
BCO/28/12	COM 12 (2): Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bar, 13 December 1982	1982	1 file	Contains the agenda and papers for the EGM of the Bar.
BCO/28/13	COM12 (3): AGM – Bar Council, 1985 and 1986	1984 – 1986	1 file	Contains notices of meetings, agenda papers, resolutions, chairman's speeches, draft minutes, ballot documents, correspondence and other working documents
BCO/28/14	COM 20: Senate Membership	1985 – 1986	1 file	This file was weeded in 1987 and now only contains Working Party on the Constitution and Composition of the Senate (Rawlinson Committee) documents. Extracts from relevant minutes are included only as photocopies, but the other documents are originals.
BCO/28/15	COM 25: Council Procedure	1959 – 1973	1 file	Contains memoranda, reports, meeting papers, correspondence and extracts from minutes relating to the organisation and business of the Council.
BCO/28/16	COM 26: Re-delegation of Disciplinary Powers by the Judges	1974 – 1975	1 file	Contains correspondence, resolutions and the draft Regulations of the General Council of the Inns of Court and the Bar, April 1974.

BCO/28/17	COM 26 (previously file 221): Senate – Discipline	1966 – 1971	1 file	Initially covers the transfer of disciplinary powers to the Senate in 1967, but the file continues as a general file on discipline. Contains extracts from minutes, memoranda and correspondence.
BCO/28/18	COM 26 (previously file 221A): Senate – Discipline Transfer to New Senate	1967 – 1974	1 file	Contains the resolutions and other papers relating to the transfer of disciplinary powers to the General Council of the Inns of Court and the Bar.
BCO/28/19	COM 65 vol. 3: Bar Education and Discipline Bill Proposed School of Law	1876 – 1971	1 file	The majority of the file dates from the period to 1905, with one later document (undated, but referring to a 1950 article) discussing the 1877 Bar Education and Discipline Bill and the second being the 1971 Report of the Joint Committee on the Ormrod Report.
BCO/28/20	COM 67 (previously COM 8/9): Organisation of the Bar	1960 – 1962	1 file	Contains papers of the Special Committee on a Central Organisation of the Inns of Court, the Memorandum of the Bar Council and the Report of Inns of Court in reply.
BCO/28/21	COM 80 (3): First Meeting of the General Council of the Inns and the Bar on 29 July 1974	1974	1 file	Contains documents relating to the winding up of the pre-1974 Bar Council and the agenda for the 29 July 1974 meeting.
BCO/28/22	COM 231 (N.S): President's File	1974 – 1983	1 file	Contains correspondence between the Senate President and Secretary and papers for the President's information.
BCO/28/23	COM 284 (3): Libraries at the Royal Courts of Justice	1895 – 1978	1 file	Apart from an 1895 history of the Probate Library, the file contains documents from the 1970s, again mainly about the history of the libraries and notes on the librarians.
BCO/28/24	COM 286 (Vol. 1): Senate Disciplinary Tribunals Procedure	1977 – 1978	1 file	This file was weeded and now only contains papers for a meeting on the Maintenance of Standards of Professional Conduct at

				the Bar held on 18 July 1978.
BCO/28/25	COM 286 (Vol. 2): Senate Disciplinary Tribunals Procedure	1974 – 1986	1 file	This file was weeded and now only contains papers on the Transfer of the Senate's Disciplinary Powers to the Inns Council, effective on 1 January 1987. The file contains the signed resolutions of the four Inns of Court and the Judges.
BCO/28/26	L (F1): Formation of the Senate – Finance	1969 – 1974	1 file	Contains papers and reports on finances and subscriptions, plus agenda papers and reports for the shadow committee meetings held before the inauguration of the Senate in July 1974.
BCO/28/27	OS.46.A.B: Pearce Committee	1972 – 1973	1 file	Contains the First Interim Report by the Pearce Committee, May 1972 and a Memorandum to the Pearce Committee from the General Council of the Bar, 23 February 1973.
BCO/28/28	OS.PC.82 (5) Vol. 1: Non-Practising Barristers	1953	1 file	The cover notes the file was weeded in 1968.
BCO/28/29	OS.PC.82 (5) Vol. 2: Non-Practising Barristers	1951 – 1953	1 file	The cover notes the file was weeded in 1968.
BCO/28/30	PC 21: Professional Conduct and Discipline	ND	1 file	The file probably dates from the late 1950s.

BCO/29, Subject Files, 1964 - 1982

Extent and form: 7 files and 1 document

Scope and content: several of the files appear to have been compiled in connection with preparing the submissions to the Royal Commission on Legal Services. For example see BCO/29/01 and BCO/29/07.

Arrangement: the files have been arranged alphabetically by title, with the single document placed at the end of the sequence.

Related material: see BCO/27 for the Bar Council's formal submissions to the Royal Commission on Legal Services.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/29/01	Education	1964 – 1982	1 file	Contains copies of reports on legal education from a variety of sources, including the Bar Council and the Council of Legal Education
BCO/29/02	Future Finance	1977	1 file	Contains three copies of the 'Finance for the Future' report. Only one copy is from an original printing and it has two attachments: The Financial Position of Law Students and Young Barristers and Financing the Young Bar.
BCO/29/03	Independence	1976 – 1977	1 file	Contains articles on professional independence, preparatory work for answering the Royal Commission on Legal Services questionnaire on independence and an undated paper by Robert Alexander QC, 'The History of the Law as an Independent Profession and the Present English System'.
BCO/29/04	International Relations	1970 – 1978	1 file	Contains correspondence, working papers regarding the Royal Commission on Legal Services questionnaire on 'The Bar and the Common Market' and a Memorandum by Raymond Kidwell, 'The English Legal Profession and the Common Market', 1970.
BCO/29/05	Professional Indemnity Insurance	1981 – 1982	1 file	Contains the Report of the Working Party on Professional Indemnity Insurance for the Bar, minutes of the Indemnity Insurance Committee and a circular advising on the

				implementation of compulsory professional indemnity insurance.
BCO/29/06	Royal Commission – Monopolies Commission Evidence: Enquiry into 1) Two Counsel Rule; 2) Advertising	1975	1 file	Contains the Bar Council's replies to the Public Interest Letters issued by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for these enquiries.
BCO/29/07	Royal Commission – 1) Arnold Report: Silks; 2) Templeman Report: Partnerships; 3) Wilmers Report – Pupillage; 4) Webster Paper: Social Welfare Law	1968 – 1975	1 file	Contains a copy of each report.
BCO/29/08	The Council of Legal Education First Report of the Working Party on Numbers	1982	1 document	

BCO/30: Bar Council Periodicals, 1982 – 2002 [wanting]

BCO/31, Bar Council Publications, 1892 - 1978

Extent and form: 6 publications

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/31/01	Annual Practice and Etiquette	1892 – 1917	1 volume	Contains the editions for 1897, 1902, 1912 with index, 1915 with index and 1917 with index.
BCO/31/02	Minutes of Proceedings at the Ceremony of unveiling a bust of the late Frederic Andrew Inderwick, KC, Bencher of the Inner Temple, Treasurer of his Inn, 1898, Chairman of Bar Library Committee, 1897-1904, performed in the Bar Library, Royal Courts of Justice, London by the Lord Chief Justice of England (Lord Alverstone), Monday January 14th 1907	1907	1 pamphlet	
BCO/31/03	Barristers and the War	1916	1 booklet	Contains a list of barristers who served in the First World War, corrected to 31 July 1916.
BCO/31/04	Barristers and the War, Third Issue	1918	1 booklet	Contains a list of barristers who served in the First World War, corrected to 1 October 1918.
BCO/31/05	Conduct and Etiquette at the Bar by Sir William Boulton, CBE, Sixth Edition	1975	1 offprint	
BCO/31/06	Conduct and Etiquette at the Bar, Supplement to Sixth Edition by Sir William Boulton, CBE and the Secretariat of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar	1978	1 offprint	

BCO/32, Ephemera, c1918 - 1949

Extent and form: 2 items

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/32/01	Note on the numbers of Barristers serving during the First World War, their decorations and the number of deaths in service	ND	1 document	
BCO/32/02	Unsigned letter, possibly from a Mr Beer, and envelope addressed to The Lords Justice's Sitting in Lunacy	1949	1 document	A pencil note on the envelope states 'Try Bar Council'. There is no accompanying documentation to provide any context.

BCO/33, Senate of the Four Inns of Court Minutes, 1966 - 1974

Extent and form: 2 minute books

Administrative history: the Senate of the Four Inns of Court was formed in 1966 by the Inns of Court and the Bar Council with the aim of having a single body act on behalf of the Inns and the Bar Council in matters of common interest. The Senate took over the functions of the earlier Inns of Court Executive Council and the Inns also transferred additional functions, in particular the investigation of allegations of misconduct. The Council of Legal Education also came under the Senate's supervision. The Senate was replaced by the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar in 1974, as a result of the recommendations of the Pearce Committee.

Scope and content: contains signed minutes.

Related material: Inner Temple Archives Records of External Bodies, reference EXT, contains records relating to the Senate of the Four Inns of Court. Records relating to the constitution of the Senate, 1908 – 1966 can be found in Middle Temple Archives.

Finding aids: each volume contains an integral index.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/33/01	Minute book	7 November 1966 – 22 November 1971	1 volume
BCO/33/02	Minute book	20 December 1971 – 15 July 1974	1 volume

BCO/34, Senate of the Four Inns of Court Executive Council Minutes, 1962 - 1967

Extent and form: 1 minute book

Administrative history: The Senate of the Four Inns of Court was established in 1966 to undertake a variety of functions, including those previously undertaken by the Inns of Court Executive Council, which had been established in 1962. The Senate appointed an Executive Council with the same powers and duties of the Inns of Court Executive Council and the same minute book continued in use.

Matters connected with both amendments to and the application of the Consolidated Regulations of the Inns of Court formed the major part of the Executive Council's business as a committee of the Senate of the Four Inns of Court. However, in 1967 the Senate appointed a Consolidated Regulations Committee, so the minutes of the March 1967 meeting recorded future meetings would be called by the chair when required.

Scope and content: contains the signed minutes of the Inns of Court Executive Council, 1962 – 1966 and the Senate of the Four Inns of Court Executive Council, 1966 – 1967.

Related material: Inner Temple Archives Records of External Bodies, reference EXT, contains records relating to the committees of the Senate of the Four Inns of Court.

Finding aids: contains an integral index.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/34/01	Minute book	28 May 1962 – 9 March 1967	1 volume

BCO/35, Senate of the Four Inns of Court: Complaints Committee Minutes, 1967 - 1974

Extent and form: 1 minute book

Access: closed for 75 years under Data Protection legislation.

Administrative history: the Complaints Committee was a regular committee of the Senate of the Four Inns of Court established in 1967. Representatives of the Senate, the four Inns of Court and the Bar Council were members.

Finding aids: contains an integral index.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/35/01	Minute book	1 May 1967 – 3 July 1974	1 volume

BCO/36, Senate of the Four Inns of Court Annual Statements, 1966/1967 - 1972/1973

Extent and form: 1 volume and 6 booklets

Reproduction: the pamphlets may be photocopied or photographed. The 1972/1973 report in the bound volume to be photographed only.

Administrative history: the printed annual report and financial statements were known as the Annual Statement.

Scope and content: for convenience, this series contains the full bound set of the Annual Statements and the individual pamphlets for all years except the last, which is not available.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/36/01	Annual Statements 1966/1967 – 1972/1973	1967 – 1973	1 volume
BCO/36/02	Annual Statement 1966/1967	1967	1 booklet
BCO/36/03	Annual Statement 1967/1968	1968	1 booklet
BCO/36/04	Annual Statement 1968/1969	1969	1 booklet
BCO/36/05	Annual Statement 1969/1970	1970	1 booklet
BCO/36/06	Annual Statement 1970/1971	1971	1 booklet
BCO/36/07	Annual Statement 1971/1972	1972	1 booklet

BCO/37, Inns of Court Bar Library in the Royal Courts of Justice Minutes, 1882 - 1974

Extent and form: 3 minute books and 19 documents

Reproduction: photocopying not permitted, due to the large number of attachments. Photography of the minutes permitted. Photography of the attachments at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

Administrative history: the Bar Library Committee was a joint committee of the four Inns of Court formed to run the library set up for the use of the Bar in the Royal Courts of Justice building.

Scope and content: the minute books contain a large number of attachments, including the library's annual accounts, the notifications of the annual precept on the four Inns of Court, agenda papers, letters received and lists of books acquired.

Related material: Middle Temple Archives holds the Bar Library's report and financial statements, 1906 – 1939.

Finding aids: each volume contains an integral index.

Important notes for users: care must be taken when unfolding the documents attached to these volumes, to prevent damage to either the volume or the attached documents.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/37/01a	Minute book no.1	21 December 1882 – 29 May 1900	1 volume	Prior to minutes of the first meeting there is a recital of the initial stages in the formation of the Committee from 2 Nov to 19 Dec 1882. Indexed.
BCO/37/01b	Letter from the Lincoln's Inn Librarian	10 June 1884	1 letter	Found inserted at pp51-52 of minute book 1.
BCO/37/01c	Photographic copy of Sir John Soane's plan of the Law Courts, as substantially carried out c.1825	n.d.	1 plan	Found inserted at pp63-64 of minute book 1.
BCO/37/01d	Letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Law Library of the Four Courts, Dublin	22 March 1899	1 letter	Found inserted at pp347-348 of minute book 1.
BCO/37/02	Minute book no.2	29 November 1900 – 17 December 1954	1 volume	Indexed
BCO/37/03a	Minute book no.3	19 December 1955 – 2 July 1974	1 volume	Typescript from 15 January 1962.
BCO/37/03b	Notes on the administration of the	After 1917. Annotations	1 document	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3.

	libraries at the Royal Courts of Justice, annotated with the details of the Librarian and Assistant Librarian's appointments.	after 1970.		Typescript
BCO/37/03c	Manuscript drafts by the Librarian of the notes about the libraries contained in /03b, together with three copy letters written by the Librarian	1921	5 documents	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3.
BCO/37/03d	Bar Library book plate	ND	1 book plate	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3.
BCO/37/03e	Notes on the history of the Bar Library's financial arrangements with a schedule of the four Inns of Courts payments 1884 - 1935	1935	1 document	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3.
BCO/37/03f	List of photographic portraits	15 October 198?	1 document	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3. The last number of the year ran off the edge of the paper.
BCO/37/03g	Bar Library Committee lists	1968 – 1973	6 documents	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3.
BCO/37/03h	List of books received 1 July 1969 – 30 June 1970 pages 1 and 2.	1970	1 list	Found inserted at p134 of minute book 3. Page 3 of the list is attached to the minute book.

BCO/38, Standing Joint Committee on the Duties, Interests and Discipline of the Bar Proceedings, 1894 - 1962

Extent and form: 6 volumes

Access: closed for 75 years under Data Protection legislation.

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Administrative history: the Committee was formed by the four Inns of Court in March 1894 to jointly consider issues referred to it by the individual Inns and then report back to the Inns for their decision. Five Benchers, all of whom had to be practising Barristers and at least two being Juniors, were appointed to serve on the Committee by each Inn. The Committee continued until June 1962 when it was dissolved and the records were transferred by the Committee Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Four Inns of Court.

Scope and content: contains printed agenda papers and the printed reports of the meetings. Most reports to 1924 are annotated with details of the adoption of the Committee's resolutions by the four Inns.

Finding aids: BCO/38/06 contains the index to BCO/38/01 to BCO/38/05.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/38/01	Proceedings	7 March 1894 – 4 December 1906	1 volume	Contains a manuscript list of members of the committee, 1899 at the front of the volume.
BCO/38/02	Proceedings	5 February 1907 – 2 June 1915	1 volume	
BCO/38/03	Proceedings	8 February 1916 – 13 July 1926	1 volume	
BCO/38/04	Proceedings	8 December 1926 – 30 November 1945	1 volume	Typescript from December 1940.
BCO/38/05	Proceedings	18 March 1946 – 20 June 1962	1 volume	Typescript March 1946 to November 1947.
BCO/38/06	Index		1 volume	Manuscript

BCO/39, Council of the Inns of Court Minutes, 1994 - 1995

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Access: closed for 20 years.

Administrative history: The Council of the Inns of Court was formed in 1987 to be the representative body of the Inns, in particular formulating joint policy and being the means of communication between the individual Inns and between the Inns and the Bar Council. The Inns' Council is also responsible for appointing Disciplinary Tribunals. With the Bar Council, the Inns' Council ensures the Consolidated Regulations are reviewed and amended when necessary.

Scope and content: contains photocopies of the minutes and papers of the Council's meetings.

Related material: Middle Temple Archives holds the minute books of the Council of the Inns of Court, 1987 – 1991. There are also reference copies of the minutes and papers of the Council of the Inns of Court in Inner Temple Archives Records of External Bodies, reference EXT.

Finding aids: each volume contains a contents list.

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/39/01	The Inns' Council minutes	1994	1 volume
BCO/39/02	The Inns' Council minutes	1995	1 volume

BCO/40, Consolidated Regulations of the Four Inns of Court, 1910 - 1945

Extent and form: 3 folders

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/40/01a	Consolidated Regulations of the Several Societies of Lincoln's Inn, The Middle Temple, The Inner Temple and Gray's Inn as to the Admission of Students, the Mode of Keeping Terms, the Education and Examination of Students, the Calling of Students to the Bar and the Taking Out of Certificates to Practise Under the Bar	1 October 1910 – 10 May 1920	1 folder
BCO/40/01b	As above	14 June 1921 – 29 May 1929	1 folder
BCO/40/01c	As above	18 June 1930 – 1 Feb 1945	1 folder

BCO/41, Royal Commission Report, 1855

Extent and form: 1 volume

Finding aids: the report contains an integral index (at end) of names and places

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/41/01	Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the arrangements in the Inns of Court and Inns of Chancery, for promoting the study of the law and jurisprudence; together with appendices.	1855	1 volume

BCO/42, Parliamentary Select Committee Reports, 1834

Extent and form: 2 items

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(NB: BCO/42/02 pages brittle at edges)

Reference	Title	Dates	Extent
BCO/42/01	First Report from Select Committee on The Inns of Court	1834 July 21	1 document
BCO/42/02	Second Report from Select Committee on The Inns of Court with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix	1834 Aug 4	1 volume

BCO/43, Publications, 1880 - c1969

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Access: open

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Reference	Title	Dates	Extent	Scope and Content
BCO/43/01	[Collected pamphlets]	1880 – 1896	1 volume	Contains: 1) The Organisation of the Bar. The Bar Association ...; 2) Betterment by AC Macer; 3) 'Fusion' or 'Combination' – Which? ...; 4) La Liberte Civile Comme Base Du Droit International Prive by Manuel Aspires; 5) Jurisprudence or the Science of Law ... by A Henry (2 copies); 6) The Nature and Value of Jurisprudence by Chan-Ton; 7) Legal Education, An Address by the Lord Chief Justice of England, 1895; 8) The Lord Chief Justice and Legal Education; 9) The Lord Chief Justice of England on Legal Education and Moots; 10) The Law of Liquidation of Egypt by Sir Sheridan Baker; 11) In the Matter of the Lord's Table ...; 12) Local and Imperial Taxation ... by JC Graham; 13) The Case for the Specially Protected 1869 Wine and Beer Houses by G Candy; 14) Appendix to Railway Passengers and Railway Companies by LA Goodeve.
BCO/43/02	A Hostel for the Inns of Court Final Report	c1969	1 volume	