

Committee of Inquiry into Equal Opportunities at the Inns of Court School of Law (Barrow Inquiry): Records of Ruth Deech, Committee member, 1989-1994

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BARROW INQUIRY RECORDS: SERIES LIST

BARR 01: Terms of Reference and Background to the Inquiry, 1993-1994

Extent and form: 5 folders

Scope and content: this is an artificial series created from miscellaneous loose papers, which do not clearly fit into any of the other series listed below.

Access: open 50 years after last date on file other than BARR 01/02 which contains personal data and is therefore closed for 75 years. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 01/01	Independent Equal Opportunities Inquiry - draft terms of reference & membership. CLOSED until 2044	[1993]
BARR 01/02	Membership list and c.v.s of members of the Barrow Inquiry. Closed for 75 years under the Data Protection Act. CLOSED until 2069	[1993]
BARR 01/03	"Student perceptions of racial discrimination at the CLE" - a paper prepared for the Barrow Inquiry by Dr Robin Oakley [draft] . CLOSED until 2045	4 Mar 1994
BARR 01/04	Letter from Philip A Jones, University of Sheffield, Faculty of Law, to Dame Jocelyn, with thoughts on the CLE. CLOSED until 2045	7 Mar 1994
BARR 01/05	Paper titled "Submission by ICSL to Inquiry into Equal Opportunities on the Bar Vocational Course - Annex Y: History of the New Vocational Course" [possibly extracted from A7 CLE response to the Interim Report - see BARR 03/02]. CLOSED until 2044	n.d.

BARR 02: Direct Observations of Teaching and Assessment, 1993

Extent and form: 4 folders

Scope and content: observation of classes and assessment techniques was a major research method of the Inquiry members.

Access: open 50 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Related material: the papers in this series are related closely to the documents on assessment collected by the Inquiry members which may be found in BARR 06.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
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Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 02/01 (Parts 1-2)	Papers relating to BVC final assessments, with covering letters to Inquiry members inviting them to attend. CLOSED until 2044	24 May – 30 June 1993
BARR 02/02	Observations of Inquiry members on classes and training at CLE. CLOSED until 2044	29 Apr – 22 Sept 1993
BARR 02/03	Document entitled "Teaching and academic support", containing Inquiry members' observations on classes from Apr - May 1993 [last pages missing]. CLOSED until 2044	[1993]

BARR 03: Background Information collected by the Inquiry, 1992-1993

Extent and form: 2 folders

Arrangement: these papers were listed by Inquiry staff under the prefix "A". They were numbered **A1-7**, with a list of contents and a quantity of material at the beginning of the file containing unnumbered documents "already circulated" (see BARR 03/01).

Access: open 50 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 03/01	List of contents and copies of material previously circulated to Inquiry members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Christopher Dewberry, "Report on the relative pass rates of white and ethnic minority students examined for the 1991-92 vocational course for intending practitioners", [Dewberry Report 1992] • Dr Dewberry, "A further analysis of the relative pass rates of white and ethnic minority students examined for the 1991-92 vocational course for intending practitioners" [Dewberry Report 1993] • Public statements by Society of Black Lawyers, 20 Oct 1992 [wanting] • Council of Legal Education's responses to statements by Society of Black Lawyers, Dec 1992 • Letters from Commission for Racial Equality to CLE, 21 Dec 1992 	1992-1993
	CLOSED until 2044	

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 03/02	Background information, numbered A1-A7 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A1 Questions to the CLE from the Chairman of the Race Relations Committee of the General Council of the Bar, 28 Oct 1992 A2 Response to questions from Bar Council Race Relations Committee [2 copies, second copy incomplete and annotated] A3 General Council of the Bar: AGM speech by the Hon Mr Justice Phillips, 31 Oct 1992 A4 background notes from the CLE [<u>wanting</u>] A5 General Council of the Bar, <u>Equality Code for Chambers</u>, May 1993 A6 1992/1993 pass rates [possibly <u>wanting</u>, but a document entitled "CLE Students 1991/2 and 1992/3: main conclusions from a new analysis of their results" was located which may be A6] A7 CLE response to the Interim Report [<u>wanting</u> from this file, but extant at BARR 15] 	1992-1993

Items in red CLOSED until 2044

BARR 4: Information on Admissions Policy and Procedure, 1991-1994

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: open 50 years after last date on file. Closed items are designated in red.

Arrangement: these documents were given the numbers **B1-B14**.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 4	List of documents numbered B1-B14 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B1 Application form 1991/1992 [<u>wanting</u>] B2 Application form 1992/1993; 1993/1994 B3 Notes on admission procedure for the BVC 1993/1994 B4 Letters from Society of Black Lawyers on the subject of entrance procedures to the BVC, 16 May - 9 July 1992 B5 Letters from the CLE on the subject of entrance 	1991-1994

Reference	Title	Dates
	procedures to the BVC, 10 May - 4 June 1992	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B6 Note on CR58 Committee 1992/1993, including criteria where ethnicity is used as a basis for special treatment • B7 Note on Selection Procedure to be introduced for admission to 1994/1995 BVC • B8 Letter from Peter Herbert to CLE on the subject of Admissions Procedures, 26 June 1992 • B9 "Why am I being asked to take a test?" [published by The Psychological Corporation, USA, 1991] • B10 Booklet of tests [published by the Psychological Corporation, USA, 1990] • B11 Birkbeck College: Selection of Students for the ICSL, 6 Sept 1991 • B12 Letter from Richard Williams to Lee Winetroube at the General Council of the Bar, 2 Oct 1992 • B13 Correspondence with Dr Robin Oakley [<u>wanting</u>] • B14 Selection for the 1994/95 Vocational Course, 6 Jan 1994 	
	Items in red CLOSED until 2044	

BARR 05: Student Questionnaire, 1993

Extent and form: 2 folders

Scope and content: another research method of the Inquiry was to create a questionnaire for students on the BVC 1992/1993. The questionnaire papers were given the prefix "C". The questionnaire themselves are not extant, but statistics, analyses and comments have survived and are listed below.

Access: open 50 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 05/01	Copy of questionnaire, covering letter, comments and analysis of students' survey. CLOSED until 2044	2 June 1993
BARR 05/02	C1 Student questionnaire - module option responses. CLOSED until 2044	[1993]

BARR 06: Information on Assessment and Review, 1990-1993

Extent and form: 5 folders

Arrangement: these papers were numbered **D1-D21**.

Access: open 50 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Related material: related papers and correspondence are in BARR 02.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 06/01	Assessment and review papers D1-D3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• D1 Assessment Regulations 1991/92• D2 Assessment Regulations 1992/93 [amendments to 1991/2 Regulations]• D3 Instructions to Assessors (In-course), 1991-1992 . CLOSED until 2044	1991-1993
BARR 06/02	Papers D4-D6: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• D4 Instructions to Assessors (Final Assessment), 1992-1993• D5 Guidelines for the exercise of discretion adopted by the Board of Examiners, 1990/91;1991/92• D6 Notes on the 1991/1992 Guidelines prepared by Adriane Keane, 17 Dec 1992 . CLOSED until 2044	1990-1993
BARR 06/03	Papers D7-D13: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• D7 Table for conversion of marks, 1990-1992• D8 Review Board minutes, 19 Sept 1991• D9 Review Board minutes, 17-18 Sept 1992• D10 Report to Board of Examiners on 1992 Review, 17-18 Sept 1992• D11 Outline of Formal Assessment and Review Processes on the BVC, 1993• D12 Multiple choice tests - resits, 10 July 1992• D13 Assessment Feed-Back reports . CLOSED until 2044	1990-1993

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 06/04	<p>Papers D14-D18:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D14 Ethnic monitoring of In-course assessments 1992/93 and the first MCT • D15 The role and powers of the Review Board • D16 guidelines for condonation and resits [no number on document] • D17 Re-assessment records, 1991-1992 • D18 Advocacy Final Assessment - Advocacy Skills 1992/93 – assessors' pack <p>. CLOSED until 2044</p>	1991-1993
BARR 06/05	<p>Papers D19-D21:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D19 Membership of the Board of Examiners, 1991-1993 • D20 Resits, 1991-1992 • D21 Notes for Assessors' Meeting, 6 Nov 1993 <p>. CLOSED until 2044</p>	1991-1993

BARR 07: Information on Course Content, 1990-1992

Extent and form: 1 folder

Arrangement: documents are numbered **I.1-I.3**.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 07	<p>Documents I.1-I.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.1 <i>Developing Vocational Legal Training for the Bar</i> - Shapland I, 1990 • I.2 <i>Evaluating the New Vocational Course at the Council of Legal Education</i> - Shapland II, 1990 & 1991 • I.3 <i>Pupillage and the Vocational Course</i> - Shapland III, July 1992 	1990-1992

BARR 08: Documents relating to Staff Training, 1992-1993

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: open 50 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Arrangement: documents are numbered **J1-J8**.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 08	Documents J1-J8: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• J1 Discussion paper for CORD from the Discrimination Awareness Group (DAG), Feb 9 1993• J2 Discrimination Awareness Sub Committee - meeting 16 Nov 1992 - terms of reference• J3 Questionnaire• J4 Questionnaire of practitioners• J5 Information from Questionnaire - DAG workshop, 25 Feb 1993• J6 Information from Practitioner Questionnaire• J7 A report for consideration on the development of discrimination awareness training, May 2 1993• J8 Update on progress of the DAG Action Sub Committee	1992-1993
	CLOSED until 2044	

BARR 09: Documents relating to Student Welfare, 1989-1994

Extent and form: 2 folders

Arrangement: documents are numbered **K1-K35**.

Access: published material open. Remainder open 50 years after last date on file or closed for 75 years under the Data Protection Act. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 09/01	Documents K1-K20: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• K1 Financing for the New Entrant Committee - first report, July 1992• K2 Finance for the New Entrant - questionnaire, 30	1989-1994

Reference	Title	Dates
	<p>Nov 1992</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K3 Finance for new entrants to the Bar, 1 Sept 1992 • K4 Student grants - tuition fees, 1989-1993 • K5 Philip A Thomas, "The Poverty of Students", <i>The Law Teacher</i>, June 1993 • K6 Ethnic minority performance on the BVC, 1993 • K7 Inner Temple student sponsorship scheme • K8 Inner Temple admission forms checklist • K9 Inner Temple scholarships, awards and prizes • K10 Inner Temple scholarship application form • K11 Inns of Court and CLE - notes to form AE2 [admission form] • K12 The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple – <i>Handbook</i> • K13 The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple - <i>Scholarships and Prizes</i> • K14 The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple - admissions notes and application forms • K15 Middle Temple scholarships 1991, 1992, 1993 • K16 The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn - admission notes and application forms • K17 The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn - scholarship application form 1994/5 • K18 The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn - application form for Hardwicke Entrance Awards • K19 Lincoln's Inn scholarships 1994/95 • K20 The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn - <i>Students' Handbook</i> <p>Items in red CLOSED until 2046</p>	
BARR 09/02	<p>Documents K21-K35:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K21 The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn - <i>Information for Students</i> 	1989-1994

Reference	Title	Dates
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- **K22** the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn - scholarships and awards
- **K23** Minutes of the meeting of the Scholarships Sub-committee which interviewed Junior Award candidates on 19 and 20 June 1992
- **K24** Accommodation in London
- **K25** Gray's Inn - admission procedure
- **K26** Gray's Inn - mootng programme
- **K27** *Some Customs of Gray's Inn Hall*, Sept 1992
- **K28** Gray's Inn - dining arrangements
- **K29** The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple - scholarships and bursaries awarded in 1992
- **K30** Analysis of the Four Inns Members, 1989-1992
- **K31** Pilot for the Mini-Sponsorship Scheme, 16 May - 13 July 1993
- **K32** The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn Students' Union - "Allegations of racial discrimination at the CLE", 5 Mar 1993
- **K33** "Behind the Bar" - Bar School Alternative Prospectus 1993
- **K34** Discrimination Awareness Sub-committee reports, 1993-1994
- **K35** The BVC - "The Voluntary Programme 1993-4"

Items in red CLOSED until 2045

BARR 10: Collection and Analysis of Teaching Materials - Course Outlines, Practical Training Exercises and Instructors' Teaching Packs, 1991-1992

Extent and form: 3 boxes

Arrangement: this material was originally a mass of unnumbered and unlisted bundles, in no particular order, each bundle containing a different type of outline or exercise. They cover the period 1991/92. One file number has been allocated to each original bundle.

Access: open.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 10/01	ICSL Chancery module: conveyancing and real property: introduction and exercises CARP2-CARP11	n.d.
BARR 10/02	Company law module: company law - practical training exercises C1-C7	1991
BARR 10/03	General practice module: employment law option - background papers and practical training exercises E1-E3	1991
BARR 10/04	General practice module: family law - background papers and practical training exercises F1-F6	1991
BARR 10/05	Law of international trade - course outline and practical training exercises I1-I5	1991
BARR 10/06	General practice and Chancery modules: landlord and tenant - practical training exercises L1-L10	1991
BARR 10/07	General practice/commercial module - lecture handouts and practical training exercises S1-S7	1991
BARR 10/08	Chancery module: trusts, wills and taxation - course outline and practical training exercises T1-T3	1991
BARR 10/09	Practical training exercises X1-X6, X9-X11, X13 (conference skills; negotiation; casework skills; opinion writing; drafting; advocacy)	1991
BARR 10/10	Practical training exercises X14-X24 (opinion writing; drafting; advocacy; conference skills; negotiation; casework skills)	1991
BARR 10/11	Practical training exercises X25-X28, X30, X32-X35, X37 (opinion writing; drafting; advocacy; casework skills; conference skills; negotiation)	1991
BARR 10/12	Practical training exercises X38-X40, X42-X50 (advocacy; conference skills; negotiation; casework skills; opinion writing; drafting)	1991
BARR 10/13	Casework skills and drafting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical training exercise X47 • Family law: practical training exercise F2 • Family law: practical training exercise F2 • Company law: practical training exercise C4 • Landlord and tenant: practical training exercise L4 	1992

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 10/14	Instructors' teaching packs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal litigation • Civil litigation • Evidence • Advocacy skills • Drafting • EC competition law 	1991/92

BARR 11: Collection and Analysis of Teaching Materials - ICSL Manuals, 1991-1992

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Scope and content: this series consists of manuals produced by the CLE in conjunction with the BVC, published 1991/2 by Blackstone Press Ltd.

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 11/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Criminal Litigation & Sentencing</i> • <i>Chancery Practice</i> • <i>General Practice</i> • <i>Commercial Practice</i> • <i>Opinion Writing & Drafting</i> 	1991/92
BARR 11/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Evidence & Casework Skills</i> • <i>Professional Conduct & Practical Background</i> • <i>Advocacy, Negotiation & Conference Skills</i> • <i>Civil Litigation & Remedies</i> 	1991/92

BARR 12: Collection and Analysis of Teaching Materials - Printed Material, 1990-1993

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: open **other than the ICSL Handbooks.**

Scope and content: this series consists of printed papers, including published material, mostly relating to the BVC.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
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BARR 12

Papers:

1990-1993

- ICSL, [The Vocational Course Handbook](#), Academic Session 1990-91. CLOSED until 2042
- ICSL, [The Vocational Course Handbook](#), Academic Session 1991-92. CLOSED until 2043
- ICSL, [The Vocational Course Handbook](#), Academic Session 1992-93. CLOSED until 2044
- ICSL, [The Vocational Course Handbook](#), Academic Session 1993-94. CLOSED until 2045
- CLE, *The Consolidated Regulations of the Honourable Societies of Lincoln's Inn, Inner Temple, Middle Temple and Gray's Inn*, CLE, London, 1991
- CLE, *Training for the Bar*, London, n.d.
- J Shapland, V Johnston and R Wild, *Studying for the Bar*, Institute for the Study of the Legal Profession, Faculty of Law, University of Sheffield, 1993
- The General Council of the Bar, [The Bar Council Directory](#), 1993

BARR 13: Consideration of Complaints of Individual Students, 1993

Extent and form: 1 folder

Scope and content: as part of its methodology, the Committee of Inquiry considered the specific complaints of 29 students in oral hearings before a Panel of the Committee. These hearings are not extant, but a petition to HM Judges sitting as visitors to the Inns of Court, presented by five students who had failed the 1992 Bar examination, survives and has been placed in this class. The judges' comments are included.

Access: closed for 75 years under the Data Protection Act.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 13	Appeal to HM Judges sitting as the visitors to the Inns of Court in the matter of the conduct and assessment of the Bar examination 1992 [2 copies]. CLOSED until 2068	11 Mar 1993

BARR 14: Interim Report of the Committee of Inquiry, 1993

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 14	<u>Committee of Inquiry into Equal Opportunities on the Bar Vocational Course: Interim Report</u>	Sept 1993

BARR 15: CLE/ICSL Response to the Interim Report, n.d.

Extent and form: 2 folders

Historical background: following publication of the Interim Report, the CLE/ICSL provided the Committee with a submission relating to the Committee's findings on teaching, assessment and pastoral care of students. The undated documents below may form part or the whole of this submission.

Access: closed until 2044 other than published material

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BARR 15/01	<u>Interim Report: Notes on Chapters 4, 5 & 6</u> . CLOSED until 2045	n.d.
BARR 15/02	<u>Response to Barrow Inquiry - Supplementary Material</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Assessment Regulations 1990/91</u>. CLOSED until 2042• <u>Course Director's Termly Report 1989/90</u>. CLOSED until 2041• <u>Draft response to LCAC on implications of multi-cultural society</u>. CLOSED until 2045• <u>Further material on student finances</u>. CLOSED until 2045• The General Council of the Bar, <u>Without Prejudice? Sex Equality at the Bar and in the Judiciary</u>, Nov 1992	1989-1992

BARR 16: Final Report of the Committee of Inquiry, 1994

Extent and form: 1 volume

Access: open

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Reference	Title	Dates
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BARR 16

Final Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Equal
Opportunities on the Bar Vocational Course

Apr 1994