

The Bar Council: Archives, 1883-1999

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IDENTITY STATEMENT

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Name of creator(s): The Bar Council

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CONTEXT

Administrative history: The General Council of the Bar (now The Bar Council) was created in 1894 to deal with breaches of a barrister's professional etiquette, something that had previously been handled by the judiciary. Along with the [Inns of Court](#) it formed the [Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar](#) in 1974, a union that was broken up on 1 January 1987 following a report by [Lord Rawlinson](#). The [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990](#) designated the Bar Council as the professional body for barristers, with the role as a regulatory body being split off in 2006 to form the [Bar Standards Board](#).

The Bar Council is the professional association for barristers in England and Wales.

CONTENT

Scope and content: 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 Unpublished material open after 20 years other than material closed for 75 years in accordance with the Data Protection Act or for reasons of confidentiality and to protect personal privacy; access conditions are specified in the individual series descriptions. **Closed items are designated in red.**

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ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: the collection consists of all the surviving material relating to The Bar Council 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 Bar Council

ALLIED MATERIALS

Other archive material relating to the history of the Bar is included in the Council of Legal Education archives (held at IALS Archives: ref CLE) and in the Archives of the Inns of Court.

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Archivist's note: original catalogue compiled by Elizabeth Dawson in 2014. Further accruals were catalogued by Catherine Wakeling, with additional material by George Bray and Elizabeth Dawson. The catalogue was updated in 2020 by Clare Cowling.

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.

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BAR COUNCIL ARCHIVES: SERIES LIST

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
BCO 01/01	Constitution of the Bar Committee and Bar Council	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).	1883–1895
BCO 01/02	1883 Bar Committee Copies of Regulations and Bye-Laws	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.	1883–1973
BCO 01/03	Constitution of the Bar Council – Correspondence with Inns	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.	1894–1936

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 02/01	Regulations and Bye-Laws	Annotated copy of the Regulations and List of Members, 1898-1899.	1 booklet	1898–1910
BCO 02/02a	Regulations of the General Council of the Bar 1946	Annotated copy, with the 1949 List of Council and Committees pasted inside the front cover.	1 booklet	1946 –1949
BCO 02/02b	By-Laws	Found inserted inside the back cover of BCO 02/02.	1 document	1946
BCO 02/03	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to May 1950)		1 booklet	1950
BCO 02/04	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to May 1950)	Annotated copy, with the 1951 Composition of Committees list and List of Council 1952 pasted inside the front and back covers.	1 booklet	1950-1952

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 02/05	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to May 1950)	Contains three attachments amending the regulations, two of which appear in the 1955 printed Regulations.	1 booklet	c.1953
BCO 02/06	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to June 1955)	Regulation 37A has been attached at a later date.	1 booklet	1955
BCO 02/07	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to July 1960)	Regulation 9A has been attached at a later date.	1 booklet	1960
BCO 02/08	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to October 1968)	Annotated copy, with the cover updated to July 1970, but additionally including annotations to November 1970.	1 booklet	1968–1970

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 03/01	Regulations and By-Laws, 1924		1 booklet	1924
BCO 03/02a	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to July 1960)	Annotated copy, with the cover updated to July 1968.	1 booklet	1960–1968
BCO 03/02b	Amendment to Regulation 8(a)	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.	1 document	n.d.
BCO 03/03	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to October 1968)	Annotated copy, with the cover updated to July 1970.	1 booklet	1968–1970
BCO 03/04	Regulations and By-Laws of the General Council of the Bar 1946 (as amended to October 1968)	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.	1 booklet	1968–1970

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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		1 booklet	1976
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	Two undated amendments are attached to the back cover.	1 booklet	1978
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		1 booklet	1981

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 04/01a	Bar Committee minute book vol.1	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.	1 volume	26 May 1883 – 3 Nov 1886
BCO 04/01b	The Bar Committee Regulations	Found inserted at pp10-11 of minute book 1.	1 document	1883
BCO 04/02	Bar Committee minute book vol.2		1 volume	30 Nov 1886 – 7 May 1889

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 04/03	Bar Committee minute book vol.3		1 volume	16 July 1889 – 21 March 1891
BCO 04/04	Bar Committee minute book vol.4		1 volume	5 May 1891 – 5 Feb 1894
BCO 04/05	Bar Committee/Bar Council minute book vol.5	Pages 214-216 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.	1 volume	5 April 1894 – 28 July 1896
BCO 04/06	Bar Council minute book vol.6	Several groups of pages between pages 1 and 36 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.	1 volume	27 Oct 1896 – 20 March 1899
BCO 04/07	Bar Council minute book vol.7		1 volume	18 April 1899 – 25 June 1900
BCO 04/08	Bar Council minute book vol.8	Pages 1-2, 4-5, 11-12 and 59-60 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.	1 volume	9 July 1900 – 8 Dec 1902
BCO 04/09	Bar Council minute book vol.9		1 volume	26 Jan 1903 – 10 April 1905
BCO 04/10	Bar Council minute book vol.10	Pages 214-215 and 264-266 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.	1 volume	9 May 1905 – 10 April 1907
BCO 04/11	Bar Council minute book vol.11		1 volume	16 April 1907 – 14 Dec 1908
BCO 04/12	Bar Council minute book vol.12		1 volume	18 Jan 1909 – 25 July 1910
BCO 04/13	Bar Council minute book vol.13		1 volume	31 Oct 1910 – 4 Nov 1912
BCO 04/14	Bar Council minute book vol.14		1 volume	18 Nov 1912 – 25 May 1914

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 04/15	Bar Council minute book vol.15		1 volume	24 June 1914 – 2 April 1917
BCO 04/16	Bar Council minute book vol.16		1 volume	7 May 1917 – 19 July 1920
BCO 04/17a	Bar Council minute book vol.17		1 volume	25 Oct 1920 – 2 June 1924
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	Found inserted at page 7 of minute book 17, but relates to minutes on pages 34, 36 and 41.	2 documents	1921
BCO 04/18	Bar Council minute book vol.18		1 volume	14 July 1924 – 13 Feb 1928
BCO 04/19	Bar Council minute book vol.19		1 volume	17 Feb 1928 – 27 July 1931
BCO 04/20	Bar Council minute book vol.20		1 volume	30 Oct 1931 – 24 July 1935
BCO 04/21	Bar Council minute book vol.21		1 volume	18 Nov 1935 – 23 Feb 1943
BCO 04/22	Bar Council minute book vol.22	Typescript from May 1949.	1 volume	15 April 1943 – 20 Sept 1950

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.

Item list:

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

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 06/01	Agenda paper		1 document	18 April 1899
BCO 06/02	Agenda paper		1 document	1 May 1900
BCO 06/03	Agenda paper		1 document	23 April 1901
BCO 06/04	Agenda paper		1 document	15 April 1902
BCO 06/05	Agenda paper draft containing an additional motion that was not put to the meeting.		1 document	15 April 1902
BCO 06/06	Agenda paper		1 document	28 April 1903
BCO 06/07	Agenda paper		1 document	1 May 1906
BCO 06/08	Agenda paper		1 document	5 May 1908
BCO 06/09	Agenda paper	Copies labelled for use by the Chairman and Secretary.	2 documents	27 April 1909
BCO 06/10	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1910
BCO 06/11	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1911

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 06/12	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1912
BCO 06/13	Agenda paper		1 document	17 Jan 1913
BCO 06/14	Agenda paper		1 document	16 Jan 1914
BCO 06/15	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1915
BCO 06/16	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1916
BCO 06/17a	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1917
BCO 06/17b	Agenda paper	Gives details of proposers and seconders of motions, supporter and opponent speakers for a resolution and votes cast	1 document	18 Jan 1917
BCO 06/17c	Notice of the AGM 1917		1 document	15 Jan 1917
BCO 06/18	Agenda paper	2 copies	1 document	18 Jan 1918
BCO 06/19a	Agenda paper		1 document	17 Jan 1919
BCO 06/19b	Additional resolutions to be put to the AGM		1 document	17 Jan 1919
BCO 06/19c	Pages from 'The Law Times'	Items relating to the AGM of the Bar held on 17 January 1919 and other items relating to the Bar Council	4 sheets of paper	25 Jan 1919
BCO 06/20	Agenda paper		1 document	16 Jan 1920
BCO 06/21	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1921
BCO 06/22	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1922
BCO 06/23	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1923
BCO 06/24	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1924
BCO 06/25	Agenda paper		1 document	16 Jan 1925
BCO 06/26	Agenda paper		1 document	18 Jan 1926
BCO 06/27	Agenda paper		1 document	16 Jan 1927
BCO 06/28	Agenda paper		1 document	16 Jan 1928

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 06/29a	Agenda paper		1 document	16 Jan 1929
BCO 06/29b	AGM attendance list		1 document	16 Jan 1929
BCO 06/30	Agenda paper		1 document	16 Jan 1931

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

Extent and form: 1 volume, 1 document

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 07/01a	List of reports register	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.	1 volume	1883-1943
BCO 07/01b	List of reports (Mss)	Found inside the front cover of BCO 07/01.	1 document	1883-1898

BCO 08: Executive Committee Minutes, 1902-1952

Extent and form: 6 volumes [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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
[BCO 08/01]	[Minute book vol.1]	[wanting]	1896 –
[BCO 08/02]	[Minute book vol.2]	[wanting]	– 1901
BCO 08/03	Minute book vol.3	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.	20 Jan 1902 – 29 May 1908
BCO 08/04	Minute book vol.4		1 July 1908 – 12 Jan 1914

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
BCO 08/05	Minute book vol.5		23 Feb 1914 – 29 June 1922
BCO 08/06	Minute book vol.6		27 Oct 1922 – 5 Dec 1934
BCO 08/07	Minute book vol.7	Some attachments are incomplete, where pages have torn away, for example opposite p191.	14 Jan 1935 – 28 Nov 1949
BCO 08/08	Minute book vol.8	Typescript from 16 October 1950.	5 Dec 1949 – 9 June 1952

BCO 09: Professional Conduct Committee Minutes, 1896-1954

Extent and form: 7 volumes 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.

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.

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

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 09/01	Professional Conduct Standing Committee minute book vol.1		1 volume	15 March 1896 – 27 Feb 1900
BCO 09/02	Professional Conduct Standing Committee minute book vol.2		1 volume	10 May 1900 – 23 July 1908
BCO 09/03a	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.3		1 volume	16 Oct 1908 – 29 Jan 1914
BCO 09/03b	Long Vacation Note	Found inserted at p62 of minute book 3, although it does not appear to relate to any items discussed at meetings in 1911.	1 document	1911
BCO 09/04	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.4		1 volume	19 Feb 1914 – 16 April 1920
BCO 09/05	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.5	Pages 5-9, 250-258, 262-263 and 269 - index are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.	1 volume	17 May 1920 – 3 July 1934
BCO 09/06	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.6		1 volume	19 July 1934 – 27 Oct 1949
BCO 09/07	Professional Conduct Committee minute book vol.7	Typescript from 10 January 1951.	1 volume	31 Jan 1950 – 2 June 1954

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

Extent and form: 1 volume

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BCO 10/01	Attendance register	25 Feb 1981 – 10 Jan 1985

BCO 11: Court Buildings Committee Minutes, 1896-1958

Extent and form: 2 volumes

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.

Item list:

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

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

Extent and form: 2 volumes 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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Extent	Dates
BCO 12/01	Business and Procedure Standing Committee minute book vol.1	1 volume	3 Nov 1896 – 21 July 1910
BCO 12/02a	Business and Procedure Committee minute book vol.2	1 volume	7 Feb 1912 – 14 March 1939
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)	2 sheets, inserted at p57.	[July 1926]

BCO 13: Special Committee Minutes, 1909-1950

Extent and form: 4 volumes

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.

Item list:

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

BCO 14: Law Reform Committee Minutes, 1946-1957

Extent and form: 1 volume 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.

Item list:

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

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

Extent and form: 1 volume

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.

Item list:

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

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
BCO 16/01	Minute book	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.	25 June 1968 – 8 Oct 1973

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BCO 17/01	Minute book	1961

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 18/01	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee/ Bar Council		1 volume	1883/1884 – 1909
BCO 18/02	Annual Statement of the Bar Council		1 volume	1910–1932

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

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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.	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.	3 documents	1998–1999

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 19/01	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee/ Bar Council	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.	1 volume	1883/1884–1906/1907
BCO 19/02	Annual Statement of the Bar Council		1 volume	1900/1901–1928
BCO 19/03	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	Contains additional copies of the Annual Statements for 1926–1928.	1 volume	1926–1930
BCO 19/04	Annual Statement of the Bar Council		1 volume	1930–1949
BCO 19/05	Annual Statement of the Bar Council		1 volume	1950–1959
BCO 19/06	Annual Statement of the Bar Council		1 volume	1960–1967
BCO 19/07	Annual Statement of the Bar Council		1 volume	1968/1969–1972/1973
BCO 19/08	Annual Statement of the Bar Council/ Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar		1 volume	1973/1974–1979/1980
BCO 19/09	Annual Statement of the Inns of Court and the Bar		1 volume	1980/1981–1985/1986

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 19/10a	Annual Report and Accounts of the Bar Council	For 1990-1994 only a summary of the financial statements printed in the annual report is available.	1 volume	1990–1999
BCO 19/10b	Annual accounts of the Bar Council	Found inserted inside the front cover of volume 10. Photocopy.	1 document	1986/1987

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Extent	Dates
BCO 20/01	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document; 2 copies	1883/1884
BCO 20/02	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document; 2 copies	1885/1886
BCO 20/03	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document; 2 copies	1886/1887
BCO 20/04	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document	1887/1888
BCO 20/05	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document	1888/1889
BCO 20/06	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document	1889/1890
BCO 20/07	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document	1890/1891
BCO 20/08	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document	1892/1893
BCO 20/09	Annual Statement of the Bar Committee	1 document	1893/1894
BCO 20/10	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1895/1896
BCO 20/11	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1896/1897
BCO 20/12	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1898/1899
BCO 20/13	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1899/1900

Reference	Title	Extent	Dates
BCO 20/14	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1900/1901
BCO 20/15	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1901/1902
BCO 20/16	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1902/1903
BCO 20/17	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1903/1904
BCO 20/18	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1904/1905
BCO 20/19	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1905/1906
BCO 20/20	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1906/1907
BCO 20/21	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1907/1908
BCO 20/22	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1908/1909
BCO 20/23	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1909
BCO 20/24	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1910
BCO 20/25	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1911
BCO 20/26	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1912
BCO 20/27	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1913
BCO 20/28	Annual Statement of the Bar Council	1 document	1914

BCO 21: Election Registers 1896-1971

Extent and form: 5 volumes

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
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Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
BCO 21/01	Register vol.1	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.	1896–1912
BCO 21/02	Register vol.2	The elections for 1915 to 1919 were not contested, with retiring members generally retaking their seats on the Council.	1912–1924
BCO 21/03	Register vol.3	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.	1925–1938
BCO 21/04	Register vol.4	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.	1938–1953
BCO 21/05	Register vol.5	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.	1953–1971

BCO 22: Election Records, 1993-2008

Extent and form: 1 folder

Access: closed until 2029

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.

Item list:

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

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.

Item list:

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

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
BCO 23/11	Letter book vol.11		29 June 1910 – 28 July 1911
BCO 23/12	Letter book vol.12		31 July 1911 – 17 July 1912
BCO 23/13	Letter book vol.13		17 July 1912 – 11 March 1913
BCO 23/14	Letter book vol.14		11 March 1913 – 30 Dec 1913
BCO 23/15	Letter book vol.15		2 Jan 1914 – 28 July 1914
BCO 23/16	Letter book vol.16		28 July 1914 – 12 Feb 1915
BCO 23/17	Letter book vol.17		15 Feb 1915 – 8 Nov 1915
BCO 23/18	Letter book vol.18	Pages 32-34 and 37-38 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.	9 Nov 1915 – 19 July 1916
BCO 23/19	Letter book vol.19		26 July 1916 – 24 July 1917
BCO 23/20	Letter book vol.20	Pages 71-72 are stuck together – do not attempt to separate.	31 July 1917 – 21 June 1918
BCO 23/21	Letter book vol.21	Typescript from 29 May 1919. Fragile - not to be produced, due to conservation requirements.	22 June 1918 – 26 Jan 1920

BCO 24: Account Books, 1897-1954

Extent and form: 3 volumes and 1 document

Item list:

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

BCO 25: Weekly Cash Ledger, 1950-1952

Extent and form: 1 volume

Item list:

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

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 26/01	Bar Organisation, including Pearce Committee	a) Finance and the Bar: Memorandum by Herbert Monroe QC, 1969; b) Organisation and Finance of the Bar Memorandum by the Executive Committee, Dec 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 Dec 1973; h) Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bar Agenda, 3 June 1974; i) Note: Pearce No.2 – “suggested understandings”, n.d.; j) Election of Hall Reps 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 Bar Regulations, Oct 1974 (incl amendments made on 29 July and 30 Sept 1974; n) Bar Council Bye-Laws, 4 Dec 1975	1 file	1969–1975

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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	Printers proof.	1 document	1972
BCO 26/03	Report of the Working Party on the Establishment of the General Council of the Inns and of the Bar, December 1973		1 document	1973
BCO 26/04	Regulations of the General Council of the Inns of Court and the Bar, April 1974	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.	1 document	1974
BCO 26/05	First Meeting of the Senate, 29 July 1974, Agenda	Agenda paper and annexes.	1 document	1974
BCO 26/06	Report of the Committee on the Constitution of the Senate, April 1986		1 booklet	1986

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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	This copy has been corrected for minor typographical errors.	1 volume	Jan 1978
BCO 27/02	Additional Evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services		1 volume	March 1978 – Sept 1978
BCO 27/03	Royal Commission on Legal Services Final Report	HMSO publication	4 volumes	1979

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 28/01	COM 1: Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Bar	Contains notices of meetings, agenda papers, draft minutes, chairman's speeches and other working papers.	3 files	1950–1974
BCO 28/02	COM 1 (vol. 2): AGM Senate	Contains notices of meetings of the Senate and of the Bar, agenda papers, draft minutes, correspondence, briefing papers, ballot documents and other working papers.	1 file	1980–1985
BCO 28/03	COM 1 (vol. 3): AGM Senate, 1986	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	1 file	1986–1987
BCO 28/04	COM 8/18 (2): Planning Committee Sub-Committee B on the Organisation of the Profession 1970	Contains memoranda, correspondence and minutes.	1 file	1969–1970

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 28/05	COM 12: Extraordinary General Meeting, 25 March 1975	Contains an agenda/notice of meeting and an explanatory letter.	1 file	1975
BCO 28/06	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 19 July 1975	Contains the agenda paper for the AGM of the Bar.	1 file	1975
BCO 28/07	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 12 July 1978 and 24 November 1978	Contains the agenda paper for the AGM of the Bar.	1 file	1978
BCO 28/08	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 18 July 1979	Contains the agenda paper for the AGM of the Bar.	1 file	1979
BCO 28/09	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 15 July 1980	Contains the agenda papers for the AGMs of the Senate and of the Bar, plus an explanatory letter from the Chairman of the Bar.	1 file	1980
BCO 28/10	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 14 July 1981	Contains the agenda papers for the AGMs of the Senate and of the Bar.	1 file	1981
BCO 28/11	COM 12: AGM – Bar Council, 14 July 1982 and 21 July 1982	Contains the agenda paper for the AGM of the Bar.	1 file	1982
BCO 28/12	COM 12 (2): Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bar, 13 December 1982	Contains the agenda and papers for the EGM of the Bar.	1 file	1982
BCO 28/13	COM12 (3): AGM – Bar Council, 1985 and 1986	Contains notices of meetings, agenda papers, resolutions, chairman’s speeches, draft minutes, ballot documents, correspondence and other working documents	1 file	1984–1986

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 28/14	COM 20: Senate Membership	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.	1 file	1985–1986
BCO 28/15	COM 25: Council Procedure	Contains memoranda, reports, meeting papers, correspondence and extracts from minutes relating to the organisation and business of the Council.	1 file	1959–1973
BCO 28/16	COM 26: Re-delegation of Disciplinary Powers by the Judges	Contains correspondence, resolutions and the draft Regulations of the General Council of the Inns of Court and the Bar, April 1974.	1 file	1974–1975
BCO 28/17	COM 26 (previously file 221): Senate – Discipline	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.	1 file	1966–1971
BCO 28/18	COM 26 (previously file 221A): Senate – Discipline Transfer to New Senate	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.	1 file	1967–1974
BCO 28/19	COM 65 vol. 3: Bar Education and Discipline Bill Proposed School of Law	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.	1 file	1876–1971

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 28/20	COM 67 (previously COM 8/9): Organisation of the Bar	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.	1 file	1960–1962
BCO 28/21	COM 80 (3): First Meeting of the General Council of the Inns and the Bar on 29 July 1974	Contains documents relating to the winding up of the pre-1974 Bar Council and the agenda for the 29 July 1974 meeting.	1 file	1974
BCO 28/22	COM 231 (N.S): President’s File	Contains correspondence between the Senate President and Secretary and papers for the President’s information.	1 file	1974–1983
BCO 28/23	COM 284 (3): Libraries at the Royal Courts of Justice	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.	1 file	1895–1978
BCO 28/24	COM 286 (Vol. 1): Senate Disciplinary Tribunals Procedure	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.	1 file	1977–1978
BCO 28/25	COM 286 (Vol. 2): Senate Disciplinary Tribunals Procedure	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.	1 file	1974–1986

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 28/26	L (F1): Formation of the Senate – Finance	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.	1 file	1969–1974
BCO 28/27	OS.46.A.B: Pearce Committee	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.	1 file	1972–1973
BCO 28/28	OS.PC.82 (5) Vol. 1: Non-Practising Barristers	The cover notes the file was weeded in 1968.	1 file	1953
BCO 28/29	OS.PC.82 (5) Vol. 2: Non-Practising Barristers	The cover notes the file was weeded in 1968.	1 file	1951–1953
BCO 28/30	PC 21: Professional Conduct and Discipline	The file probably dates from the late 1950s.	1 file	n.d.

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 29/01	Education	Contains copies of reports on legal education from a variety of sources, including the Bar Council and the Council of Legal Education	1 file	1964–1982
BCO 29/02	Future Finance	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.	1 file	1977
BCO 29/03	Independence	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'.	1 file	1976–1977

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 29/04	International Relations	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.	1 file	1970–1978
BCO 29/05	Professional Indemnity Insurance	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.	1 file	1981–1982
BCO 29/06	Royal Commission – Monopolies Commission Evidence: Enquiry into 1) Two Counsel Rule; 2) Advertising	Contains the Bar Council's replies to the Public Interest Letters issued by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for these enquiries.	1 file	1975
BCO 29/07	Royal Commission – 1) Arnold Report: Silks; 2) Templeman Report: Partnerships; 3) Wilmers Report – Pupillage; 4) Webster Paper: Social Welfare Law	Contains a copy of each report.	1 file	1968–1975

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 29/08	The Council of Legal Education First Report of the Working Party on Numbers		1 document	1982

BCO 30: Bar Council Pupillage Board – agenda, minutes and papers, 1999-2000

Extent and form: 2 folders

Archival history: deposited in the Archives by Robert Athol, Lincoln’s Inn Archivist, in 2015

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BCO 30/01	Pupillage Board agenda and minutes	1998-1999
BCO 30/02	Correspondence regarding the Pupillage Website	2000

BCO 31: Bar Council Publications, 1892-1978

Extent and form: 7 publications

Archival history: item BCO 31/07 was deposited in the Archives by Robert Athol, Lincoln’s Inn Archivist, in 2015.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 31/01	Annual Practice and Etiquette	Contains the editions for 1897, 1902, 1912 with index, 1915 with index and 1917 with index.	1 volume	1892–1917

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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		1 pamphlet	1907
BCO 31/03	Barristers and the War	Contains a list of barristers who served in the First World War, corrected to 31 July 1916.	1 booklet	1916
BCO 31/04	Barristers and the War, Third Issue	Contains a list of barristers who served in the First World War, corrected to 1 October 1918.	1 booklet	1918
BCO 31/05	Conduct and Etiquette at the Bar by Sir William Boulton, CBE, Sixth Edition		1 offprint	1975

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
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		1 offprint	1978
BCO 31/07	General Council of the Bar: <i>Strategies for the Future</i>	Includes Bar Council Meeting with draft document, 1999	1 offprint	Feb 1990

BCO 32: Ephemera, c.1918-1974

Extent and form: 3 documents

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
BCO 32/01	Note on the numbers of Barristers serving during the First World War, their decorations and the number of deaths in service		n.d.
BCO 32/02	Unsigned letter, possibly from a Mr Beer, and envelope addressed to The Lords Justice's Sitting in Lunacy	A pencil note on the envelope states 'Try Bar Council'. There is no accompanying documentation to provide any context.	1949
BCO 32/03	Organisation chart	Passed to the Archives by Robert Athol in 2015	1969-1974

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

Extent and form: 2 volumes

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BCO 33/01	Minute book	7 Nov 1966 – 22 Nov 1971
BCO 33/02	Minute book	20 Dec 1971 – 15 July 1974

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

Extent and form: 1 volume

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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
BCO 34/01	Minute book	28 May 1962 – 9 Mar 1967

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

Extent and form: 1 volume

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.

Item list:

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

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.

Item list:

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

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

Extent and form: 3 volumes 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.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 37/01a	Minute book no.1	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	1 volume	21 Dec 1882 – 29 May 1900
BCO 37/01b	Letter from the Lincoln's Inn Librarian	Found inserted at pp51-52 of minute book 1.	1 letter	10 June 1884
BCO 37/01c	Photographic copy of Sir John Soane's plan of the Law Courts, as substantially carried out c.1825	Found inserted at pp63-64 of minute book 1.	1 plan	n.d.
BCO 37/01d	Letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Law Library of the Four Courts, Dublin	Found inserted at pp347-348 of minute book 1.	1 letter	22 March 1899

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 37/02	Minute book no.2	Indexed	1 volume	29 Nov 1900 – 17 Dec 1954
BCO 37/03a	Minute book no.3	Typescript from 15 January 1962.	1 volume	19 Dec 1955 – 2 July 1974
BCO 37/03b	Notes on the administration of the libraries at the Royal Courts of Justice, annotated with the details of the Librarian and Assistant Librarian's appointments.	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3. Typescript	1 document	After 1917. Annotations after 1970.
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	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3.	5 documents	1921
BCO 37/03d	Bar Library book plate	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3.	1 book plate	n.d.
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	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3.	1 document	1935
BCO 37/03f	List of photographic portraits	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3. The last number of the year ran off the edge of the paper	1 document	15 October 198?

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Extent	Dates
BCO 37/03g	Bar Library Committee lists	Found inserted at p85 of minute book 3	6 documents	1968–1973
BCO 37/03h	List of books received 1 July 1969 – 30 June 1970 pages 1 & 2.	Found inserted at p134 of minute book 3. Page 3 of the list is attached to the minute book	1 list	1970

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

Extent and form: 6 volumes

Access: **BCO 38/5 closed for 75 years** under Data Protection legislation.

Reproduction: photocopying at the IALS Archivist's discretion.

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.

Item list:

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

Item list:

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

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

Extent and form: 3 folders

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
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 Oct 1910 – 10 May 1920
BCO 40/01b	As above	14 June 1921 – 29 May 1929
BCO 40/01c	As above	18 June 1930 – 1 Feb 1945

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

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
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

BCO 42: Parliamentary Select Committee Reports, 1834

Extent and form: 1 document; 1 volume

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

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

Item list:

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

BCO 43: inns of Court Publications, 1880-c.1969

Extent and form: 2 volumes

Access: open

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Item list:

Reference	Title	Scope and Content	Dates
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BCO 43/01	“Inns of Court Library” [Collected pamphlets]	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.	1880–1896
BCO 43/02	A Hostel for the Inns of Court Final Report		c1969