

2020 Vision: MTYBA President Plan of Action

Our work in 2020 will focus on continuing the essential events to assist you on the long and difficult journey from finding pupillage, to getting through the minefield of pupillage and attaining tenancy, to prospering and advancing within the 1st seven years as fully qualified barristers.

Along with continuing these activities, MTYBA will structure our activities in 2020 around the following themes:

- **Inspiration and Self-Improvement**
- **Giving Back and Increasing Access**
- **Supporting the Rule of Law and Lawyers in Need**

Inspiration, Self-Improvement, and Career Development

To ensure that Middle Temple young barristers are the most inspired, inspiring, and skilful barristers possible we will be running three series of events, free of charge as well as MTYBA's ordinary activities for our members.

1. Inspiring Speaker Series

The Inspiring Speakers Series will allow our members to be their best, through sessions presented by high level speakers giving real-life examples of overcoming problems and developing key skills to deal with business and life.

The first part of this series will be on 16 March 2020 on Building a Brand and Standing out from the Crowd, Myles Jackman, The Obscenity Lawyer <http://mylesjackman.com/>

Watch this space for the Eventbrite sign-up page.

Later in the year we will be holding the second part in this series with a very high-profile international businessman. Please do RSVP for these events as they will be very popular.

2. Expand Your Practice Series

Recognising that the ability of our members to build a busy practice at an early stage can often depend on them being able to expand their practices to the ancillary areas to their main practice area, this series will set out the legal and procedural frameworks of such areas ensuring our members can show confidence to potential professional clients to gain instructions in these areas.

The first part of this series will be on 26 February 2020 on a Beginners' Guide to the Proceeds of Crime, with Colin Witcher <http://churchcourchambers.co.uk/barrister/colin-witcher/> Again, watch this space for the Eventbrite sign-up page

In 2020 we will also be holding the second part of our series which will be on Sports Law: Key Cases and Procedure. An area which is complementary to both civil law and criminal areas of practice. This will be presented by one of the country's leading sports lawyers so it is worth keeping a look out for this.

3. Practical Skills speaker series

The third series will be a Practical Skills Series which will be delivered in order for our members to continue to develop and to be competitive against other legal and non-legal workers. This will allow them to develop key practical skills to allow them to be a success in their fields and with their self-employed or employed business. We are planning a course on Excel, a skill useful for all areas of law as well as another area. If there is something in particular that you would like us to address please let us know!

Giving back and increasing access

At MTYBA we recognise our privileged position and our ability to change the lives of young people and those from low socio-economic backgrounds that do not often end up pursuing careers at the Bar. We also recognise that positive role models and building confidence is key to increasing access and allowing for self-development for those who need a step up and performing this role will also benefit our members by developing their communication skills and goal setting strategies.

To this end in 2020 MTYBA will be embarking upon a mentoring programme with a top London youth charity, to present their skills and confidence building programme to young people in Middle Temple and at other inspiring locations around London. We will be seeking the assistance of our members to help deliver this programme and to inspire the young people towards careers at the Bar and success in life. Please keep your eyes out for an announcement shortly with sign up details and get involved!

Supporting the Rule of Law and Lawyers Under Pressure

UK-based members of MTYBA are in quite a unique position around the world and even within the Commonwealth in being able to practise unencumbered by governmental interference and threats to their lives and liberty. In 2020 we will be looking to use our unique position in regard to our ability to help lawyers at risk.

As well as these event MTYBA will be running our pupillage application, mootings, and social events as well as our much-loved Annual Dinner, the special guest speaker of which we will be announcing shortly. We will also be building relationships with our European friends and colleagues by participating along with the European Young Bar Association in the Italian Association of Young Lawyers Annual conference in Naples from 22-24 May 2020.

MTYBA is your organisation and if there are any events that you think we should be holding or any assistance that we can offer you please contact us (enquiries@mtyba.org) and we will do our best to help.

Good luck in 2020 and I hope to see you at our events,

Michael Polak

MTYBA President 2020