



BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2019

Judicial bullying

[Scottish Legal News](#) – SLN reports that judges are the main source of bullying in the legal profession while sexual harassment and propositioning remain a problem, a survey for *The Times* has revealed.

More than half of 1,500 barristers surveyed by the **Bar Council** thought there was still a problem with bullying and older male barristers sexually harassing colleagues.

As a result, formal guidance is now being produced by the Bar Council detailing how barristers should make complaints.

New Chair of the Bar

[Politics Home](#) - Richard Atkins QC has become Chair of the Bar Council for 2019, the representative body for all 16,000 barristers in England & Wales. He takes over from outgoing Chair, Andrew Walker QC.

Legal aid

[Law Society Gazette](#) – The Gazette reports that meetings will take place this week as criminal barristers decide whether the government's revised offer of investment in the legal aid budget is acceptable.

In a notice sent to members on Friday, the Criminal Bar Association (CBA) said there are 'clear signs' that there is a need to consult the membership again.

The notice said although 'days of action' may still take place, there is as yet no mandate for unified protest action. However, a source close to the association told the Gazette that the option remains firmly on the table - but that it would need unified support. 'The action was only ever suspended,' the source said.

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