



## BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE – MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019

### Bar Mock Trials

[New Law Journal](#), [Hillingdon Times](#) – The media reports that 24 schools, each representing a different region of the UK, were due to head to Edinburgh on 23 March to compete in the Bar Council-backed Young Citizens’ Bar Mock Trials National Final 2019.

### Vice-Chair of the Bar

[LexisNexis Future of Law blog](#) – Vice-Chair of the Bar, Amanda Pinto QC, gives her ‘day in the life of’ account to LexisNexis’ Future of Law blog.

Covering a range of topics, Amanda Pinto QC writes: “As a woman in law, I thoroughly enjoy my work despite it being hard to fit in with having a family.

“Professionally, I have often found that people underestimate you. I am encouraged that many discriminatory practices are diminishing but we still need to keep everyone focused on driving forward changes to help women flourish and stay in practice.

“The Bar Council supports women with initiatives such as persuading the government against introducing the so-called Flexible Operating Hours in criminal courts which would have made it impossible to organise caring responsibilities for barristers and diversity training for Chambers, but there is still much to do to stop the significant problem of retaining excellent women, particularly the self-employed at the publicly funded Bar. In my experience, it is harder for a woman to progress as fast as a man. I hope the fact that I am the fourth female Vice-Chair of the Bar (and the 3rd in 8 years) will serve as a sign that, although women (particularly with a family) may face significant difficulties, we can thrive and get to the top of the profession.

“Supportive practice managers, clerks, colleagues at work and family and friends at home are crucial. Actively value those who allow you to progress your career by supporting you at home!”

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**Richard Atkins QC**  
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Thanks to all involved from [@thebarcouncil](#) & [@YoungCitizensUK](#) in organising [#MockTrials](#) [#NationalFinal](#) in Edinburgh. Thanks also to all Judges, pupils, teachers and parents for the time given. A fabulous day. I hope we see many of today's participants at the Bar in the future.

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Well done to King Edward VI Handsworth School, winners of this year's Bar Council-backed [#MockTrials](#) [#NationalFinal](#). Well done to all 24 schools that reached the final in Edinburgh today. [@YoungCitizensUK](#)

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A day in the legal life of Vice-Chair of the Bar, Amanda Pinto QC: find out about the first thing she does when her alarm goes off, her most memorable career moment, and her take on tackling the problem of retention of women in law.

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