



BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE –  
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**Courts, the Bar & Covid-19**

The Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, The Guardian, The Times x 2, The News (Portsmouth) PA News Wire x 7, [manchestereveningnews.co.uk](http://manchestereveningnews.co.uk), [derbytelegraph.co.uk](http://derbytelegraph.co.uk), [hulldailymail.co.uk](http://hulldailymail.co.uk) x 2, [legaltechnology.com](http://legaltechnology.com), Legal Futures, Legal Cheek, Impartial Reporter, Prestwich and Whitefield Guide, Epping Forest Guardian, Barhead News, Asian Image, More.TalkTalk, Legal Futures, Politics Home x 4, Evesham Journal, Free Press Series, South Wales Guardian, Border Telegraph, Romsey Advertiser, Cotswolds Journal, Borehamwood Times, Wimbledon Guardian, Times Series, ThisisMoney, Yahoo News, Bournemouth Echo, Belfast Telegraph, Press and Journal, Keighley News, Evening Times, New Law Journal, Law Society Gazette, Legal Futures, Bolton News, Tewksbury Magazine, Local Government Lawyer; Basildon Standard, Whitehaven News, Lex100, Nottingham Post, Litigation Futures, New Law Journal, Yorkshire Post –

The Bar Council's work in relation to Covid-19 and its impact on the Bar and court hearings is covered widely across a range of media, including national, local and legal trade press.

Amanda Pinto QC, Chair of the Bar, is quoted in the media on issues the Bar Council has lobbied on for the profession and chambers, including: barristers being given 'key worker' status, about attending court and remote hearings, financial relief for barristers through VAT deferred payments and the Coronavirus Business Interruption Scheme, and the Bar Council's call on the Chancellor to make his package of support for the self-employed fit for the Bar. There's also widespread coverage of the Bar Council's call, from last week, for jury trials to be halted.

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Chair and Vice-Chair of the Bar Council's Young Barristers' Committee, [@KatherineAbdn](#) and [@JoanneKane\\_](#), share how they work to ensure the safety of young barristers and pupils during these difficult times of COVID-19.

Read here:



Young Bar blog: Supporting the Young Bar during COVID-19  
Katherine Duncan & Joanne Kane, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Young Barristers' Committee (YBC) share how they work to ...  
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