



BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE –

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Brexit

The Law Society Gazette - The Bar Council has called for a 'shared tribunal' to hear grievances of EU citizens living in the UK after Brexit. Hugh Mercer, chair of the Brexit working group, said: 'If the government is rejecting any role for the CJEU, it should articulate a plan for an alternative enforcement mechanism such as a shared tribunal to which issues of interpretation could be referred by the UK courts.' However, Mercer warned that creating a new body will be difficult because the rights of EU citizens already in the UK are based on EU law.

Supreme Court

[BBC](#), [Commercial Dispute Resolution](#), [New Law Journal](#), [Politics Home](#), [Royal Central](#) – Commenting on Lady Hale’s appointment as President of the Supreme Court, Chair of the Bar Council, **Andrew Langdon QC** said:

“Baroness Hale is a most distinguished jurist and has long been at the forefront in the task of arguing for a properly diverse judiciary.”

He agreed with [Joe] Egan [President of the Law Society], saying: “Her appointment will serve as an encouragement to all in showing how important this is.”

Judicial diversity

[Politics Home](#) - Robin Allen QC, Chair of the Bar Council's Equality and Diversity Committee, commented on the publication this week of the 2017 **Judicial Diversity Statistics**.

He said: "The progress made in recruiting more female judges is to be welcomed; but there is an urgent need to increase the number of part-time salaried posts which offer a useful combination of certainty and flexibility for the large number of lawyers with caring responsibilities. Likewise the progress in recruiting Asian High Court judges is important.

"On the other hand the lack of progress in recruiting any Black British judges to the High Court and more senior courts, and only a very tiny percentage in the Crown Court, is unrepresentative of diverse modern Britain. If this is not put right soon it will undermine the trust in the principle of equality before and under the law. Urgent action is needed.

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Rick Hoyle @Barrickster

Replying to @NE_Man_61 @pjm1kbw and 2 others

The head of HMCTS is speaking to the Bar Conference on 4 Nov. I imagine the reception will be interesting...

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