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Bar training

[Law in Action - BBC Radio Four \(listen from 15 minutes in\)](#) – Law in Action looks at how plans by COIC/ICCA to launch a BPTC that will be split into two courses to help students seeking a career at the Bar avoid escalating training costs might help the profession become more diverse.

Richard Atkins QC, Chair of the Bar, is interviewed by Law in Action. He says that any initiative which increases competition whilst keeping costs low for those pursuing a career at the Bar is a good thing. He added that the cost of training can be very high with no guarantee of a pass or a pupillage at the end of it.

Under the new proposed course, students would take part one of the course for a lower cost. In order to move on to the second part of the course they'd need to pass part one.

Two of the Bar Council's 'I am the Bar' social mobility advocates, Mukhtiar Singh and Danielle Manson, also comment on the programme, telling their own stories of how they overcome obstacles to reach the Bar despite the high costs of training.

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Many thanks to the Bar Council - Richard Atkins QC, Amanda Pinto QC , Adrian Vincent and Scott Baldwin for travelling to South Tyneside yesterday to visit the LAA and discuss family fees.

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