



**“GETTING THE MONEY RIGHT:
A CITY/LAW CAREER WITH A
DIFFERENCE”**

THINKING OF A CAREER IN FINANCE, IN A CITY LAW FIRM
OR AS A COMMERCIAL BARRISTER?
THINK AGAIN – THERE IS ANOTHER OPTION WHICH YOU
MIGHT ACTUALLY ENJOY...

- A presentation on a career at the bar: with interview advice from the people who may be interviewing you

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On Wednesday 16 November 2011, 5.00pm

In The Harris Lecture Theatre and Seminar
Room, Oriel College.

With Drinks and Nibbles provided

All welcome: lawyers and non-lawyers thinking about a career in law

Dear future colleague,

The attached invitation invites you to a presentation about a City/Law career-with-a-difference – where *you* make the decisions, where *you* organise your time and where you can both generate and keep the substantial profits of your practice and, at the same time work, not for faceless corporations, but individuals including entrepreneurs, business leaders, professionals and media figures. It is about real people with corporate interests – you can make a real difference.

The financial rewards in this area are (unexpectedly) good: our pupils (trainees) are paid £25,000 for their first year (of which £12,500 is tax free). After only six months, our pupils are conducting their own cases on their feet (as opposed to many years in magic circle solicitors' firms) and receive their own earnings on top of this. Within two years our junior barristers can expect to earn £75,000 per annum.

This is an area of law that demands intellectual rigour in the shrinking world of international finance - where real people are seeking to secure their financial future by an ever increasing number of sophisticated financial vehicles which the financial family lawyer needs to understand and be able to analyse, often in the context of conflict of international laws. Often too this includes consideration of company valuations and financial derivatives. It also includes international trusts (and trust-busting) and forum-shopping in the sense of trying to find the best legal jurisdiction for your client's claims or avoid the best jurisdiction for your opponent.

Anyone in any doubt should read – or just look up - the recent Supreme Court decision of *Radmacher v Granatino* [2010] UKSC 42; [2011] 1 AER 373 which has been so much discussed in the wider press of late. In that case a multi-millionaire German heiress suing for divorce in England successfully sought to limit the divorce claims of her French ex-banker husband to the terms of a German pre-nuptial agreement which had been signed in Germany and in German, without legal advice and without disclosure of her means in a language which was foreign to the husband. It took her two appeals, and millions of pounds in legal costs, to do so; and may now lead to statutory reform.

The first-instance Judge in the *Radmacher* case, Dame Florence Baron, was a matrimonial finance barrister before she became a High Court Judge. She practised from QEB, where the speakers at this presentation also practise. QEB has also provided four other current High Court Judges in the Family Division and one current Justice of the Supreme Court, Lord Wilson of Culworth, (as well as others since retired, including Sir Hugh Bennett, the judge in the Paul McCartney and Heather Mills case).

So if you think you might be interested, do please join us, for a presentation, Q&A session and a chance to mingle with the QEB-team (over free drinks) and ask your individual questions. You do not need to be reading law because the Bar accepts non-law graduates after a one-year conversion course.

We look forward to meeting you as equals – because one of the attractions about the Bar is that every barrister is only as good as their last case. Which is why it tends to attract the successful analyst from any academic discipline who is looking for a career which rewards the individual, in terms of intellectual satisfaction, making a difference to individuals, status and income. And in which they are genuinely self-employed and determine their own future.

Tim Amos QC
On behalf the QEB team