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Dear Chancery Chamber,

The ChBA Careers Fair 2014 - Saturday 22nd November, Inner Temple

The Association is seeking commitments from our members' chambers to attend the next annual Careers Fair on Saturday 22nd November 2014—this year at the Inner Temple. I would encourage all of our members' sets to participate and would ask that you **kindly indicate your commitment by filling in the form on the website at <http://www.chba.org.uk/chancery-careers/chba-careers-fair-2014-chambers-sign-up>** as soon as possible and in any event by no later than **30 June 2014**. Although we are in a larger venue this year due to the popularity of the event, we can only guarantee accommodation for a certain number of sets, so responses will be considered on a first come first served basis.

The Association has now successfully organised the fair on five previous occasions. In recent years, it has been attended by between 20 and 26 chambers and around 110 to 170 students from all across the country who were interested in chancery and commercial practice, with an even larger number of students having registered to attend. The following sets have attended the fair in recent years:

Atlantic Chambers	4 New Square	4 Stone Buildings
Enterprise Chambers	New Square Chambers	5 Stone Buildings
Essex Court Chambers	XXIV Old Buildings	9 Stone Buildings
Exchange Chambers	10 Old Square	11 Stone Buildings
Erskine Chambers	Pump Court Tax Chambers	St. John's Chambers
Falcon Chambers	Radcliffe Chambers	St. Philip's Chambers
Gray's Inn Tax Chambers	Selborne Chambers	Tanfield Chambers
King's Chambers	Serle Court	Wilberforce Chambers
Landmark Chambers	South Square	
Maitland Chambers	3 Stone Buildings	

We believe that the fair will continue to raise the profile of the Chancery Bar among students and help to attract the best candidates to it for pupillage, which is particularly important given the fierce competition that prevails across the legal profession for the most talented students. We hope that it will also help to reduce barriers to entry caused by a lack of awareness about the profession. Most importantly for chambers, we believe that the fair offers a much more effective and value-for-money marketing tool than other pupillage fairs and careers events.

We have again booked the Fair to take place at Inner Temple on a Saturday, bearing in mind the cost, travel and timetable difficulties faced by students during the working week, and the relatively limited imposition on chambers in manning a stand over a single, 2 hour lunch period. We were pleased to note a significant increase in student attendance at last two year's fair as a result of that change.

As before, the fair will incorporate a series of talks for the students and a chance for them to meet members of chambers at their own stands over lunchtime and the early afternoon. **However, the fair is self-funded and will only go ahead if there is sufficient support for it; we are likely to need around 20**

sets of chambers to participate at £500 each to cover the cost of venue hire, advertising, administration, refreshments and a sandwich lunch for all attendees and up to two members per set.

The organisation of the fair is likely to take a significant amount of time and would need to commence in earnest within the next few weeks. We therefore look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible and in any event by **30 June 2014** to record your commitment to participate in the fair. Please also note the date of the Fair for your diaries in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,



Timothy Fancourt Q.C.
Chairman