

**Response of the Chancery Bar Association (ChBA) to the Ministry of
Justice
Triennial Review of the Legal Services Board**

1. The Chancery Bar Association is one of the longest established Bar Associations and represents the interests of over 1,100 members handling the full breadth of Chancery work at all levels of seniority, both in London and throughout England and Wales. It is recognised by the Bar Council as a Specialist Bar Association. Full membership of the Association is restricted to those barristers whose practice consists primarily of Chancery work, but there are also academic and overseas members whose teaching, research or practice consists primarily of Chancery work.
2. Chancery work is that which is traditionally dealt with by the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, which sits in London and in regional centres outside London. The Chancery Division attracts high profile, complex and, increasingly, international disputes. In London alone it has a workload of some 4,000 issued claims a year, in addition to the workload of the Bankruptcy Court and the Companies Court. The Companies Court itself deals with some 12,000 cases each year and the Bankruptcy Court some 17,000.
3. Our members offer specialist expertise in advocacy, mediation and advisory work across the whole spectrum of finance, property, and business law. As advocates they litigate in all courts in England and Wales, as well as abroad.
4. This response is the official response of the Association to the Ministry of Justice Triennial Review of the Legal Services Board.

5. The Association supports and entirely endorses the Report of the Bar Council which was sent to the Ministry of Justice on 30th March 2012 and in particular the conclusions and recommendations at paragraphs 78-83 of the Report.

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