

Request to Become Full Member of Birmingham Law Society Board of Directors

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I have been a Board Observer and then co-opted Member for two years. I would welcome the opportunity to be a full Board Member and continue being part of a dynamic Board which is determined to give a strong presence and platform for the legal profession in Birmingham. I would like to contribute to increasing membership engagement which will inevitably lead to BLS being more vibrant and commercially successful, enabling us to deliver more benefits for the profession and wider community.

I have been working as a solicitor for 30 years, 26 of which have been in Birmingham and Solihull.

I am a Family Law Partner at Weightmans and have worked in a range of law practices throughout my career- from large commercial firms, high street medium sized and small legal aid practices.

I also founded and ran my own successful law firm for 11 years. Therefore, I have experience in setting up a start-up law practice, growing it and then closing it down. I understand the pressures and joys of working in a small practice and then transitioning to work at a corporate multi service firm.

The profession is a tough one for women and non-white people, and I champion diversity and inclusion in our profession. I am proud to have been a working mother throughout the majority of my career and now have three grown up daughters. Being from an ethnic minority and in the first generation in my family to have attended university, there are many disadvantages that I have experienced, again which have given me a passion to try to drive change within our profession to improve opportunities for underrepresented groups.