

# News release

## *SRA recruiting four new Board members*

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We are recruiting four new Board members as two lay and two solicitor members reach the end of their terms.

We are committed to increasing diversity on our Board and are looking to recruit people who reflect the communities that solicitors serve and the increasing diversity of the profession itself. We are looking for candidates from every background with the ability to think strategically, an appetite for contributing to strategic change, a demonstrable commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion and enthusiasm for acting as an ambassador externally and within the organisation.

The role of the Board is to oversee our work as we regulate more than 150,000 practising solicitors and 10,000 firms across England and Wales. Member responsibilities include setting our strategic direction, making sure that issues are explored from a range of viewpoints and holding our executive to account for its performance.

Potential lay members should also have understanding or experience of one or more of:

- using key professional services, including legal, from the perspective of a small business
- offering support and advice to consumers
- competition within markets
- a relevant academic field.

Those looking for solicitor positions should have understanding or experience of one or more of:

- providing regulated legal services through an alternative business structure in England or Wales
- practice in a high-street solicitor firm in England or Wales
- an organisation that provides digital/online advice
- a relevant academic field.

**Anna Bradley, Chair of the SRA Board**, said: "I am keen that we bring real diversity to our thinking, whether that is diversity of race, of gender, or of thought and culture. That's key to delivering what is a busy and dynamic programme of work as we bed in a comprehensive reform programme, transform the way that would-be solicitors qualify and support the sector to make the most of technology.

"These are challenging times and we want to hear from people from every background who want to make a difference for the users of legal services in this complex and fast-changing landscape."

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 22 September. New members will take their places on the Board from 1 January, 2021. Further details of the new Board roles are available to view [<https://www.saxbam.com/appointment/solicitors-regulation-authority-7/>].