



## **Notes for Guidance on Joining the Western Circuit**

Joining the Western Circuit is by Election at one of the three Grand Nights held in the Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity terms. Grand Nights are traditionally held in March, July and November in Bristol, Winchester and Exeter respectively. It is a condition of election that the applicant be a practising barrister and they attend the Grand Night on the occasion of their election. Their Proposer and Secunder are welcome to attend but it is not compulsory. The annual subscription is payable on election and thereafter annually on March 1<sup>st</sup> to cover the current year, 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, at the rate of £75 for Juniors and £150 for Silks.

(NB Those elected in any year at Exeter Grand Night (November) are excused payment until the following March unless they wish to attend an education course after July in any year and wish to take advantage of the Circuit course rate. Any person taking silk is excused the uplift to the higher rate until the following year.)

Please complete the Application Form and the Direct Debit Mandate. Once completed please send the originals of the Application Form and Direct Debit Mandate to the Circuit office:

DX Address 31 Southgate Street, DX 2514 Winchester;

Postal address 31 Southgate Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 9EB.

Book your dinner for the next Grand Night by contacting the Circuit Secretary, Charlotte Feest on 07788 636067 or [cfeest@westerncircuit.co.uk](mailto:cfeest@westerncircuit.co.uk). You are expected to make a one-minute speech of thanks at Grand Night.

Please note that until you have dined you will not be placed on the email or posting circulation lists as you will still be termed a New Applicant. If you wish for information to be sent to you before you have been dined, it is done as a courtesy and only after the subscription for that year has been paid.

It is hoped that all newly elected members will make their very best endeavours to dine frequently in Circuit Mess, attend Circuit functions and participate in Circuit life generally.

Please feel free to telephone the Circuit Secretary, Mrs Charlotte Feest on 07788 636067 or email [cfeest@westerncircuit.co.uk](mailto:cfeest@westerncircuit.co.uk) if you have any further queries.



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Surname			
First forename			
Other forename(s)			
Chambers/Firm name			
Address			
DX No.			
Tel. No.		Fax No.	
Inn and Date of Call			
Recorder / Assistant Recorder (delete as appropriate)	If Silk, date of appointment		
Please note that, if another Circuiteer requests your contact details, they will not be disclosed by the Circuit Secretary without your prior permission. I give permission for the Circuit Secretary to reveal my details to other Circuiteers known to her.			Yes / No
Home Address			
Town / City			
County			
Post code			
Phone no.		Fax no.	
Mobile no.		Pager no.	
Email			
<b>My practice is Crime / Family / Civil. Please delete as appropriate</b>			
Name of Proposer (in block capitals)			
Signature of Proposer			
Address			
Name of Seconder (in block capitals)			
Signature of Seconder			
Address			
<b>N.B. The Proposer and Seconder must be fully paid up members of the Western Circuit</b>			
I apply for election at the next Grand Night to be held at Bristol / Winchester / Exeter			
Date		Signature	

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