

# FreeBar event debates best practice for LGBT+ inclusivity at the Bar

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Max Schaefer and Alex Southern represented Brick Court Chambers at FreeBar's recent event aimed at identifying and promoting best practice for LGBT+ inclusivity at the Bar.

The event was organised in the wake of the publication of Marc Mason and Steve Vaughan's report, "[Sexuality at the Bar: an empirical exploration into the experiences of LGBT+ barristers in England & Wales](#)", which highlighted how little room there is for complacency in such efforts. Attendance was at capacity, with representatives from a large number of chambers. The discussion focused in particular on concrete measures to encourage LGBT+ applicants and provide a welcoming and supportive work environment.

[FreeBar](#) is a network of chambers, employers and individuals launched in 2016. It works with barristers and chambers staff, as well as the Inns and other regulatory bodies, to foster inclusion and support for LGBT+ people at the Bar. Brick Court Chambers actively supports FreeBar as part of its broader commitment to equality and diversity at the Bar.

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