



Excellence and opportunity

The scholarship: our mission

The Trust was set up in 1996 in memory of Michael Kalisher QC who died tragically in the prime of his career. Michael represented all the best qualities of the Criminal Bar he loved.

He was passionate, committed, fearless and irreverent, and had a powerful appreciation of the privilege and the responsibility of speaking for others when it really mattered.

As he wished, we help talented students who might otherwise be unable to come to the Bar due to a lack of resources, and we encourage those with conspicuous talent but limited means.

We are proud to support the future excellence and meritocracy of the Criminal Bar, and at the same time to keep alive the memory of someone who was such a special barrister. We try to support at least one student every year by paying the full costs of the Bar Professional Training Course.

In recent years, through the generous support of Cloth Fair Chambers, we have been able to make this two. In addition, we provide a variety of awards and bursaries throughout the year, which range from copies of core texts and internship awards to a £5,000 essay prize.

The Scholarship is awarded to students from each of the BTPC providers in turn, providing a broad geographical spread. Since 2000 we have given scholarships to twelve students, selecting winners in partnership with the BPTC providers.

Some of their stories are to be found on our website at www.thekalishertrust.org.



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Who we are: chairman and trustees.

The Kalisher Scholarship Trust Trustees are drawn from the Bar, the judiciary, and the business and acting worlds.

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The Kalisher Awards

The prizes are presented by the speaker at the Kalisher Lecture, which marks the start of the Criminal Bar Association's annual Winter Lecture Series at the Old Bailey. Past speakers have included:

Mr Justice Penry-Davey
Lord Macdonald of River Glaven QC
Rt Hon the Lord Bingham of Cornhill
Rt Hon the Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers
Rt Hon the Lord Steyn
Mr Justice Mitchell



The provider of the Scholarship in 2011 will be the Kaplan Law School, in 2012 and 2013 the College of Law, and in 2014, Northumbria. The provider of the 2009/10 Scholarship was Cardiff Law School, and the prizes awarded were as follows:

Kalisher Scholarship: Tim Naylor
Cloth Fair Scholarship: Simon O'Dwyer
Bursaries (£3,000): Andrew Kendall and Imogen McCabe
Blackstones 2011 (donated by OUP): Sarah Ingram and Kate Parker

The awards were presented by the Attorney General, Dominic Grieve QC MP, who was the 2010 speaker at the Kalisher Lecture given at the Old Bailey on 12th October on 'Contempt of court: why it still matters'.



Where are they now: Kalisher scholars

David Chidgey, 2000

The first ever Kalisher Scholar, David Chidgey, who won the Scholarship whilst at Nottingham Law School in 2000 practises from Albion Chambers in Bristol specialising in criminal work and asset forfeiture proceedings. He is the author of the Forfeiture section in Jordan's 'Magistrates' Courts Criminal Practice'.

He writes:

'The boost in confidence was enormous. It was not only the easing of my financial worries but also the vote of confidence. I read recently a saying that has some relevance: "So many people have been able to do something they never thought they could...because somebody else thought they could." I think it's a good lesson in life, in the importance of encouraging other people.

I never met Michael Kalisher QC; but when I did my research for that interview I found only tributes to his courage and his ability. I am very pleased to receive this opportunity to say thank you to Michael Kalisher QC, the scholarship committee and the people who contributed to the scholarship. I hope that the encouragement and support that I was given will continue to be given to others.'

William Hotham, 2009

'I understand Michael Kalisher QC to have been an extremely talented and valued member of the Bar. To be in any way associated with Mr Kalisher's admirable legacy is an honour that I could have scarcely imagined when I first committed to an education and a career in the law. I will honour this award with my utmost dedication.

The benefits of this supreme accolade have been substantial. Firstly, in covering the costs of the Bar Vocational Course, the Kalisher Scholarship has significantly eased the financial burden I face now and that potential burden I face in the early years of my career. Secondly, the significant endorsement from the distinguished trustees that is encapsulated in such an eminent scholarship has further bolstered my conviction – and doubtlessly that of prospective Chambers – that now I am properly qualified to confidently succeed in a pupillage and beyond.

I was formally awarded the Scholarship by the Lord Chief Justice before an audience of many eminent lawyers. The Scholarship has already allowed me to meet and learn from those who I aspire to emulate in my career.

May I finally take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of the stakeholders and Trustees of the Kalisher Scholarship: you have enabled me to fulfil my potential.'

Testimonials

“Diligent, skilled and committed advocates are essential to the smooth running of the courts, and the effective administration of criminal justice.

It is also vital to recruit talented and able young lawyers from every social background so that the profession, and ultimately the judiciary, reflects the diversity of the society it serves.

I was a great admirer of Michael Kalisher, and I warmly support the continuing work of the Trust in providing financial help to young members of the Criminal Bar”

The Rt Hon Lord Judge, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales



“Michael Kalisher was revered as Chairman of the Association twenty years ago and I am proud to follow in his footsteps. The connection between the Kalisher Scholarship Trust and the CBA remains as vibrant as ever. At a time of unprecedented challenge for the Criminal Bar, supporting the most able, from every social background, to join us in practice is vital to our survival.

We will only continue to produce uniquely skilled advocates if we nurture excellence and diversity in our ranks. Every CBA member attending our Annual Dinner recognises this by agreeing to pay a levy towards the Kalisher Scholarship Trust.

This is a good start. But it is not enough. I encourage every reader of this brochure to do what they can to contribute to the Trust, by supporting its work and by adding to the funds at its disposal”

Max Hill QC (Chairman, Criminal Bar Association)



Fundraising

Our work is made possible by the generosity of those who donate through the CBA or their sponsoring Chambers, by our commercial sponsors, and by the voluntary efforts of a stellar cast of writers, actors, directors and others who support us in annual fundraising productions.

Helena Kennedy QC and Bob Marshall-Andrews QC enjoy a break from their celebrated defence of *The Dunsinane Two*.



These include such stars as Peter Moffat, Martin Shaw, Simon Russell Beale, Jenny Seagrove, Patrick Malahide, Timothy West, Prunella Scales, Jeremy Irons, Sinead Cusack, Maggie Steed, Derek Jacobi, Rupert Penry-Jones and Maxine Peake.



Maxine Peake, a Kalisher supporter, who stars with Rupert Penry-Jones in the hard-hitting BBC legal drama *Silk* by Peter Moffat. Maxine delighted us in Kalisher's 2010 fundraising event *The Dunsinane Two* by the same author.

Leading the Kalisher Players, and a strong trustee supporter, is Martin Shaw, one of England's most popular actors for more than two decades. Martin is noted for his versatility. He has starred in over 100 TV roles, his long career beginning in 1967 with *Love On The Dole*.

The Professionals was an international hit and more recently Martin has starred in *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, A & E, *Judge John Deed* and *Apparitions*. His theatrical career has been distinguished with a string of West End successes, with the first revival of *Look Back in Anger*, and on Broadway as Lord Goring in *An Ideal Husband* which won him a Tony nomination and a Drama Desk award for Best Actor. His most recent West End appearance was in the critically acclaimed *The Country Girl* at the Apollo Theatre.



Get involved

The Kalisher Scholarship Trust is a registered charity which relies on donations to continue its work. Entry to the Criminal Bar remains as competitive as it ever has been. Costs for trainees are increasing significantly at the very time that availability of and payments for legal aid work are being reduced.

Debt is a major deterrent to those considering whether to embark on a career which depends so much on public funding. It is not unusual for students to have enormous debts even before they begin training in chambers.

Those of modest means find the prospect the most daunting. The support the Trust offers to its scholars is vital and an important contribution to the future of the criminal bar, whose members should reflect the diverse society they serve.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Trust's work, whether financial or via mentoring support, please call our Secretary, Max Hardy, on 020 7489 2727 or via max.hardy@9bedfordrow.co.uk.



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That's why we're proud to support the work of Kalisher Trust.

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