

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Kalisher Lecture. Tues 26th Nov 2019.
5.15pm. Central Criminal Court.
Speaker: Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb.

Essay Competition launch at Lecture.

Theatre Event & essay prizegiving
Sun 22nd March 2020.

For more info on events please contact:

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Sir Ralph Waller joins the Trust

The Kalisher Trust is delighted to welcome Sir Ralph Waller as the new Chair of the Kalisher Trust. Sir Ralph succeeded Max Hill QC, who has now taken up his role as the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sir Ralph is the Director of the Farmington Institute, and was former Principal of Harris Manchester College, Oxford. Under his leadership the College grew from a small group of undergraduates to a thriving community of nearly three hundred students. Sir Ralph has been a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and was awarded a KBE in 2018 for services to education. We look forward to working with Sir Ralph.



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WORLD PREMIERE

The 2019 Kalisher play reading was another world premiere, by award winning playwright Diane Samuels.

Land of the Free, performed in Middle Temple in March 2019, explored the true price of freedom in today's world.

Hollywood legend Cate Blanchett stars for the Kalisher Trust

Middle Temple Hall is used to theatricals — and not just from its barrister members. In 1602 it was the venue for the first performance of *Twelfth Night*, and legal stars including Sir Brian Leveson have performed there with the Kalisher Players. But never before has it hosted a Hollywood A-lister yelling “F*** you.”

On Sunday 24th March 2019 Cate Blanchett graced the hall, starring in the world premiere of *Land of the Free*, a radio-style play performed to fundraise for the Kalisher Trust, which helps students from non-traditional backgrounds to reach the Bar. Speaking to *The Times* after the performance, Blanchett said: “When I learnt about the work of the Kalisher Trust it just seemed so foundational in changing the nature of the make-up of the legal profession and making it more inclusive.” On the play, she added: “It’s talking about a whole lot of grey areas which the law has to uphold and delve into – things aren’t black and white.”

Catherine Baksi.

[Freelance journalist. www.legalhackette.com](http://www.legalhackette.com)



Amal Clooney

The audience was as star-studded as the cast, and included the barrister Amal Clooney, the former Conservative Attorney-General Dominic Grieve QC, and the former Labour leader Ed Miliband. Amal is pictured here with Kalisher Trustee Fatima Jichi, and Kalisher alumni and Secretary Merry Van Woodenberg. She would not be drawn on the contemporary significance of the play, but said “it was brilliant”.

EDUCATION OUTREACH



The aim of Kalisher education outreach programmes is to challenge and to excite young people from primary school up to sixth-form, helping them find articulate and persuasive voices, using the formidable and highly developed skills of the barrister. This ‘inspiring advocacy’ programme shows young people they can speak confidently and effectively in a way which will change lives – theirs and those of others.

The Kalisher education outreach programme is delivered in areas of significant deprivation because we believe the impact of inspiring advocacy is transformative.

Building on support from home and school, we reinforce the belief that clear articulation of an argument and dispassionate presentation help pupils get better exam results, apprenticeships, jobs and university places.



It is widely recognised that debating equalises the life chances of underprivileged children and that stimulating extra curricular activity at a young age is a major factor in helping develop confidence. Kalisher programmes allow pupils to see how inspiring advocacy works in practice. In the last ten years, Kalisher outreach programmes have reached hundreds of young people within England and Wales’ most deprived areas.



Experienced Kalisher teachers and barristers travel far and wide to deliver presentation skills programmes, working with local court centres and barristers to reach those young people who don’t have the confidence or the means to access this type of tuition.

Tutorials in small groups help pupils develop the skills to present themselves confidently in any public forum.



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Secondary school pupil

“It was a life-changing experience and Kalisher is a brilliant Trust enabling teenagers who might not be able to have the opportunity to meet top barristers and Judges and learn from them. I have learnt that I can achieve anything and use the skills of a lawyer - or a person in court - to excel in my future.”

Sixth form pupil

“As a proud member of the working class from the Welsh valleys communities, I had doubted whether I could ever have a career at the Bar. The scholarship opened doors, alleviated the inevitable financial strain and gave me the confidence to believe that I was welcome in a profession that is in reality both diverse and inclusive.”

Lucy Leader,
Kalisher
Scholar.
BARRISTER,
ANGEL
CHAMBERS,
SWANSEA

"To watch our pupils – nervous, self-conscious and often shy, strut onto the stage and perform with gusto, after only a few sessions, is almost heart stopping."

Katherine Cocker-Goring
DEPUTY HEAD
BARNES WAL-
LACE ACADEMY

"I am now considering a career in law, as possibly a barrister or a solicitor. The inspirational words from the Kalisher barristers and judges changed my life forever."

Secondary school pupil

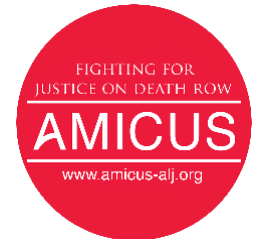
"It is vital to recruit talented and able young lawyers from every social background so that the profession, and ultimately the judiciary, reflects the diversity of the society it serves. I was a great admirer of Michael Kalisher and I warmly support the continuing work of the Trust."

The Rt. Hon. Lord Judge
FORMER LORD
CHIEF JUSTICE
OF ENGLAND



TRAINING
INTERNSHIPS
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDS

The Kalisher Trust funds legal internships designed to prepare an individual to enter the criminal Bar. These internships, with leading legal organisations, strengthen our interns' skill-set by expanding their knowledge and experience, and helping them to forge professional relationships. Often internships are unfunded, which prohibits those from less affluent backgrounds undertaking them. The Kalisher Trust works in partnership with legal organisations and NGOs to offer funded internships.



DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

The Kalisher Trust seeks funds to continue the work it does promoting access and diversity in the criminal justice system.

'Inspiring Advocacy' is at the heart of all we do. We know from 22 years of experience that discovering, developing and practicing the skills of the advocate are invaluable lessons for young people aspiring to achieve.

Kalisher's mission statement is *'To promote the advancement of legal education and the study of law in all its branches.'*

We start with primary school children and support aspiring, diverse candidates for the criminal Bar from the age of eight upwards. We recognise that not everyone will become a barrister; but all of us will be citizens and many of us will be jurors, witnesses or complainants.

With a board of trustees drawn from the arts, education, higher education, the senior judiciary and the criminal Bar the Trust's management team and officers are able to call on an unrivalled depth of contacts across the criminal justice system. This enables our work across England and Wales, which focuses on the regions as well as London.

Can a justice system truly be just if it is not representative? We believe that increasing access to and diversity in the criminal Justice System is not a luxury: it is a necessity.

We seek out and support the brightest and the best whose skills and insight might otherwise be lost to the criminal Bar. We provide exciting, immersive primary and secondary school encounters with barristers and judges to introduce the key ideas intrinsic to our legal system. This early intervention will inspire some advocates of the future; prepare some jurors of tomorrow; and create the understanding which prevents an encounter with the Police becoming the start of a life bound up with the criminal justice system.

Feedback and the career paths of those we have worked with and supported over more than two decades demonstrates that our activities make substantial difference and, as part of the vital network of organisations in the rule of law and diversity arena, we know we are achieving change.

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Inspiring Advocacy

Inspiring Alumna



Danielle Manson

I am not what you call a 'typical' candidate, if such a thing exists. I grew up on a council estate in Nottingham and went to a local comprehensive school. An only child, raised by my mum alone as my dad was already in prison. And then, at 10 years old, my mum was also arrested and charged with a serious criminal offence. She was remanded by the courts and my grandparents were left to explain why she wouldn't be coming home that evening.

The story isn't all doom and gloom, because after a lengthy trial at Nottingham Crown Court, my mum was acquitted of all charges and was able to come home. But that experience is something that has stayed with me, and informs my work today as a junior criminal barrister. And really, the important work that I do has only been made possible because of the Kalisher Trust. They identified something in me, and empowered me to pursue a career that, at times, felt out of reach.

It started off with a scholarship. The Kalisher Trust funded an otherwise unpaid internship at JUSTICE, where I worked on areas of law reform and criminal justice policy. That in itself was an invaluable experience and something that I would have never been able to afford to do on my own.

But in truth, the Kalisher Trust does much more than hand out money to disadvantaged aspiring criminal barristers. And as clichéd as it sounds, the Kalisher Trust really have created a family. When I didn't get tenancy first and second time around, it was members of the Kalisher Trust who picked me up and got me back on my feet. And when I encountered difficulties on the BPTC, again, it was the Kalisher Trust who were there to help me find a way through.

Members of the criminal Bar know what a rewarding but challenging profession ours is. More so I would say for those just starting out. This makes the work of the Kalisher Trust all the more important by enabling those, who like me, may not have the means to overcome the many hurdles that are undeniably put in the way of those who aspire to come to the Bar.

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The Old Bailey Apprenticeship Scheme

On Thursday the 4th of July 2019, the five finalists of the Old Bailey Apprenticeship scheme came to the Central Criminal Court for their last selection exercise. Appearing before a panel including Lady Justice Anne Rafferty, His Honour Judge Richard Marks QC and Richard Osman from BBC's Pointless would be daunting for even the most experienced advocate. These remarkable young people, drawn from several inner-London academies, rose to the challenge.

They had been selected following the submission of essays addressing contemporary legal questions. Their final task was to negotiate round table discussions and an interview with the panel. All the finalists were so impressive that they have each been offered a short period of judicial marshalling and a mini-pupillage.

The 2019 Old Bailey Apprenticeship winner, Esther Kalusi from City Academy Hackney, commented:

"I am absolutely delighted that I have been selected for this amazing opportunity ... It was a wonderful experience as I met many new people and learnt many new things. I am looking forward to starting this prestigious scheme in September. Once again, thank you so much."

Esther was a worthy winner and the Trust very much looks forward to welcoming her to the scheme.

Joanna Hardy Barrister