

## What's new in the 2010-11 edition:

### Code of Conduct

Completely revised and updated.

### New business arrangements following the Legal Services Act 2007

Guidance and related code changes explained, covering what barristers are now permitted to do following changes to permitted practice eg: (i) barristers working in partnerships (ii) barristers working as managers of Legal Disciplinary Practices (LDPs) regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (iii) barristers working in self-employed and employed practice at the same time (iv) barristers' holding shares in LDPs (v) barristers working in alternative business structures in the future.

### Other novel business models

The ProcureCo model is a model procurement company for the Bar which gives increased flexibility in bidding for work in new and existing areas of practice and in areas facing increased competition. It has been produced by the Bar Council and is a model which acts as an agent to procure barristers in self-employed practice and as such provides another structure through which to acquire work alongside the new permitted regulated models under the Act.

### Contractual terms of work

Update on model versions of the contract.

### Other areas of liberalised practice

Explanation of other areas of the Code that have been relaxed permitting barristers for the first time to: (i) share premises (ii) attend police stations (iii) conduct correspondence with other parties (iv) investigate or collect evidence and take witness statements.

### Extended public access scheme

The scheme whereby lay clients may instruct barristers direct has been reviewed and the scope of work now permissible under the scheme has been extended. New guidance (and code changes explained) is detailed in the Handbook.

### Update on VAT position

As the rate of VAT has been reduced (Dec 2008) and increased (Jan 2010), the Handbook provides specific guidance for the Bar.

### Pupillage File

New and revised version.

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Foreword by the Chairman of the Bar Council for 2010 and the Chair of the Bar Standards Board 2010

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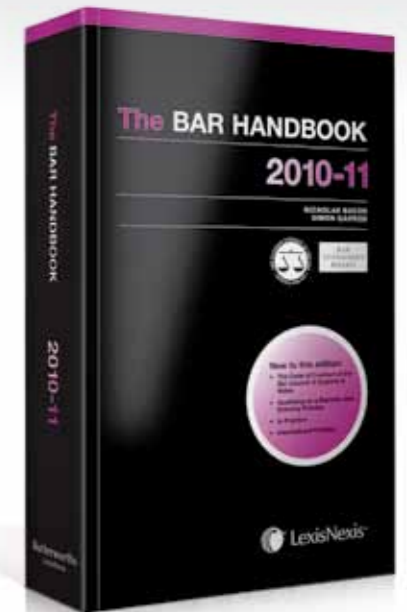


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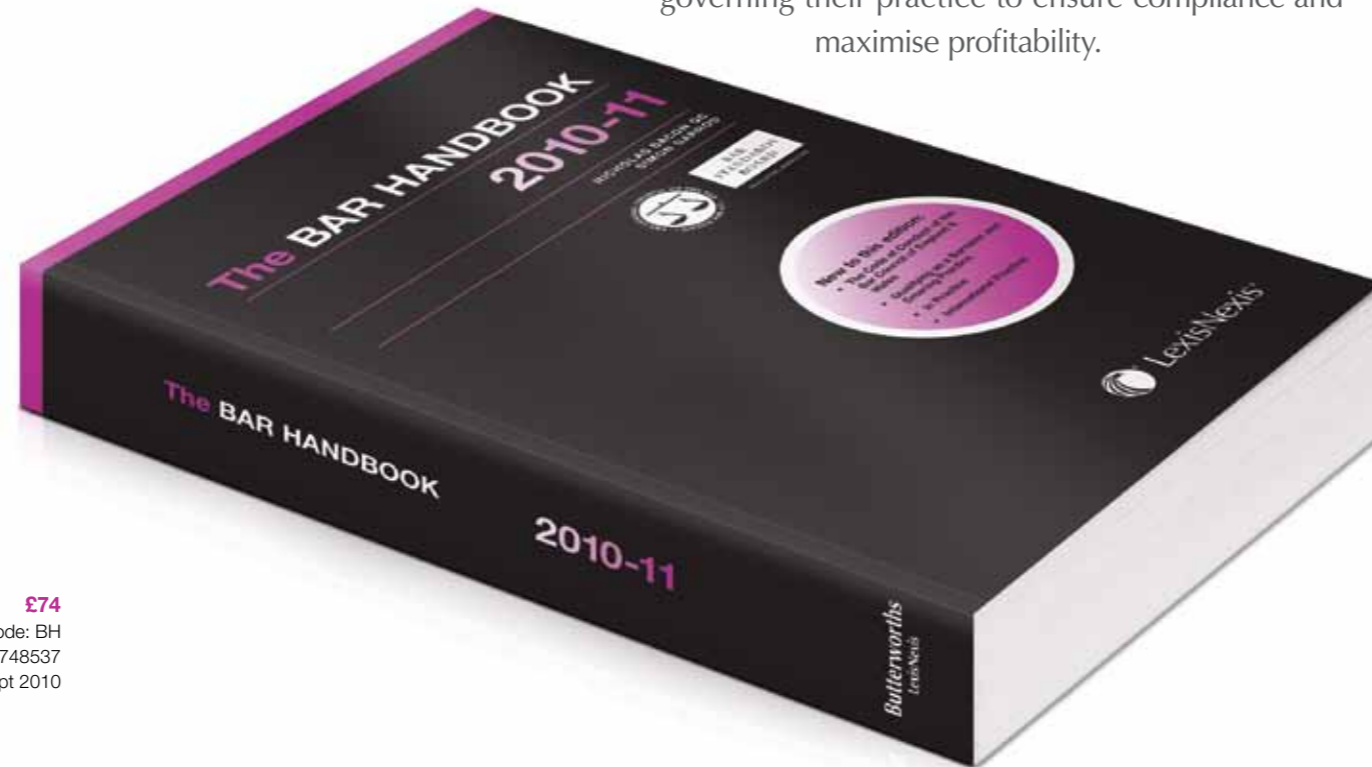
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