

Next 100 Years

We are thrilled to invite you to our first event of 2025 in celebration of female trailblazers in the legal profession. We partnered with global law firm **DLA Piper** to bring to you the premiere of our **First 100 Years** film of the life and work of **Barbara Mills KC**. This month, Barbara became the first person of colour and only the 5th woman to lead the barristers' profession in England and Wales. Following her film premiere, we will be in conversation with another trailblazer, **I. Stephanie Boyce**, who herself led the solicitors' profession in England and Wales (2020-22) and whose film we premiered a few years back, also at DLA Piper.



**I. STEPHANIE BOYCE
FORMER PRESIDENT,
THE LAW SOCIETY OF
ENGLAND AND WALES**



**BARBARA MILLS KC
CHAIR,
BAR COUNCIL
OF ENGLAND AND WALES**



**DANA DENIS-SMITH OBE
FOUNDER,
FIRST 100 YEARS &
NEXT 100 YEARS CAMPAIGNS**



What: Exclusive screening and discussion with Barbara Mills KC and I. Stephanie Boyce

Where: DLA Piper, 160 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4HT

When: 5th March 2025, evening (630pm-1030pm)

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17:30 Arrivals/networking

18:30 Welcome: Jon Hayes DLA Piper Global co-Chair

18:40 Film screening: Barbara Mills KC

18:50 Audience Q&A with Barbara Mills KC and Dana Denis-Smith OBE

19:10 Panel discussion, featuring Dr I. Stephanie Boyce

19:30 Drinks Reception

20:30 Event close

Our guests

Dana Denis-Smith OBE

Dana Denis-Smith OBE is an award-winning entrepreneur, leading campaigner for equality, TEDx speaker and philanthropist. Dana is the CEO of Obelisk Support, a legal services provider offering flexible legal solutions to FTSE100 companies, law firms and growing businesses, UK-based or multinational.

Dr. I Stephanie Boyce

Stephanie is a seasoned leader with a background as a Board Advisor, Chair, Personal Coach, and Podcaster. A former president of the Law Society of England and Wales, she led the solicitor profession during one of the most turbulent times in the nation's history.

Barbara Mills KC

Barbara Mills KC is chair of the Bar 2025. Barbara is joint head of chambers at 4PB and practises in family law specialising in difficult and complex children cases, often with an international element. Barbara is an arbitrator and a mediator, sits as a deputy High Court judge, and has been a recorder on the South Eastern Circuit for over 10 years.

Jon Hayes

Jon Hayes has over 30 years' experience of working on multijurisdictional matters, helping clients to achieve their strategic objectives.

Jon is a committed advocate for inclusion, diversity, belonging and wellbeing. He is a member of the firm's D&I Council, and a member of the Advisory Board of New Perimeter (the firm's pro bono affiliate).