



THE FURIOUS!¹

The market is a cruel but fair mistress and those barristers who have what it takes, thrive whereas those that don't, are weeded out. We are, after all, a meritocracy. The system works so why do some on Bar Council insist on trying to 'fix' it with equitable briefing and so on?

Great point!² Bar Council should stop trying to fix a problem that – read my lips – DOES NOT EXIST!!!

Meritocracy! Great word. And that is what the bar is. A MERITOCRACY! Period! And anyone who says it isn't just doesn't have what it takes. Perhaps they need to go back to law school, I don't know. What I know is that barristers play on a level playing field. Absolutely level!!!

Here's proof. Take any two barristers from Grammar with the name of Ian or David. If Ian is better than David, he'll get ahead. No questions asked. Everyone knows that. Perhaps if David played in the first 11 at Shore, he might get a look in as a junior on a brief given he has the right stuff. He might get a repeat gig if he is a good bloke and did an OK job. Personally, I have no problem getting in juniors from across the divide. I have had my share of ex-Riverview or Joeys boys. They put up bloody good eights in the Head of the River. Bloody good eights. That shouldn't be overlooked when you are wanting a solid team with solid commitment. That and something to talk about in the minutes before your matter is called. Frankly, if my junior doesn't know the score at Lord's three days into a five-dayer, I worry about his focus.

Need more proof? Just look about you. Most barristers look and sound a lot like me. What are the CHANCES?? It's NOT a 'coincidence'. That's MERIT being REWARDED!! And in my book, that's worth protecting!!

It would be great if we could give equality of opportunity to everyone but that's never going to happen. Bar Council should stop its clumsy attempts to fix social problems and concentrate, instead, on improving the competitiveness of the NSW bar internationally.

Great point! Bar Council should stop trying to fix a problem that is – read my lips – TOO BIG TO FIX!!!

If the bar isn't a level playing field it is because society isn't. Anyone who thinks we can fix that isn't living in the real world. Just like the polar bears and the boggy lawn at my waterfront holiday house, once I saw the problem, I was smart enough to know it was too big to fix. Only A MORON would try!!! It's not like barristers have any moral duty to try to make things 'fair' or 'representative'. But if the bank I act for has mainly Davids and Ians on its board then how can you say the bar isn't "representative"? And if that bank's defendant clients aren't Ians and Davids, well, that is just how life works and if you hear someone saying something else, STOP listening. It's FAKE NEWS!

Now some of the ELITES out there might say I'm not 'consistent'. WHO ARE THEY?? They don't know what they're talking about! I have always been 'consistent' in saying that nothing should be done. Nothing should change. Period! Unless it's reintroducing Queen's Counsel. That's what WE NEED to make us competitive. If Bar Councillors were SERIOUS about making the bar great again, they would put it at number one on their agenda!!!! Again. It's so sad to see the lack of LEADERSHIP on this issue. They're not even trying. But in the end, they'll get it. And when they do, they should hire a branding consultant – I can give them some names. He'll probably tell them to get a jump on the competition by going straight to 'KC' and ditching 'QC' which, let's face it, has a pretty short shelf life. And while he is at it, he might jazz it up a bit to make sure that when people deal with silks of the NSW bar, they know they are dealing with the best of the best. Something like, 'King's Finest Counsel'. How good is that post nominal!!!!

1 Note from the editor: This edition of *The Furies* has been replaced by 'The Furious'. The views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily shared by *Bar News*.

2 Note from the author: I am Furious!! It is about time that the inherent bias of *Bar News*, captive to the PC lefty bleeding heart elites, be balanced by one person not afraid to shout out loud the views of the Quiet Majority.