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Carey Olsen Provides New Bâtonnier in Jersey

Advocate Anthony Olsen is the new Bâtonnier of the Jersey Bar.

The Chairman of Carey Olsen was elected by his fellow Bar members earlier this week, and takes over from Advocate Charles Thacker, who was elected President of the Law Society of Jersey last month.

The Bâtonnier is the head of the Jersey Bar and is appointed for a period of three years to lead the Bar and oversee its interests.

Advocate Olsen's duties include determining appeals in relation to the granting or refusal of legal aid.

Since the passing of the Law Society of Jersey Law 2005, the Bâtonnier no longer has a role within disciplinary hearings, but is still notified of complaints and has a right to be heard in relation to them.

Within a formal context, as Bâtonnier, Advocate Olsen is expected to be present at all ceremonial occasions and address the court on behalf of the Jersey Bar at the Assise d'Heritage.

The Bâtonnier is also an ex-officio member of the Committee of the Law Society of Jersey.

A leading fiduciary and litigation lawyer, Advocate Olsen has acted in many high profile cases which have come before the Jersey courts.

He holds the positions of Crown Advocate, Chairman of the Mental Health Review Tribunal, Relief Magistrate, Notary Public and he is a CEDR-accredited mediator.

Advocate Olsen was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, London in 1970 and sworn as an Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey in 1971.

He founded what is now the Jersey office of Carey Olsen in 1981.

Advocate Olsen said: 'I am very proud to have been elected Bâtonnier. It is a time-honoured position, steeped in history and I am looking forward to building on the good work already done by my predecessor, Advocate Charles Thacker.'

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