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Dear Victorian Bar member,

Barristers' Benevolent Foundation of Victoria Ltd (BBFV Ltd) atf  
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*"On behalf of my children and I, I am writing to pass on my thanks to the Victorian Bar for the generous financial support to us via the benevolent fund. I think it gave [my spouse] some comfort before [s/he] died to know that these funds were now set aside to help with our kids' university education costs."*

**Note from the spouse a deceased barrister who received BBFV support**

Once again, the date of 30 June fast approaches. As part of your tax planning for this financial year, the directors of the BBFV urge you to consider supporting the BBFV with a donation so that it can continue in its important work of assisting barristers and their families in crisis or real need.

Since 1928, the BBFV (and its predecessor, the Barristers' Association of Victoria) has provided financial assistance to many barristers and their close family members, by extending gifts and loans using funds obtained from the generous donations and bequests from other members. It performs a supportive and vital service. It is a fine example of the collegiality that is the hallmark of the Victorian Bar.

It is within this context that we are asking those members who are in a position to do so, to think about some of our most vulnerable members, who may have been impacted by accident, serious illness or family tragedy and who are likely to be affected the hardest by the economic challenges now facing all Victorians.

A donation to the BBFV, no matter how small, could make a real difference to one of your colleagues who is struggling.

**Request for financial support**

We invite you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the BBFV, if you are in a position to do so, and to consider leaving a bequest to the BBFV in your will.

We understand that there is never a good time to be asking you to make a donation and that there are many worthy causes deserving of your support each year. We ask, however, that when you next consider making a tax-deductible donation to such a cause, you give priority to the BBFV to ensure that it can continue to support your fellow barristers and their families in times of real need, now and into the future.



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**The amount of any donation is of course at your discretion. The following table may provide a guide, albeit that any donation – no matter how small – will make a difference:**

Members of the Judiciary	\$1,500
King's Counsel/Senior Counsel	\$1,500
8 years' call and above	\$1,000
All other members/Junior Bar	\$500

**If you are a person in need of assistance**

You may be reading this letter as a person who is facing financial or other personal difficulties. Should you wish to discuss making an application to the Association for assistance, you may contact the Bar's Executive Director, Amanda Utt, via email at [ED@vicbar.com.au](mailto:ED@vicbar.com.au) or telephone 9225 7111. Further information, including an application form, can be found [here](#).

**How to make a donation or bequest**

Donations can be made via credit card [here](#). Should you prefer to donate via cheque, please use the enclosed donation form.

We would also like to ask that you consider making a bequest to the Association in your will. A suggested clause for inclusion in your will could be as simple as:

*I give free from taxes duties and expenses the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Barristers' Benevolent Foundation of Victoria Ltd, ABN 58 788 275 751*

Thank you for your support.

We thank you for your time in reading this letter, and for any support that you are able to offer. By donating, you will be contributing in a material way to the ongoing care and support of those of us who find themselves in difficult circumstances. You will be making a real difference to members of our Bar.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Hay KC

President

Victorian Bar Council

Mark Robins KC

Honorary Treasurer

Victorian Bar Council



# THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION OF VICTORIA

ABN 58 788 275 751

## DONATION FORM

I would like to make a tax deductible donation in the following amount to the Barristers' Benevolent Foundation of Victoria:

Amount of donation: \$.....

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

EMAIL: .....  
(Must be provided for forwarding of receipt.)

SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

*Please complete one of the following payment options:*

### PAYMENT OPTION A

#### EFT

Account Name: The Victorian Bar Inc

BSB: 063-009

Account: 00560067

Reference: **Please include Name/BBFV Donation**

### PAYMENT OPTION B

I have enclosed a cheque made payable to the **Barristers' Benevolent Foundation of Victoria**

### PAYMENT OPTION C

Credit Card. Please click [here](#)

**Please forward this form with payment to the** Victorian Bar office:

Barristers' Benevolent Foundation of Victoria  
Level 5  
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A tax receipt will be issued once your donation has been processed.