

Election of Sheriffs: Erica Stary

Monday, 24 June 2019

To the Liverymen of the City of London

May 2019

Fellow Liverymen

Encouraged by many friends across the Livery and City I offer myself for the High Office of Sheriff at the election to be held in Guildhall on 24 June 2019 at NOON. The lasting tenets of the Livery are supporting our respective trades and professions, the Lord Mayor and the City of London, and charity, especially in encouraging and enabling our young people to obtain their education and qualifications.

I have been a liveryman for nearly 30 years, my mother company being the **City Solicitors**. I was a founding member of the **Tax Advisers** and worked hard to introduce new members, to organise our social activities, and to raise funds for our charities. When the Company obtained Livery status in 2005, I was honoured to be its first Livery Master. I have since become a **Plumber**, joining the Court in 2014 and being asked to step in at short notice as Master in 2015. This May I was appointed Under Warden Elect of the **Tinplate Workers alias Wire Workers**.

I am an active member of my two Past Masters' Associations: **Figaro** and **Phoenix**, and of the **Coleman Street** and **Cripplegate** Ward Clubs. I am a member of the **City Livery Club** and an **Ambassador for Goldsmiths' Fair**. During my tenure as Chairman, the **Lady Masters Association** ran a very successful float in the 2018 Lord Mayor's Show, which gave rise to my being interviewed by the BBC.

As an active supporter of the Lord Mayor's Appeal I have abseiled, been Jailed and Bailed, shaken tins and participated in City Giving Day. I also support the City of London Girls' School, the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund and the Clergy Support Trust (formerly Sons and Friends of the Clergy).

The **City** needs to have as strong a Civic Team as possible to meet not only day-to-day challenges but also those that may arise post Brexit and as a possible consequence of a change of Government. The City, the Civic Team and the Livery are intermeshed. Each supports the others to ensure a prosperous future for our country, ever innovative and forward-thinking. My extensive experience as a lawyer with wide skills honed by many years in the profession and on the Bench will complement and enhance the Civic Team.

Common Hall for the Election of Sheriffs is a special occasion when we enact ancient ceremonies. The Livery has had this right for nearly one thousand years and since 1385 the usual practice has been to select an Alderman and a layman to fulfil these offices. I believe I have the necessary skills and qualities to offer myself as Non-Aldermanic Sheriff and ask you please to cast your votes by raising your white card for Alderman Michael Mainelli, and your **RED CARD** for me.

I am, my fellow Liverymen

Erica

Erica Stary, Citizen and Solicitor



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Highlights from my career

- Qualifying as a solicitor after 5 years articles; LLM (from LSE in tax and company law) and CTA (Fellow) by thesis.
- Teaching and examining for Law Society Finals, and other professional bodies.
- Working in the Inland Revenue's Solicitor's Office on various tax issues.
- Board member and Technical Committee chairman of the Institute of Taxation and President of the Association of Taxation Technicians.
- City practice as a commercial tax specialist.
- Appointed as a full-time judge in the Greater London County Courts.
- Seconded to the European Commission to work in the Czech Republic prior to its admission to the EU.

Highlights from my life

- Happily married to the late Michael Stary for over 40 years, our daughter is a Liveryman of the Plumbers as also is our godson.
- Trustee of several charities, mainly children's music charities and professional benevolent funds.
- I have raised (through long-distance cycle rides, abseiling and street collecting) or donated over £250,000 to charities.

My proposed consort

My proposed consort, should I be elected, is John Brown CBE, a Past Master Glover. John is also a Plaisterer and Tax Adviser. John is active in his Past Masters' group (After Eights) and is deeply involved with several charities.

What people have said about me

Nick Gale, Past Master Plumber: *“Erica is a highly enthusiastic and committed Liveryman of the City of London. As a recent Master of the Plumbers she was an effective communicator at all levels and functions. I am sure that Erica would put the same energy and drive into the Shrieval team.”*

O Zhang, Artist and Adjunct Professor at New York University: *“Erica Stary is an inspiration for me. She is sweet, smart, sharp, courageous, productive and efficient. and has a big heart! I met her whilst an art student at the Royal College of Art and she gave me the most generous financial support. We have become friends and I have learned a lot from her. I often teach my students to be good to others. I think Erica's kindness has spread out. In short, I am very thankful to have Erica 'shining' in my life.”*

Marcus Fincham, Master Tax Adviser: *“Erica Stary helped to ready the Company for its Royal Charter and was Master in 2005-6. She made great strides to connect with the next generation of potential members and bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm. I am delighted she is standing for Non-Aldermanic Sheriff.”*

His Honour Donald Cryan, Past Master Fruiterer: *“Erica Stary was a highly respected and innovative judge and embodies through her intellect, integrity and positive spirit what the City of London is all about. I am delighted to support her latest venture.”*

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