

Pupillage

Realise your potential

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We are looking to recruit pupils that will carry forward our core values of excellence, service and integrity. In return, we will make a significant investment, both financially and in training and guidance.

Our pupillages are engaging, constructive, informative and fair. We give our pupils the grounding and skills needed to pursue a successful career at an award-winning chambers.

At Ropewalk Chambers, a first-class practice can be built, whilst enjoying the quality of life in a vibrant and diverse region, where hard work is materially rewarded.



Mark Diggle
Co-chair of the
Pupillage Committee



Sarah Hopkinson
Co-chair of the
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***Full of warmth; a genuine Chambers,
consistently willing and able to deliver beyond
expectation.”***

Halsbury Legal Awards - Regional Chambers of the Year

Investing in your future

We offer up to three full pupillages per year of 12 months each, on the basis of a realistic expectation of a tenancy being offered upon successful completion. Applications should be made through the Pupillage Gateway.

We offer an award of £40,000 per pupil. This is made up of £20,000 for the non-practising period and guaranteed receipts of £20,000 in the practising period. A drawdown of up to £10,000 is available during the twelve months before commencement of the pupillage.

We also welcome applications for “Third Six” pupillages.

You will be allocated a Principal Pupil Supervisor throughout your pupillage. To enhance the training offered and maximise the breadth of the experience you will also follow a rotation with other supervisors.

Regular reviews throughout your pupillage give the opportunity for feedback and guidance.

In the practising period of the pupillage, you can expect to receive significant, yet balanced, court work, allowing you to continue the learning experience.



**We will give you an excellent
platform upon which to develop
your career.**

You will be connected to an outstanding national client base and fully supported by experienced and well-connected clerks.

You will be given every chance to be the best you can be.



Our work

We are widely recognised as a leading chambers, with a national reputation. Our work covers a range of civil claims within our core areas:

Animals and equine

Clinical negligence

Employment

Commercial dispute resolution

Housing

Counter fraud

Personal injury

Costs and litigation funding

Planning and environmental

Criminal regulatory

Property and real estate

Disease

Professional discipline and regulation

We have excellent clients, and have over twenty-five legal panel arrangements in place to ensure a steady supply of high quality, interesting work.

Some of our cases that you may have studied

Thompson v Smiths Ship Repairers [1984] Q.B. 405

Alcock v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire [1992] 1 A.C. 310

Frost v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire [1998] 3WLR 1509

White v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire [1999] 2 A.C. 455

Holtby v Brigham & Cowan (Hull) Limited [2000] 3 All E.R. 421

Lister v Hesley Hall Limited [2001] UKHL 22

Dimond v Lovell [2002] 1 A.C. 384

Hatton v Sutherland [2002] EWCA Civ 76

Smith v Northamptonshire County Council [2009] UKHL 27

B v Nugent Care Society [2010] 1 W.L.R. 516

Baker v Quantum Clothing Group [2011] UKSC 17

McDonald v Department for Communities and Local Government [2014] UKSC 53

International Energy Group Ltd v Zurich Insurance Plc UK [2015] UKSC 33

Zurich Insurance Co Plc v Hayward [2016] UKSC 48

Holmes v Poeton Holdings Limited [2023] EWCA Civ 1377

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Diversity and inclusion

We are committed to providing a work environment in which all individuals are treated fairly and with dignity and respect.

We are continually examining ways to ensure that our members and employees reflect our wider community and we make every effort to give everyone the opportunity to succeed, regardless of identity or origin.

Gender	King's Counsel	Under 15 years' call	Under 5 years' call
55% Male	50% Male	42% Male	50% Male
45% Female	50% Female	58% Female	50% Female
Social-economic background First generation to attend university	Social-economic background State or fee-paying school	Ethnicity	
60% Yes	63% State	85% White	
40% No	37% Fee-paying	15% BAME	



We work with FreeBar to promote best practice in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and others' equality. We ensure that all LGBT+ people are accepted without exception in our workplace.

Responsible business

We believe that lawyers are fortunate enough to hold a privileged position in society and with that comes great responsibility.

We are committed to making a positive difference and have a long tradition of acting in a socially responsible manner, whether it is in respect of voluntary work, social mobility, charitable giving or our impact on the environment.

We make it our business to ensure that collectively we always try to give something back.





What our former pupils say

“ Everyone wants you to do well and you will be given every opportunity to show that you are up to it.”

“ Criticism is constructive and praise genuine.”

“ There is an emphasis on finding your own voice and making the move from what you’ve been taught on the BPTC to giving practical advice to professional and lay clients.”

Tips for prospective pupils

Whether you apply to us or somewhere else, show that you are committed to a career at the Bar and understand what it involves. Find ways to demonstrate why you wish to pursue this path, rather than other equally rewarding legal careers:

1. Do as much mooting and public speaking as possible

2. Do mini-pupillages

3. Spend some time in a solicitor's office

4. Be organised

5. Apply for a scholarship from your Inn of Court



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