

Pupillage

Realise your potential

ROPEWALK
— CHAMBERS —

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We are looking to recruit pupils who 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.



Rachel Young

Chair of the Pupillage Committee

*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 duration 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" pupillage.



Giving you the opportunity ...

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

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

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



A photograph of a building with a sign that reads "THE HOCKLEY ARTS HOUSE". The sign is mounted on a wall and is partially obscured by a large, semi-transparent pink and purple gradient overlay. The building is surrounded by green foliage. The overall image has a soft, artistic feel with a mix of natural and synthetic colors.

... to succeed

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

You will become associated with 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 twelve core areas:

Clinical negligence

Commercial dispute resolution

Costs and litigation funding

Counter fraud

Criminal regulatory

Disease

Employment

Housing

Personal injury

Planning and environmental

Professional discipline and regulation

Property and real estate

Over 40% of our membership is recommended in the main legal directories in these areas.

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

Armes v Nottinghamshire County Council [2017] UKSC 60

Zurich Insurance Co Plc v Hayward [2016] UKSC 48

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

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

Baker v Quantum Clothing Group Limited [2011] UKSC 17

AB v Nugent Care Society [2010] 1 WLR 516

Smith v Northamptonshire County Council [2009] UKHL 27

Hatton v Sutherland [2002] EWCA Civ 76

Dimond v Lovell [2002] 1 AC 384

Lister v Hesley Hall Limited [2001] UKHL 22

Holtby v Brigham & Cowan (Hull) Limited [2000] 3 All ER 421

White v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire [1999] 2 AC 455

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

Alcock v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire [1992] 1 AC 310

Thompson v Smiths Shiprepairers [1984] QB 405

Awards



Barristers' Chambers of the Year



Patrick Limb QC
Regional Silk of the Year



Personal Injury Set of the Year



Personal Injury Chambers of the Year



Patrick Limb QC
Industrial Disease Litigation
Barrister of the Year



Richard Seabrook
Barrister of the Year



Tony Hill
Practice Manager of the Year



Regional Chambers of the Year



Barristers' Chambers of the Year



Jayne Adams QC
Barrister of the Year



Women in Business Awards
Jayne Adams QC



Regional Chambers of the Year



Philip Turton
Barrister of the Year



Regional Chambers of the Year



Patrick Limb QC
Barrister of the Year

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 workforce mix reflects our wider community and we make every effort to give everyone the opportunity to succeed, regardless of identity or origin.

We have strong equality, flexible working and fair rent policies, to ensure that a cohesive atmosphere is promoted, to the benefit of everyone.

Gender 72% Male 28% Female	Queen's Counsel 50% Male 50% Female	Under 15 years' call 66% Male 34% Female	Under 5 years' call 58% Male 42% Female
Socio-economic background First generation to attend university 53% Yes 47% No	Socio-economic background State or fee-paying school 57% Fee 43% State	Ethnicity 88% White / white British 12% 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.





Room to grow

You do not need to be in London to be a successful barrister. We give you the opportunity to build a truly rewarding career, in an area where your income goes much, much further.

Whilst earnings are the same for barristers, the average house price in Nottingham is almost £450,000 less than in London. Property here ranges from Gothic Victorian mansions in the Park Estate to modern apartments overlooking the River Trent, traditional detached family homes and loft conversions in the city's historic Lace Market.

For the price of an average two bedroom flat in London, you could buy a six bedroom house with a large garden in one of the beautiful surrounding villages.

We benefit from an advanced transport network, where almost every region can be reached in two hours. A significant investment in transport and ultra-high speed broadband means the rest of the country is never far away.

Space to breathe

Nottingham is a modern city of contrasts, from culture, shopping and dining out in our thriving city to historic buildings and beautiful countryside, you can make life what you want in Nottingham.

Our restaurants and bars are renowned across the UK, with many great venues, ranging from the Michelin-starred, to pavement cafes, hidden speakeasy bars and the oldest pub in England. The lively music and entertainment scene offers something for everyone.

Art galleries, theatres and museums are all within our immediate area. For shopaholics, Nottingham is in the top thirty retail rankings in Europe and is ranked fifth in the UK.

If sport is your thing, Nottingham is home to two football clubs, a National Water Sports Centre, many country parks and sports centres and the world-famous Trent Bridge cricket ground.

For those who want to escape the city, historic villages, mansions and stunning countryside are just a short journey away, as is the legendary Sherwood Forest or the breathtaking Peak District.

A recent Tech Nation report stated that 89% of Nottingham residents rate their quality of life as good, compared to London where just 59% do.



What our former pupils say

“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.”

“Criticism is constructive and praise genuine.”

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



Tips for prospective pupils

Whether you apply to us or somewhere else, try to 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 as possible

It is one of the best forms of practice advocacy which a student can do. It is the taking part rather than the winning which counts with this kind of exercise.

2. Do mini-pupillages

How better to see if the Bar is really what you want.

3. Be organised

Work out when all your deadlines are and never be late.

4. Spend some time in a solicitor's office

Solicitors' work is just as interesting and difficult as a barrister's and you should try to gain an understanding of what solicitors do as well.

5. Apply for a scholarship from your Inn of Court

It will save you money and show real commitment and drive.

Take the first step to becoming part of our team, it may be the best decision you ever make.



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