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GATEHOUSE CHAMBERS

Pupillage



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What we offer

- Two twelve month pupillages a year
- £85,000 pupillage award in 2026
- £15,000 available to be drawn down during your BPTC
- Practising second six with lots of court experience
- Financial support for your first two years of practice post-pupillage

Why you should apply

- Progressive and forward-thinking
- Market leaders in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 in all major practice areas
- Approachability and inclusivity
- Legal Cheek's Best Chambers for Colleague Supportiveness (2025)
- Excellent, award-winning training
- Supportive and collegiate environment, with access to wellbeing services
- J2J seminar programme to introduce you to future work providers
- We recruit only those with a realistic prospect of becoming members

What to expect

- Three seats over 12 months
- In addition to your supervisors, you will have a panel of five 'wingers' allowing you to see a broader range of practice areas and approaches to working as a barrister
- Choose to specialise in any of our practice areas - but be open minded!
- You will receive regular and detailed feedback not only from your supervisors, those you work for and a member of chambers designated as responsible for the welfare of pupils
- Market leading advocacy and practice training
- Positive work life balance
- During your first six months, you will shadow your supervisors and work on their cases as well as working for other members. You will be asked to draft opinions, proceedings and attend court and client conferences
- During your second six months you will have your own hearings and paperwork for clients
- Comprehensive training programme covering all aspects of life at the Bar
- Involvement in our many business development activities

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Apply to the Gatehouse Chambers Pupillage Programme to join an environment that is "modern, functional, diverse" and where "everyone wants you to succeed and gives you every reason to."

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What do people say about pupillage at Gatehouse Chambers?

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Priya Gopal
Year of Call: 2014

"Chambers provides strong, flexible training which accommodates pupils' preference for particular practice areas."



Cameron Stocks
Year of Call: 2015

"Chambers gave me the support needed to make my experience as enjoyable as possible. It provides extensive pastoral care and training in a supportive, inclusive environment."



Michael Maris
Year of Call: 2017

"Pupillage at Gatehouse Chambers is diverse, involved and instructive. The winger system means you are aware of your progress at every stage."



Rob Hammond
Year of Call: 2018

"Chambers genuinely wants its pupils to succeed. You're not expected to be the finished article on arrival."



Charlotte Wilk
Year of Call: 2021

"Pupillage at Gatehouse Chambers is a transparent and supportive process; it's inevitably a stressful time, but the flow of guidance (and coffee and cake) kept my worries at bay. I had three wonderful supervisors, as well as supportive colleagues at all levels. I am so grateful for the training I've received."





"Modern, functional, diverse... a contrast to the stuffiness that lingers in other areas of the Bar"

"Diverse makeup of chambers as well as the diversity of work on offer"

Legal Cheek

"The support during pupillage could not have been better"

"A collegiate and relaxed atmosphere"

Chambers Student

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Examples of junior tenants' practice

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Priya Gopal
Property, Commercial Dispute Resolution, Professional Liability & Costs

Pupils at Gatehouse Chambers are supported from their very first day. Whilst pupillage is, of course, an assessment, it is very much a learning experience as well and Chambers recognises this.

Gatehouse Chambers offers a range of specialisms and Chambers encourages pupils to obtain experience in all its core practice areas. However, pupillage is flexible and Gatehouse Chambers aims to accommodate where pupils express an interest in particular practice areas.

Chambers provides a strong training programme where pupils are assessed on both written work and advocacy. Pupils receive regular feedback throughout the process and, in my view, are given the best opportunity to succeed.



Cameron Stocks
Private Client & Property

There is no doubt that pupillage is a tough year but Gatehouse Chambers made my experience as comfortable and supportive as possible. During the course of the year, I moved to three different supervisors and whilst I was set on practising in property law, rotating supervisors exposed me to different practice areas I had never studied before including Private Client, which now forms around 50% of my practice.

Gatehouse Chambers also places considerable focus on the pastoral side of pupillage with help and support available whenever you need it from a designated pastoral supervisor. I had the misfortune of dealing with a family emergency during the last few months of pupillage and was understandably concerned about how this would impact on my tenancy decision. However, everyone in chambers was incredibly supportive and provided me with the support I needed to take time off and return to chambers confident that it would not affect my tenancy decision.



Michael Maris
Commercial Dispute Resolution, Insolvency, Construction, Insurance, Property, Private Client & Professional Liability

Everyone knows that pupillage is in many ways a year-long interview, but Gatehouse Chambers' open-door policy and network of junior practitioners means that you will always be able to stress-test ideas and approaches without any fear of being marked down. There are also multiple learning opportunities in the form of the two advocacy assessments, in which members who sit as judges provide constructive, detailed feedback in a friendly environment.

In each of your three seats during pupillage you are exposed to a different supervisor's practice. The range of work you experience during the 12 months is therefore very broad and means, that as you start to specialise, you are able to make a genuinely informed decision as to practice areas.

In each of your three seats you are allocated two wingers who specialise in a practice area that interests you. You are expected to complete three pieces of formally-assessed work for them (in addition to completing as many pieces as you can for other members). The system is such that you are never kept in the dark about your performance and have a steady flow of feedback throughout the year, allowing adjustments to be made on a continuing basis.



Rob Hammond
Commercial Dispute Resolution, Insolvency, Construction, Insurance & Professional Liability

Pupillage is both an assessment of that potential and a learning experience. You're given regular feedback from your supervisor and secondary supervisors ("wingers") to let you know where you stand, but you're also given space to make mistakes and grow. For example, during our first six, a member took time each week to refresh us on the principles of different parts of the Civil Procedure Rules – something which has proven useful to me in practice.

Chambers' members take supporting their pupils seriously. Even non-supervisors took time to help with tricky issues I faced during my first and second sixes. Further, the "open-door" policy was maintained even during lockdown – weekly catch-ups were organised and someone always had time for a virtual door-knock and video call!

During pupillage I gained experience in commercial, civil fraud, insolvency, construction, insurance and professional negligence work. Having a breadth of exposure to such high-quality work gave me the experience I needed to guide my future practice towards areas I hadn't previously considered.



Charlotte Wilk
Clinical Negligence, Costs, Personal Injury, Housing, Commercial Dispute Resolution

Pupillage is the anchor for a successful career at the Bar; you will likely make mistakes, and encounter ethical conundrums along the way, but the professional and pastoral support in Chambers guides you through that challenging process.

I undertook a Third Six Pupillage with the Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence Team; I immediately felt at home with my team. I was able to nurture my existing skills and knowledge of this area, whilst uncovering new legal interests, including injuries arising out of terrorism, and workplace accidents. I also undertook paperwork for members outside of the team in areas such as Insurance. In terms of court work, I also undertook housing and commercial hearings for the first time. I have since fostered a specialism in Costs, which now constitutes over 40% of my practice, and I routinely appear in the Senior Courts Costs Office. As such, I now have a mixed civil practice with a focus on PI and Clinical Negligence. My practice has been shaped by rare opportunities in chambers; I find the variety of work stimulating, and I genuinely look forward to coming in each week.

Areas of practice

Clinical Negligence & Personal Injury

We cover the full spectrum of claims in this area and are regularly involved in ground-breaking test litigation on liability and quantum claims of the highest value and complexity, both domestically and internationally.

Commercial Dispute Resolution

We are recognised as a leading chambers for heavyweight and complex commercial litigation. Our expertise in this area covers arbitration, banking and finance, civil fraud, employment, franchising, intellectual property and private international law.

Construction & Engineering

Our speciality construction, energy and engineering barristers are rightly recognised as leaders in their field. They advise on complex engineering and infrastructure disputes around the world. We have a particular reputation for construction insurance and property damage work.

Insolvency & Restructuring

We deal with the full range of issues arising from insolvency, from looking at strategies to avoid insolvency (including mediation) through to individual, partnership or corporate voluntary arrangements, moratoria, administration, receivership and restructuring.

Insurance

We are a leading chambers for complex insurance claims and coverage issues. We provide advice on policy wordings and regularly defend claims and pursue subrogated recoveries around the world.

Private Client

We handle contentious and non-contentious private client work including trusts, probate, social welfare and benefits, community care, Court of Protection and related professional negligence claims.

Professional Liability

We are recognised as market leaders in handling all manner of professional negligence claims acting for and against legal professionals, property and construction professionals, financial and insolvency professionals as well as directors.

Property

Our leading property team has strength and depth across commercial landlord and tenant, development and planning, housing, leasehold, real property, mortgages and trusts of land.

How to apply

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