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Pupillage

If you are looking for a specialised and supportive pupillage that will give you the best possible springboard for your career at the Bar, St John's Chambers is the set for you.

www.stjohnschambers.co.uk/pupillage



Why us?

Described by the Legal 500 as 'a Western Circuit Powerhouse', St John's offers the perfect chance to build a stellar career at the Bar while enjoying the great opportunities on offer in one of the UK's most vibrant cities.

We are one of the largest sets in the South West, with over 80 barristers and 7 silks. Chambers UK and the Legal 500 list us as a 'top-ranked' leading set in our practice areas, describing us as a 'must instruct' chambers. We were voted 'Set of the Year' (outside London) by The Legal 500 Bar Awards 2022, and 'Chambers of the Year 2022' by Bristol Law Society.

We are a 'go-to' chambers for legal advice outside of London, and receive high-level complex instructions from law firms across the UK, multi-national businesses, high net-worth individuals and people from all walks of life.

We were founded just over 40 years ago by barristers who wanted to do things differently. We have a modern and progressive approach, with barristers, clerks and management working together as the driving force behind our success. We are forward-thinking and proactive in promoting diversity and mental wellbeing at the Bar.

Areas of work

- Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- Children Private and Public Law
- Clinical Negligence
- Commercial
- Construction & Engineering
- Court of Protection
- Divorce & Financial Remedy
- Employment
- Inquests & Public Inquiries
- International Arbitration
- Licensing
- Mediation
- Personal Injury
- Planning
- Professional Negligence
- Real Estate
- Public & Administrative Law
- Tax
- Wills & Trusts



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Our pupillage programme

The pupillage committee and heads of practice groups determine the pupillage requirements for the following year by reference to the BSB's Professional Statement and any specialist checklists.

You can be sure your pupillage will cover all necessary aspects of your specialist area, while giving you exposure to a broad range of styles and approaches so that you can find your own.



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What you can expect:

- to receive a well structured pupillage;
- to carry out research for your pupil supervisor and other members of Chambers;
- to prepare pleadings, advices and opinions;
- to attend conferences with your pupil supervisor, the instructing solicitor, lay clients and experts;
- to accompany your pupil supervisor and other members of Chambers to court in order to gain experience and a working knowledge of the court system;
- to receive regular feedback on your work;
- in your 2nd Six you will build on the first 6-months' experience as well as being busy in court.



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Funding

£50,000 along with the loan (with an option to buy) of the latest **tablet, Smart keyboard and iPen.**

The award is paid in 12 equal monthly instalments, subject to a claw-back to the extent of any fees actually received during the second six months pupillage.



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What we look for?

We look for high-calibre recruits who can demonstrate 4 key competencies: excellence in written and oral advocacy, the ability to analyse complex information quickly, to present arguments succinctly and persuasively; and to communicate effectively with all types of people.

Successful candidates will typically have strong academic credentials, but we have no preference as to whether your undergraduate degree is in law or whether you have since transferred.

We look for people who are determined, resilient and motivated. Experience of public speaking and mooting is desirable but not essential. We generally expect our pupils to specialise within one practice group. We take on pupils with an eye to tenancy, so our pupils do not compete with each other.

We are committed to recruiting new tenants from our pupils whenever possible. Accordingly, we offer pupillage to those who we hope and expect will become tenants. Of course there can be no guarantees, but provided that they successfully complete pupillage, our pupils can normally expect to become tenants.



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When and how to apply for pupillage starting in 2025:

We intend to recruit six pupils starting in October 2025. Our advert is live on the Pupillage Gateway.

To apply for pupillage you will need to submit a written application form by Wednesday, 7th February 2024 at 2pm. Interview dates:

- First Round – Saturday 23rd March 2024
- Second Round – Saturday 27th April 2024

“**St John’s star status in the Southwest is underpinned by top practices in personal injury, clinical negligence, family, commercial, and Chancery law.**”

Chambers Student Report



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Our pupils sharing their stories



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Our previous pupils sharing their stories



Meet our recent pupils who share information with you about their route to the BAR, why they chose St John's Chambers, the selection process and valuable advice to aspiring barristers.



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Some useful resources



Find out about all things Pupillage, from our application and interview process, to life as a pupil, and the type of life and career you can expect as a barrister at St John's Chambers.



WEBINAR

Watch now

Download guidance notes for applications for pupillage 2025 [here](#).

Our review of the 2022 process can be found [here](#).

For detailed information about our application and pupillage process [click here](#).



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Our recent pupils

Family & Divorce



Georgina Swinglehurst
Pupil (2022 - 2023)

Personal Injury &
Clinical Negligence



Beatrice Baskett
Pupil (2022 - 2023)

Commercial &
Chancery



Ben Harwood
Pupil (2022 - 2023)

Commercial &
Chancery



Kayleigh Bloomfield
Pupil (2021 - 2022)

Family & Divorce



Viv Croly
Pupil (2021 - 2022)

Family & Divorce



Diana M. Panizzon-Pineda
Pupil (2021 - 2022)

Personal Injury &
Clinical Negligence



Lauren Karmel
Pupil (2021 - 2022)

Commercial &
Chancery



Jack Pankhurst
Pupil (2021 - 2022)



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**Visit our
website to
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recent pupils
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14

Ranked across 14 legal areas, with the top tier ranking in 7 of them

42

3 Silks and 39 Leading Juniors ranked, including 2 Rising Stars





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66

Ranked across 19 legal areas. Ranked Band 1 in 8 legal areas.

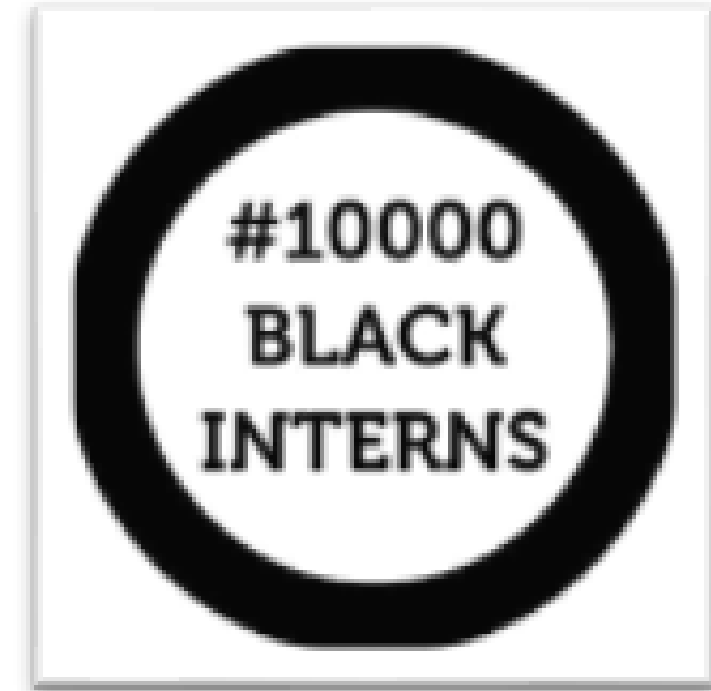
66 Individual rankings, including 2 New Silks, 22 in Band 1, 23 in Band 2, 2 Up and Coming and 1 Star individual

Diversity

We are committed to celebrating and advancing Equality, Diversity and Wellbeing at the Bar



Honoured our BarNone pledge to award more than 50% of mini-pupillages to applicants from underrepresented backgrounds.



Took part in the inaugural 10KBI internship programme, offering paid work experience in Chambers



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