



We want you to succeed.

Our pupillage programme



Our starting point is that we want you to succeed. In line with our reputation as a progressive set, we have developed a structured and challenging pupillage programme. Our aim is to ensure that a pupillage with us is stimulating and exciting and that pupils receive the support necessary to fulfil their potential.

The assessed part of pupillage is split between three dedicated pupil supervisors. New pupils can express a preference as to the three principal practice areas in which they wish to be assessed (choosing from employment, commercial, tax, and personal injury / clinical negligence). There is also the possibility of a fourth unassessed seat in the final three months, allowing the pupil to gain expertise in a fourth practice area or cultivate a deeper knowledge of one of the three assessed areas.

Typical responsibilities include working on client papers, undertaking legal research, drafting advice, pleadings and skeleton arguments, as well as joining pupil supervisors in client conferences and accompanying them to court. Pupils also have the opportunity to work with other members of Chambers, thus benefiting from a lot of varied feedback and gaining insight into a wide range of practice areas and ways of working.

In the second six months pupils start to take on their own cases, usually in tribunals and the county court. We encourage our pupils to join the Free Representation Unit (FRU) to gain additional advocacy and case management experience.

Part of the programme is the completion of a number of pieces of assessed written work and the participation in two advocacy exercises in front of former members of Chambers who are now judges. There is also an unassessed and more informal advocacy training programme.



For more information on our practice areas, barristers and pupillage information, please visit www.devereuxchambers.co.uk.