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At a recent City Law School event a panel of barristers shared tips on how to best prepare for your pupillage interview.

The panel shared their thoughts on :

- Fair recruitment
- Applying at a mixed set or a criminal set
- How to deal with a legal problem
- Selection days
- Qualities they look for in candidates

One of our barristers, Shaen Catherwood, joined the panel and we live-tweeted from the event. Here is the summary.

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Many faces eagerly awaiting #pupillage interview tips from a panel of barristers @CLSPupillageAdv pic.twitter.com/IAqWaqh70b



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#pupillage #interviews. Some sets will not ask follow up questions so you need to make sure that you include all thoughts in your reply.

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#pupillage #interview Interested how you listen to the question and structure your reply, rather than your view. Take your time and pause.

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#pupillage #interviews Because of the sheer number of applications some sets have only 1 interview round so you need to shine. #prepare

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#pupillage #interview. Mixed sets; you do not need to have a burning passion for all areas but would expect to have an interest in 2 areas.

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#pupillage #interview. It is OK to use a note book and refer to it.

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#pupillage #interview. Expect intervention during discussion of a legal problem. This is not a personal attack. Don't become defensive.

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#pupillage #interviews Mixed sets: don't feign interest in an area you are less interested in. Remain open minded to practice in other areas

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#pupillage #interview It's not unheard of that you may make a mistake. We are less interested in what the mistake was but how you recover.

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#pupillage #interview Stay calm, keep your voice up, be aware of your posture. Practice a legal problem if you can. Treat it like an exam.

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#pupillage #interview Legal problem: expect you to have an idea about contract law, tort law, how to read statutes, so refresh your memory.

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#pupillage #interview Remember silences seem longer on your side. Do think about questions you may want to ask.

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#pupillage #interview Last but not least, the fact you are sitting in the room means that you are good enough. Build on that.

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