



Devon Chambers' Pupillage Seminar 2024

Saturday 21st September 2024 10.00 – 16.00 (TBC)

INFORMATION SHEET

What is it?: A seminar and information day about pupillage focusing on how to apply for and obtain pupillage.

Location: Devon Chambers, 8 The Crescent, Plymouth, Devon, PL1 3AB.

Who may attend?: Law Undergraduates who have started their degree by the autumn of 2024, GDL students and those undertaking or who have completed their BTC in the last five years.

How do I apply: Complete the Application Form and submit it as required by 4pm on 30th August 2024.

Who is this course designed for: Those who are considering applying for pupillage in England and Wales.

Devon Chambers is a flourishing set of barristers practising across the Western Circuit and further afield. Established in the late 1970s, Devon Chambers has grown to become one of the most well-respected Chambers on the Western Circuit. A succession of barristers, among them John Montague, Richard Hough, John Bush and Robert Linford (now His Honour Judge Linford), have led Devon Chambers, nurturing

its reputation while staying true to the principles upon which Devon Chambers was founded. At the heart of those principles is a commitment to deliver a first-rate service to all our clients.

Jason Beal became Head of Chambers in 2012, overseeing our significant move in 2017 to our larger premises at The Crescent. Located in one of Plymouth's most iconic buildings, the new chambers offer excellent conference facilities and state-of-the-art technology.

In recent years, Devon Chambers has expanded its areas of expertise. This has been achieved through a dedicated process of recruitment and training.

Devon Chambers celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2019. The Devon Chambers' team remains a very happy one and is looking forward to new opportunities and further expansion in the coming years.

Devon Chambers believes that the future success of Chambers will be from ensuring that new talent is recruited through pupillage. Each year we recruit pupils with a view to tenancy.

Through this Pupillage Seminar we will seek to demystify pupillage and hope to improve applicants' understanding of the reality of how to obtain pupillage and what it involves.

What to Expect - we hope to cover:

- **Preparing your application**
- **The Pupillage Gateway**
- **Interviews**
- **Structure of Pupillage and Earnings**
- **Mock Interviews**
- **Advocacy Exercises**
- **One to one guidance** (depending on numbers)

FAQS:

I want to undertake pupillage in an area of law that Devon Chambers does not focus on, can I still attend? We are a common law set and so we will focus on that. We will not be discussing the Chancery Bar or International Human Rights and so you may be better placed looking for a similar course from Chambers that cover the areas of law you are interested in.

I would like to attend but I can't make it to Plymouth as I am not in a position to pay for travel or overnight stays? We will have a number of funded places to assist those who would otherwise not be in a position to attend. Further details can be found on the Application Form.

I am just starting at University and wonder whether it is too soon to be thinking about pupillage? It is never too soon, from the courses that you undertake to the mini-pupillages you apply for, it is never too soon to obtain guidance on pursuing pupillage.

Is there an age limit? Yes, you must be 18 or over on the date of the Seminar.

Will there be parking? There will not be parking at Devon Chambers on the day but there are a number of car parks nearby and we are only a short walk from the train station.

I am not sure if I want to apply to Devon Chambers for pupillage, can I still attend? Whilst we would like you all to apply to Devon Chambers for pupillage we understand that that is not always possible. Hopefully you will still find the day helpful.

I still have some questions before I decide whether to apply to attend the Seminar? If you have any further questions please send them to piers.norsworthy@devonchambers.co.uk.