



Pupillage

Your future in commercial law

A leading set of commercial barristers, based in London, providing practical and commercial solutions to a wide range of complex business law issues.



Who we are looking for

South Square recruits up to three high calibre pupils a year with a strong academic record and the potential to become an outstanding commercial barrister. The minimum academic qualification is a high 2:1 degree.

Pupils are selected from a broad range of backgrounds and experience, whether recent university graduates or those seeking a second career at the Bar. A number of our members have degrees in law, some have taken non-law degrees and then sat the CPE/GDL, and others have started their career in another sector before becoming a barrister.

What we offer

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Pupils are welcomed into all areas of Chambers' life and are provided with a structured programme designed to train and equip them for a successful practice in a dynamic and challenging environment. Pupils sit with a number of supervisors for periods of six to eight weeks to experience a range of practices and work.

Pupillage is not run as a competition between pupils, and Chambers' approach is to recruit all pupils as tenants who meet the required standard.

MINI-PUPILLAGES

South Square also offer unfunded mini-pupillages. For more details please visit Chambers' website: www.southsquare.com/pupillage.



Who we are

Our barristers are globally renowned experts, regularly instructed by the broadest range of law firms, from the Magic Circle to leading offshore and renowned regional law firms. We regularly act in many of the most important and high-profile disputes before the courts and tribunals domestically and internationally.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion are extremely important to the members and staff of South Square. Our Pupillage Committee, and Diversity and Inclusion Officers, work closely with external organisations including the Bar Council, COMBAR's Social Mobility programme, 10,000 Black Interns, the Black Talent Charter, the Women in Law Pledge, and Rare Recruitment, ensuring we remain at the forefront of developments in fair recruitment, diversity and inclusion, wellbeing, and the fair allocation of work. Disabled access into chambers is available and we offer a hearing loop for hearing aid users.

What we do

We have unparalleled breadth and depth in our insolvency and restructuring practice and we also have real strength in the associated areas of banking and finance litigation, civil fraud, commercial litigation, arbitration and company law. Our insolvency and restructuring expertise hone the core skills we deploy for finance law in all its facets.

Our barrister's work has a significant international and offshore focus, and members regularly appear and advise in the courts and tribunals of offshore jurisdictions, notably the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Dubai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Gibraltar, Jersey and Guernsey.



Company Law



Civil Fraud



Trusts & Property



Arbitration & Mediation

Funding & Benefits

Pupils receive awards of £90,000 per annum (reviewed annually). £20,000 of the pupillage award may be paid in advance for living expenses during the BPTC.

As a junior tenant you would receive a number of benefits including: subsidised travel and conference fees; no rental charge during your first 15 months of tenancy and no receipts charge for the first 6 months; subsidised membership of key professional associations for the first 2 years; and assistance and training in financial planning and business development.

How to apply

If you are applying for a one year pupillage, please apply through the pupillage gateway.

If you are applying for an unfunded mini-pupillage please send a CV and covering letter stating which pupillage programme you are applying for to pupillage@southsquare.com

If you have any questions about the application process, please check our website and if you can't find the information you are looking for please contact pupillage@southsquare.com

'Doing pupillage at South Square is excellent preparation for life in practice. Supervisors are invested in training you to become a better lawyer.'

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