







Becket Chambers is the largest set of independent barristers' chambers in Kent, and as we turn 30 years old in 2023, also the oldest. We have a firmly established reputation as a vibrant, sociable common-law set. Our members benefit from experienced clerking staff and our facilities in Canterbury, Brighton, Dartford, Kings Hill (Maidstone) and Tunbridge Wells.

We specialise in family and civil law. We cover all aspects of family law including public and private law children cases, injunctions, parental removal and abduction, divorce, and financial remedies. Key areas within civil law include contract disputes, property matters, landlord and tenant and personal injury.

We offer an appealing combination of highquality work and a good work-life balance whilst providing the opportunity to live and work in attractive areas of Kent or Sussex.







We believe that the best means of achieving this is to provide each pupil with exposure to a wide range of Chambers' work during first and second six. They will benefit from bespoke mentoring and put their skills to the test during in-house advocacy exercises. We also aim to involve our pupils in Chambers' everyday life including representation at local legal events, thus illustrating what is expected of a Becket Chambers barrister in day-to-day practice.

JOIN US

Our pupillage award is always fully funded in accordance with BSB funding requirements. All applications must be made through the Bar Council Pupillage Gateway Scheme www.pupillagegateway.com and in accordance with its timetable unless otherwise agreed.

For more detailed information about pupillage at Becket Chambers and our selection policy and processes, please visit our website www.becket-chambers.co.uk

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

"Becket Chambers is committed to providing opportunities to the most talented pupillage candidates regardless of background or any protected characteristic."

We are keen on hearing from candidates with a firm interest in family and civil law as we are looking to expand these practice groups.

We look for pupils with a high level of motivation, intellectual ability, and professional compatibility with Chambers, who demonstrate a strong overall commitment to the bar.

Becket Chambers is committed to creating a diverse workspace.

All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to race, colour, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.

We encourage and welcome applications from women, black, Asian and minority ethnic individuals, neurodiverse and disabled people and those who are LGBT+, as well as candidates from other underrepresented groups.





PUPILLAGE AT BECKET CHAMBERS

A family & civil pupillage with a view to tenancy at the conclusion



Assigned practice

group mentors and 'buddy'

Support from

assigned 'buddy'



Application review,
followed by 2
interview rounds
including an
advocacy exercise

Library access

PUPILLAGE OFFERED TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

START PUPILLAGE Assigned Pupillage Induction Provided IT and

▼ Weekly meetings with Supervisor

Supervisor

FIRST SIX

Monthly meeting with

Quarterly Review

EXPERIENCE AND LEARNING

assigned mentors and Head of Pupillage Meetings

shalling with judiciary dowing members at t in core areas icipating in networking

events
Reviewing and monitoring monthly diary and tailored checklists

Internal advocacy

exercises

Assisting and drafting documents for members
Professional skills training on time management, networking and business development

SECOND SIX

Ample court work throughout Chambers' practice areas (1st year earnings likely to be in excess of £70k pa.)

Maintain diaries and checklists Attend networking events

Drafting advices / pleadings

Continue weekly, monthly and quarterly meetings

PREPARATION OF APPLICATION TO CHAMBERS





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MAGDALENA CASS Completed her pupillage in 2022, now a qualified barrister at Chambers

"Pupillage at Becket has been a great ride. I shadowed junior and senior members alike during my first six and observed a number of complex and specialist hearings alongside a typical junior workload. In the wake of Covid 19 I have enjoyed a mixture of in-person and remote hearings and learned the logistics of both. Guided by my supervisor and the clerking team I was well-prepared to start life on my feet in April 2022 and have been fortunate to have spent most days in court. The support of members has been second to none during what has been a very steep learning curve. I have always found a friendly and knowledgeable voice on the end of the phone whenever I had a question or needed a bit of guidance.

Chambers has been an incredibly positive place to learn the ropes of being a barrister and I look forward to what lies in wait in the future."



ALLEN WORWOOD

Completed his pupillage in 2021,
now a qualified barrister at Chambers

"Pupillage with Becket Chambers was a fantastic experience despite the challenges posed by Covid 19 to chambers across the country.

Alongside gaining varied drafting experience, I observed hearings across Chambers' practice areas, shadowing members in person and remotely during my first six. Throughout my second six, I was supported by all members of Chambers when tackling the expected (and unexpected) challenges of being on my feet during the pandemic.

I feel very lucky to have been part of a set where everyone was approachable and willing to offer advice during what was an exceptionally difficult year to complete pupillage."



CHRISTIAN FOX Completed his pupillage in 2021, now a qualified barrister at Chambers

"My first six was marked by the start of the Coronavirus pandemic. Becket Chambers were very quick to ensure that the phones and video cameras of members were open to me to ensure I could join as many remote hearings as possible. My supervisor immersed me in the preparation, paperwork and drafting skills that I now need and use daily.

As the courts started to operate more in person hearings again, I was fortunate to be taken under the wing of a local District Judge for an extended period of marshalling which was instrumental in allowing me to see some of the case types I had missed due to the restrictions. Second six was busy and varied but made much easier because of the care and skill members of chambers, members of the judiciary and my supervisor had afforded me during those first six months."