

UNFUNDED PUPILLAGE POLICY

XXIV Old Buildings sometimes offers unfunded pupillages of up to 6 months' duration to suitably qualified candidates. When we do offer such an unfunded pupillage we generally only offer one per year but we may in an exceptional year offer more than one.

We will consider unfunded pupillages for those who at the time of their application intend to practise or who already practise in overseas jurisdictions.

We do not offer such pupillages to anyone who intends to enter independent practice at the Bar of England & Wales and we shall not consider such an unfunded pupil for tenancy: unfunded pupils are not intended to be in any way in competition with our funded 12-month pupils. Any applicant who wishes to be considered for tenancy with us or to enter independent practice in this jurisdiction should apply for a funded 12-month pupillage instead.

In selecting unfunded pupils we look for:

- *Outstanding academic and/or professional achievement*
- *Intellectual ability*
- *Strong analytical, reasoning and communication skills*
- *Enthusiasm and commitment in the type of work in which we specialise*
- *The potential to excel in their chosen field after pupillage with us*

In addition we give preference to applicants who intend to return after pupillage to practise in jurisdictions where Chambers has and wishes to develop its business.

Unfunded pupillages are for a maximum of 6 months. However it is often advisable to complete a full 12 months pupillage and we encourage applicants to aim to have another 6 month pupillage arranged elsewhere. Chambers is generally unable to assist in arranging an additional 6 months with another set of chambers.

Please note that any offer of unfunded pupillage will be subject to dispensation from the Bar Standards Board (BSB's Pupillage Funding and Advertising Panel) and subject also to the applicant obtaining the requisite visa or other permission to undertake the proposed pupillage here. It is generally the applicants' responsibility to ensure that the BSB and UK Government requirements are fulfilled, although there are certain documents which we will have to complete on your behalf. Successful applicants must ensure that both we and the BSB are kept informed of the progress of any necessary applications to facilitate the unfunded pupillage.