



CASE STUDIES

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In October 2017, I was offered a common law pupillage at St John's Buildings in Sheffield, which I was delighted to accept.

FIRST SIX

I commenced first six in March 2018. On my first day, I received an induction whereby I was introduced to my pupil supervisor and familiarised with the Chambers policies, procedures, and IT systems. For around the first 4 months I spent almost every day in Court, observing senior members of Chambers in a variety of hearings. In final couple of months of first six I observed more junior members of chambers, so as to become accustomed to the nature of the work that I would be undertaking during second six. I was encouraged, by all members of chambers, to ask any questions I had about the hearings that I was observing. I was also given a range of paperwork to complete, which I was given feedback on. By the end of first six, I felt that I was well prepared for second six.

SECOND SIX

The clerks ensured that, from the outset, I was in Court almost every day. During the course of second six, the level of work increased gradually so I did not feel overwhelmed. I was encouraged to seek guidance from other members of Chambers in relation to any matters that I was unsure of. I found other members of Chambers were easily contactable and willing to assist me in overcoming any issues. I therefore felt highly supported during second six.

GENERAL

I found Chambers extremely welcoming and friendly. I was invited to attend a number of social events, even during the early stages of pupillage. Throughout pupillage, I attended monthly meetings with my senior clerk to discuss the progress of my pupillage. If there were any types of hearing that I wished to observe (during first six) or undertake (during second six) the clerks would do their utmost to facilitate this. Chambers offers a wide pool of resources, to both pupils and tenants, to support and promote well-being. It was reiterated to me that Chambers offers pupillage with a view to tenancy, which removed the pressure of competing with co-pupils for tenancy. Pupils are also assured that taking annual leave will not impact negatively on the tenancy decision.