



CASE STUDIES

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I commenced a Common Law pupillage in October 2017, based in Chester.

During my first six I was assigned a pupil supervisor whose main practice area was criminal law. He was incredibly welcoming and supportive throughout the process - and is still on hand should I need anything.

Everyone I encountered in my first six was incredibly welcoming. Chambers ensured I was supported not only by the Chester site, but that I also extended my network across the other sites too. I had the opportunity to visit all of St John's Buildings' offices, and to meet with other members of Chambers, the staff and clerks. Despite my worries about being the newcomer, it quickly became apparent how friendly and open everyone is, and I settled in easily.

I was set weekly written work and shadowed members of Chambers on a daily basis. I was encouraged to give my opinion on the issues in each case, which laid the foundations for my own case preparation.

I was in court every day during my second six, which seemed intense at first glance, but in reality I was able to build up my confidence and start progressing to more complex cases over the course of the six months.

I was continually supported by the clerks, my supervisor and members of Chambers. There was no question too silly, or no time of day (or night) where I didn't have someone to turn to for support. I also met with my senior clerk on a monthly basis to provide feedback on how my experience was going.

Overall, I had a very positive and supportive pupillage experience with St John's Buildings.