



## CASE STUDIES

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I undertook Pupillage in Liverpool from 2017-2018. My pupillage and first year of practice focused on crime, but during my second year I moved fields under the guidance and support of our chief executive and senior clerks.

My experience of St John's Buildings has been nothing but positive. Chambers is a busy and friendly place to work. Whether it's having a quick chat in the clerks' room or sitting down and discussing a case with another member of Chambers, people are always interested in you and making sure that your experience as a pupil is as constructive and enjoyable as possible. Chambers and the clerks use their significant experience to guide your development.

During your pupillage you will work closely with your pupil supervisor and other members of their practice group. You will be exposed to some of the most complicated disputes, you will be expected to assist your pupil supervisor by completing research and undertaking drafting. Most importantly, you will be expected to bring your own ideas to discussions. You will have monthly meetings with your senior clerk which will focus on your experiences so far and will address any concerns that you have. You will work closely with the clerks in order to take ownership over your own development to ensure that you are able to see the work that you need to in order to successfully complete your pupillage.

Towards the end of your first six months you will be placed with more junior members of Chambers in order to experience the work that you will see during your early time in practice. You will be encouraged to join the Chambers WhatsApp groups which are active and people are always willing to help even with what may appear to you to be simple questions.

During your second six, the clerks will work closely with you to monitor the work that you are undertaking and to ensure that you are able to switch off and relax when you need it. St John's Buildings is acutely aware of the stresses on new pupils and they encourage you to use your holidays as we all need a break from time to time. One of the key benefits to members of St John's Buildings is the excellent library facilities on hand, we have access to all of the key practitioners' texts for your chosen field which helps you with your preparation and will save you a small fortune.

Outside of work Chambers has a lively social scene. During lockdown they held weekly quizzes and zoom catch ups, and the junior members of chambers regularly meet up to check in on each other. There is always someone on hand to talk to if you need to decompress after a particularly difficult hearing and everyone works to support each other.