

**PUPILLAGE APPLICATION FORM**

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* *Applicants are advised to read the pupillage criteria published on Chambers’ website and ensure their answers demonstrate how they meet these criteria.*
* *Where limits are placed upon the number of examples or words to be used, these are strictly applied and a failure to adhere to them will result in no points being awarded to your answer.*
* *Where options are given, please delete all but the appropriate answer.*
* *Completed forms must be lodged by email only (to* [*pupillage@derestreet.co.uk*](mailto:pupillage@derestreet.co.uk) *- Subject “Pupillage Application”), in pdf format and before the deadline specified on Chambers’ website. A receipt email will be sent.*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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| **Name:** |  |
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| **Are there any restrictions on your ability to work in UK?** | Yes/No |
| **Have you ever been convicted of criminal act?** | Yes/No |
| **Have you ever been found guilty of plagiarism or dishonesty in your academic studies?** | Yes/No |
| **Have you ever been found guilty of a dishonest act by a professional or regulatory body?** | Yes/No |
| **Do you have any special requirements if invited for interview?** | Yes/No |

**If ‘yes’ to any of the above, please provide detail in ‘Additional information’ section at the end of this form.**

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

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* *Only provide additional information if there are strong mitigating factors for below expected grades and/or to explain why none of the options apply.*
* *If you studied alternative qualifications (e.g. International Baccalaureate) please select the option that represents the equivalent grade and explain briefly what you studied.*

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| **I went to a non-selective state school.** | Yes/No |
| **One of the below applies to me:**   * I received free school meals * My parent/carer(s) received state benefits whilst I was at school * I had caring responsibilities for another person whilst at school | Yes/No |
| **I spent part of my childhood in the care system.** | Yes/No |
| **None of the above.** | Yes/No |

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| **GCSE or equivalent:** | All passed Grade A or above  All passed Grade B or above  All passed Grade C or above |
| **A level or equivalent:** | All passed Grade A or above  All passed Grade B or above  All passed Grade C or above |
| **Undergraduate degree:** | 1st Class  2:1  2:2 |
| What did you study: |  |
| **Graduate Diploma in Law:** | Distinction  Merit  Not applicable (qualifying law degree) |
| **BPTC grade:** | Not completed yet  Outstanding  Very competent  Competent or below |

**OTHER RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS**

Please detail any relevant postgraduate courses and professional qualifications.

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**Legal Experience**

**Mini-pupillages/short placements**

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| **Have you done a mini-pupillage at Dere Street Barristers?** | Yes/No |

Please list any Chambers (up to a maximum of six) where you have undertaken a formal mini-pupillage and identify the area of work you experienced there (‘Crime’, ‘Family’, ‘Civil’ or ‘Other’). If you have done a mini-pupillage at Dere Street Barristers please list this as one of your six.

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| **Chambers** | **Date** | **Area of work** |
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Please list any solicitor firms (up to a maximum of three) where you have done short placements (less than two weeks) and identify the area of work you experienced (‘Crime’, ‘Family’, ‘Civil’ or ‘Other’)

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| **Solicitor** | **Date** | **Area of work** |
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**WORK HISTORY**

Please tell us about any employed or self-employed work.

*Note - The work can be legal or non-legal related. Please choose a maximum of five roles. If you have had more than five roles please choose those most significant in terms of your development or which best equip you for a career at the Bar.*

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**Personal attributes and skills**

*Note - The following sections allow you to demonstrate how your experiences have allowed you to develop skills that will assist you in a career at the Bar. You may draw on legal or non-legal experiences, paid or unpaid roles, education, life experience or your personal circumstances.*

**Mooting, advocacy or public-speaking experience**

Please tell us about your experience of mooting, advocacy and public speaking *(maximum 200 words).*

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**Working with others**

Please give examples of any work you have done with people in crisis, the vulnerable or from deprived groups, or from different cultures or minorities *(maximum five roles)*.

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**Positions with responsibility or leadership**

Please provide examples of roles you have held with particular responsibility or involving leading others *(maximum 200 words)*.

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**What do you do in your spare time?** *(maximum 100 words)*.

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**Why have you applied for pupillage with Dere Street Barristers?** *(maximum 150 words)*

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**Give an example of how you have overcome adversity or a difficult situation in your life** *(maximum 200 words).*

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**What is the worst mistake you’ve made and what have you learned from it?** *(maximum 200 words)*

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**What are your two biggest weaknesses in this application form?** *(maximum 150 words)*

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**Please argue in favour of the following proposition: “Environmentalists are wasting their time promoting the abandonment of fossil fuels, recycling and any other initiative until they stop world population growth.”** *(maximum 300 words)*

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** (*Use only as directed elsewhere within the form).*

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