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Pupillage Opportunities

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Thriving centres of commerce, enterprise and finance, Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham are exciting and rapidly expanding cities where elegant and historic architecture lives side by side with contemporary redevelopment. Cities of renowned culture and sport; boasting some of the top regional orchestras, theatres and sporting teams in the country and, in Manchester, a proud host to the Commonwealth Games. Cities of energy attracting visitors from all over the world to their cosmopolitan bars, restaurants and clubs.

As a young professional in Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham you can look forward to city life in manageable proportions and if you need a break from urban pace, the calm of the Lake District the Peak District, Northumbria and the Cotswolds are within easy reach.



Welcome



Our Chambers

At Kings Chambers we believe that our clients' interests are best served by the availability of strong, specialised and dedicated teams of barristers with uncompromising commitment to quality and client service. We believe we deliver that service to clients because of our strength in depth at all levels of seniority - barristers with the highest reputation for advocacy, legal knowledge and professional standards. We are a specialist set with a national reputation practising from Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham in the following specific practice areas;

- Administrative & Public Law
- Chancery & Commercial Law
- Clinical Negligence & Healthcare Law
- Construction
- Employment
- Environment
- Litigation Funding & Costs
- Local Government
- Mediation
- Personal Injury
- Planning
- Regulatory & Disciplinary
- Sports Law



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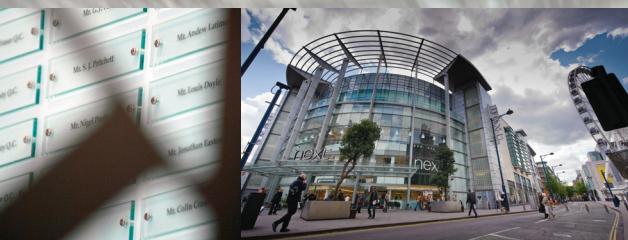
We now have in excess of 90 members and are regarded as a leading Chambers on both the regional and national stage. The pursuit of excellence and the highest possible professional standards are at the core of our culture. Throughout our history, we have produced numerous Silks, Recorders together with Deputy High Court Judges, Circuit Judges and Judges of the High Court and Court of Appeal.

We believe that regular, positive recruitment has always been the key to our success and we pride ourselves on the way in which we look after our pupils. We regard them as very much part of Chambers.

As our pupil you will see a broad range of work and will gain wide experience of advocacy. In short you will receive a thorough grounding in the role of the professional, modern barrister within a friendly chambers atmosphere.



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Fast

From Chambers in both Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham, we provide specialist legal services to clients across the country. Both cities are major court centres with the Mercantile, High Courts and Administrative Courts sitting there throughout the legal year. Our members regularly appear in all Civil Courts as well as various tribunals and inquiries.





Life on the Northern, North Eastern & Midland Circuits

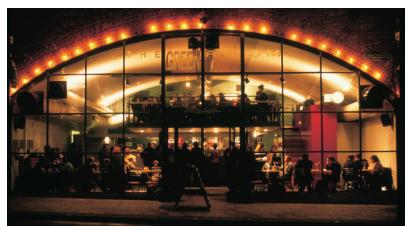
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The Northern, North Eastern and Midland circuits operate to provide education and support to barristers at the provincial bar. Mess dinners bring together circuit members from pupils to judges in a lively and entertaining atmosphere where traditions are passed on and life long friendships are made.

As a junior practitioner, the friendly faces in Circuit robing rooms will be worth a dozen Bar School manuals. The Circuits boast specialist organisations from medical law to chancery and commercial groups where education and training are developed. Through their involvement in these associations, members gain a national voice. Advocacy and advice are regularly organised for pupils on circuit.

Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham are cities of energy and ambition, attracting visitors from all over the world to their cosmopolitan bars restaurants and clubs. They have the capability to hold major international events such as the Commonwealth Games, which was staged in Manchester in July 2002.

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Knowledge

We believe that the future is secure if the Bar is able to provide specialist services of the highest quality.

The areas of practice which we set out in these pages have been developed and have brought success and prosperity to our Chambers and its members.

Committed to progress, we see pupils as playing a key role in ensuring our future growth.





Professional and Specialist

Administrative & Public Law, Local Government and Regulatory & Disciplinary

Our large Public Law team includes leading Silks and juniors undertaking all aspects of judicial review and public law work for both Claimants and Defendants.

Our expertise in domestic public law, European Union and human rights law is complemented by our related strengths in commercial & chancery, common law, Court of Protection, employment, equality and discrimination, health care, nationality and immigration, national security, local government, planning, prison and regulatory & disciplinary law. This enables us to offer a "complete service" to many of our clients.

Kings Chambers has an established Regulatory and Disciplinary Practice Group which provides specialist advocacy, advisory and forensic skills of the highest Quality.

The Group has significant experience of the vast majority of disciplinary areas ranging from sporting professionals to medical and healthcare practitioners to accountants and solicitors.

Approximately 20% of members are also appointed as Counsel to the Attorney General's Provincial Panel.

Chancery & Commercial Law, Construction and Mediation

The Chancery & Commercial Team is firmly grounded in academic excellence, with a strong emphasis on commercial judgment, which has earned us a national reputation in this field. We have expanded our numbers greatly in the last few years and now have 5 Silks and 34 Juniors dedicated to work in this area.

Most of our work is contentious, ranging from personal and corporate insolvency to banking litigation and from professional negligence to property and construction work. We have a thriving Sports Law section which acts for a wide variety of sports clubs, individuals and those associated with sports activities.

We are widely regarded as the best set outside of London for our expertise in these areas.





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Employment

The employment team at Kings Chambers is dedicated to finding effective employment solutions for all of our clients. We are acutely sensitive of the needs of business for clear, commercial and practical advice in an area of repeated and exponential growth in terms of both regulation and legislation. We also provide vigorous defence of the rights of employees

of whatever status, be they workers on the shop floor or executives of multinational conglomerates.

To that end the team undertakes work on behalf of individual employees or those who are supported by a number of national trade unions. We also act for employers of all sizes including NHS trusts and multinational corporations.



Serving the Business Community

Litigation Funding & Costs

The Kings Chambers costs team is made up of genuine specialists, many of whom practise exclusively in the area of costs. The team is a national team which is easily a match for any comparable team in London. Members are regularly praised in the directories. The team has considerable experience of advising solicitors about their businesses and their academic standing is impressive.

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

This group in Chambers offers an expert forensic and advisory service across a wide spectrum of work from multi-million pound birth damage claims to straightforward road traffic accident arbitrations. We act for both Claimants and Defendants in the widest range of personal injury/clinical negligence cases.

Our breadth of service in healthcare law is, we believe, unrivalled by any chambers outside London. We are well placed to meet the needs of clients in litigation, tribunals, Inquests, inquiries and in the regional administrative courts.

Planning and Environment

Chambers UK: "Kings Chambers has no serious rival to its standing on the Northern circuit. Packed with talent, it has advocates who cover every element of planning expertise and offer an unmatched depth of experience"

Kings Chambers has been providing excellence in Planning for over 60 years and we have produced some of the leading practitioners in the field of Planning. Members have been involved with most of the major development projects in the North West of England, as well as many others nationwide. From the Retail Inquiry which led to the Trafford Centre, through to the Second Runway at Manchester Airport and all manner of developments in between, members of Chambers are renowned as providing an excellent service to both the public and private sector.

In Environmental Law work we act for both the Environment Agency and private concerns in prosecutions, permit hearings, judicial review and advisory work.

Sports Law

Kings Sport is the dedicated sports law team of barristers at Kings Chambers, based in Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham and practising all over the country. Members of Kings Sport have been involved in some of most substantial and high profile sports cases nationally in recent years.





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Opportuni

Pupillage and Tenancy - the prospects we can offer you

We recognise that insecurity and uncertainty of prospects is the greatest deterrent to those considering a career at the Bar. That's why we never offer a pupillage without a tenancy being available at the end. Every pupil of ability, commitment and determination will be offered a tenancy in our Chambers.

The proof of the pudding?

In the last ten years, we have offered 18 pupillages and granted 17 tenancies. We think our record speaks for itself. Our policy has brought great reward for the strength of Chambers and for the peace of mind of our pupils.

We think that's the way forward. And we offer between one and three pupillages on that basis each year.

Financial help in pupillage

We think this is essential. We offer an impressive and attractive package of financial support to each of our pupils, to help them in the earliest stages of their career. We don't believe that anyone setting out on a career at the Bar should be crippled financially, whether during the year on the BPTC or during pupillage.

Full details of what we offer are available on our website: www.kingschambers.com

Uphill struggle in the early years?

Not in our experience.

Pupils in their second six months can expect to be in court on most days, so between advocacy and paperwork our pupils are fully employed. Completion of pupillage is an exciting time with your career in front of you. Of course, all members are there to offer support, help and encouragement. Financial independence can soon be achieved.

It's not the struggle through impecuniosity that it once was.

Should I apply?

We don't pretend that it is not competitive. We welcome applications from anyone with a degree in any subject at a level of 2:1 or better. We rigorously pursue a policy of equal opportunities.

We invite applications via the Pupillage Gateway, www.pupillagegateway.com in accordance with their time table.



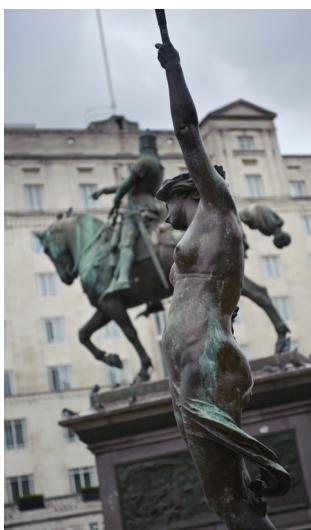
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Where to meet us

You can find our stand at Pupillage fairs around the country. Our members will be more than happy to talk to you about prospects and applications. We run an Internship Programme three times a year which provides a short but fairly comprehensive introduction to what it is like to be a member of Chambers.

Places are limited. Please see our website for further details.

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