



Mini-pupillage at Chambers - Bridging the Bar Feedback 2022

In December 2022, we were joined by mini-pupils via the Bridging the Bar initiative: Muhammad Aftab, Jordhi Nullatamby and Hannah Phelvin experienced various aspects of life in Chambers. Read their feedback below.

Jordhi says:

During my mini-pupillage at Doughty Street Chambers, I met with practitioners from a range of specialist areas, from Employment, Discrimination and Equality Law to Immigration Law. Throughout the week, I observed the common thread of peoples' commitment to human rights and access to justice at chambers. I attended court a number of times, enabling me to witness advocacy in action. One of those occasions involved shadowing our supervising barrister in the Court of Protection. There I learnt about the distinct approach, in often sensitive cases, to preparing best interests submissions before a judge.

Alongside court visits and meeting with barristers, I attended a legal research session with Library and Information Services. I also learnt about the extensive Clerking systems in place at chambers. I was introduced by clerks to the LEX software which facilitates the management of individual cases, the diary and fees. I felt this was a particularly valuable insight into daily practice as a self-employed barrister.

Overall, my mini-pupillage was well-rounded in that I had plenty of opportunities to discover various aspects of life at the Bar. I am immensely grateful for the week I spent at Doughty Street Chambers as a mini pupil. I am keen to pursue my interests in Human Rights Law following the experience.

Muhammad says:

Mini pupillage experience was invaluable and help me to find the right Chambers for pupillage. I learnt about Court of Protection and watched webinars about Immigration and Asylum Law, which help me to engage with Doughty Street Chambers core practice areas and meeting with your members to discuss the ways to enter into the profession.

The scheduled information during the mini pupillage was also very helpful. Credit goes to your and your team for providing such information.

I learnt so much and expand my knowledge of civil law by seeing what barristers do on a day-to-day basis. I shadowed Zoe Harper yesterday and discuss the different ways of advocacy and use of evidence in different practice areas.



It is intended that mini-pupillages and work experience opportunities provide students and graduates who are interested in a potential career at the Bar with the opportunity to experience the work of a barrister. Typically they would shadow one or more members of Chambers at court and in client conferences. There will often also be opportunities to read and discuss case papers with members of Chambers.