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## **To Middle Temple Members currently in Pupillage,**

I am writing to tell you about the Pupils' Advocacy Courses run by Middle Temple in the coming legal year.

All our courses include training in examination in chief, in cross-examination and in oral submissions. You will also be required to produce a skeleton argument to a standard appropriate for submission in court, and your skeleton arguments will be individually assessed.

The advocacy training workshops will be conducted by experienced practitioners, and in addition interactive lectures will cover themes ranging from oral and written advocacy to practical advice from specialists and experts. Satisfactory completion of the course is required in the first six months of pupillage this will entitle you to an Advocacy Certificate, which the Bar Standards Board (BSB) requires before it will issue you with a Provisional Qualification Certificate.

In addition, our courses cover a syllabus designed to satisfy the BSB requirements for a Practice Management Course. This must be completed within twelve months, but the BSB recommends that it is completed in the first six.

We run two types of courses: the two weeks course and the more concentrated 3-day course.

### **The 2 weeks Course**

We strongly recommend this, because it provides more than a minimum requirement and also the opportunity to build up your skills incrementally over a period of time. In addition to daytime lectures and workshops, with some allowance for preparation time, we provide 7 evening advocacy workshops, on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week and on the Friday of the first week. These take place between 17:00 and 19:00. We also arrange 2 full days of visits to criminal or civil courts on Thursdays. At the end of the course we provide you with feedback on a one-to-one basis.

### **The 3-day Course**

If your chambers are reluctant to release you for the two weeks course, the 3-days course provides an alternative. While it provides what the BSB requires, it is very concentrated. There are three evening workshops between 17:00 and 19:00 as well as daytime activities, but unfortunately there is no opportunity for court visits or individual feedback at the end of the course.

**Joining our Courses**

Courses are open to all Middle Temple members for no fee. Please note that these really are full-time courses. If you join a course you are (emergencies excepted) expected to attend all lectures, workshops and court visits. Furthermore, our experience is that such gaps as exist in the timetable will be required for preparation of exercises and skeleton arguments. Therefore, you should explain this to your Pupil Supervisor and get his/her consent to your attending our course before signing up.

The dates for courses in 2011/12 are:

**2 weeks Courses**

7-18 November 2011

16-27 January 2012

13-24 February 2012

19-30 March 2012

2-13 July 2012

**3-day Courses**

5-7 March 2012

18-20 June 2012

You may find it more convenient to attend a circuit course, but if you wish to attend a Middle Temple Course then please fill in the enclosed form giving the order of your preference for different courses, sign the declaration and return it to me as soon as possible.

With all good wishes,

Stacey Brown  
Education Officer,  
Middle Temple

**Middle Temple  
Pupils' Advocacy Courses 2011/2012  
Booking Form**

Name:

Middle Temple Membership Number:

Pupil Supervisor:

Chambers Address:

Home Address:

Chambers Tel:

Home Tel:

E-mail:

Mob:

*I would like any correspondence to be sent to my:*

Chambers Address: ( )

Home Address: ( )

I apply to attend the following advocacy course (indicating alternative options in order of preference):

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|  | Monday 7-18 November 2011  | Two Weeks Course |
|  | Monday 16-27 January 2012  | Two Weeks Course |
|  | Monday 13-24 February 2012 | Two Weeks Course |
|  | Monday 5-7 March 2012      | 3 day Course     |
|  | Monday 19-30 March 2012    | Two Weeks Course |
|  | Monday 18-20 June 2012     | 3 day Course     |
|  | Monday 2-13 July 2012      | Two Weeks Course |

**I understand, that if accepted on the course, I would be expected to attend all lectures, workshops and court visits in its programme and, emergencies apart, I undertake to do so. I understand that all evening advocacy training workshops will continue until 19:00. I have informed my Pupil Supervisor of the nature of this course. I confirm that I have the consent of my Pupil Supervisor to attend the course on those terms.**

Signed:

Dated:

Please return to:

Stacey Brown, Middle Temple Advocacy, Treasury, Middle Temple Lane, London, EC4Y 9AT

The information provided on this application form, and any information provided in respect of your membership will be used for the purpose of considering your application. After the process is complete, the result and your attendance will be recorded on your membership record. Fuller details of the processing carried out by the Inn and your rights in respect of that processing can be found on the website at [www.middletemple.org.uk](http://www.middletemple.org.uk).