



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE
MIDDLE TEMPLE



Outreach

The Inn aims to promote equality and diversity by engaging with students from all backgrounds, presenting information on a career at the Bar, outlining the path to qualification and explaining how the Inns are able to assist.

Members can volunteer to help with various outreach activities at any stage in their career:

- **Lunch with undergraduate groups in Hall**
- **Represent the Inn at university law fairs**
- **Speaking engagements.** Occasionally the Inn will be involved in providing speakers for events at universities or at the Inn's own Open Day.
- **Open Day ambassador.** Even if not speaking, members are encouraged to attend the Inn's Open Day to speak to undergraduate students.
- **Engagement with outreach partners.** The Inn's outreach is focused on undergraduate law students from under-represented backgrounds.
- **Host an Access to the Bar Award winner in chambers.** Provide an Access to the Bar student with a shadowing opportunity for up to 5 days.

Experienced Practitioners:

University Ambassador. The Inn seeks experienced members with a relationship (academic or geographical) to a university to act as an ambassador for the Inn at the institution.

Members of the Judiciary:

Provide marshalling for an Access to the Bar Award winner. Judges are asked to take a student for up to 5 days to act as their marshal.

Supporting Student Members

QUALIFYING SESSIONS (QS)

We encourage Called members and Benchers to attend QS and spend time speaking to student members. A wide variety of talks and lectures, followed by refreshments, take place throughout the year. Other QS include a dinner: Welcome Dinners, Reader's Feasts, Moot Semi/Final, All Inn Dining, Private Guest Nights, Circuit Dinners.

In addition, we seek practitioners to:

- **Attend All Inn Dining** – students, practitioners and judges dine together and discuss set questions on ethics or a particular area of practice.
- **Give lectures** – both in London and on circuit.
- **Facilitate discussion workshops** – lead group discussions on Ethics and EDI, both in London and on circuit.
- **Lead advocacy workshops** – provide feedback on set advocacy exercises, both in London and on circuit.

ADVOCACY WEEKENDS

Our residential weekends at Cumberland Lodge and York provide advocacy training and networking opportunities for our student members. Practitioners with training experience lead the workshops and socialise with the students over the weekend.

LINK SCHEME

This scheme (formerly the Sponsorship Scheme) aims to connect student members with practitioners to provide them with an initial link to the profession and the Inn. The role is not intended to be onerous. Volunteers agree to make themselves available to be consulted if the student needs advice from time to time, even if only to suggest where to access further help.

MARSHALLING

Marshalling placements are arranged by the Inn for students who are studying or have completed the Bar Course. Placements tend to be 3-5 days, but this depends on the individual judge who can also specify how many marshals they will take per year.

Volunteering



WITH THE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

MOCK PUPILLAGE INTERVIEWS

Members who have an upcoming pupillage interview can apply to be paired with a barrister in the relevant area of law. Mock interviews can be done in person or remotely and the scheme is run on a flexible basis, meaning that members can help as much or as little as they are able.

MOOTING

Practitioners of at least 5 years' Call can act as Moot Judges in the annual Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition. The first couple of rounds are held remotely on weekday evenings and the third and fourth rounds are held in the Rutledge Suite, Ashley Building.



Members taking part in a panel session on pupillage

Scholarship Interviews

Scholarship interviews for Bar Course scholarships take place over 3 consecutive days during the week after Easter. Interviews for the GDL scholarships are over 2 days in June.

We are keen to broaden the diversity of our pool of interviewers. As a broad guideline, we are looking for members of at least 7 years' practice, but there is flexibility in certain circumstances. A mandatory 3 hour training session is required.

Post Call Training

The Inn's advocacy courses are taught by practitioners at all levels. As a broad guideline, we are looking for practitioners with at least 7 years' experience, but there is flexibility if a practitioner shows particular aptitude. All new trainers have to undergo a 'Training the Trainers' programme to familiarise themselves with the training method which is used by all the Inns and Circuits.

- ***Pupils' Advocacy Course***
Running seven times a year, this course is designed to support pupils during their first six. The courses consist of a series of daytime lectures and workshops covering themes from general advocacy to practical advice from specialists and experts – if you have a brilliant idea for a talk, the Director of Advocacy would love to hear it! - and intensive evening advocacy workshops in smaller groups, led by practitioners.
- ***Court Visits***
Our flagship two-week Pupils' Course includes court visits on the Thursdays to provide an opportunity for exercises in civil applications, criminal work and family work before Judges.
- ***New Practitioners Programme***
More advanced training in advocacy and ethics is provided to members of all four Inns who are in their first three years of practice, split into four bespoke courses which run on the same day (Criminal, Civil, Family, and Employed).
- ***Advocacy and the Vulnerable***
Training is delivered based on materials which have been prepared by the Inns of Court College of Advocacy.

CONTACT US

If you are interested in getting involved with any of these activities please contact our team.



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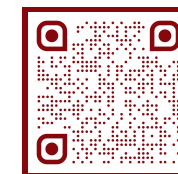
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