STUDENT INTRODUCTORY SESSION

FOR STUDENT MEMBERS STUDYING THE BPTC
2018/19
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SECURITY

Middle Temple Security
24 hour assistance
020 7797 7768

TERM DATES 2018/19

Michaelmas Term  Monday 1 October  -  Friday 21 December 2018
Hilary Term  Friday 11 January  -  Wednesday 17 April 2019
Easter Term  Tuesday 30 April  -  Friday 24 May 2019
Trinity Term  Tuesday 4 June  -  Monday 31 July 2019
During term-time, the Middle Temple Library is open from 9:00 to 20:00 Monday to Thursday, 9:00 to 19:00 Friday, and one Saturday out of four (on a rota with the other Inn libraries). Out-of-term hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 to 17:30.

The Library contains print and electronic research materials covering a wide range of English legal subjects. We also provide materials on EU and US law. The Library subscribes to a range of legal databases, journals and law reports including, but not limited to: Bloomsbury Professional, i-law, Justis, Lawtel, LexisLibrary and Westlaw UK and US. The full list of electronic materials, along with access to the library catalogue is available at: http://www.middletemple.org.uk/library-and-archive.

The Library has published a number of guides to legal research covering UK, Irish, EU and US law, as well as parliamentary publications. These are available in the library, or pdfs can be downloaded from our website, under Library Guides. The Library has 16 public computer terminals which provide access to our electronic subscriptions, Internet, and MS Office. Photocopying and printing facilities are available (students receive a 50% discount), as is free WiFi.

**Middle Temple Library Open Evening**

Join us for an informal evening introducing new members to the Library on Tuesday 2 October from 17:45 to 19:30 – members are free to drop in at any time, although there is a programme which can be viewed online via the Inn’s Calendar. This is a chance to find out more about how the Library can help you as students now, as well as in the future as you begin your careers at the Bar. It is also a chance to meet other new members, as well as those established in their careers – from Benchers to new practitioners.

**Tours of Middle Temple Library**

A full list of our library tours is available on the Middle Temple website. Tours are offered at different times throughout September and October. Tours last approximately 30 minutes and are limited to 5 people. You can simply show up on the day, or you can register at the Enquiry Desk, by email: library@middletemple.org.uk or by phone: 020 7427 4830. If you would prefer to book a different date or time just let us know.

**Qualifying Session: Legal Research**

The Library offers training on legal research which is also a Qualifying Session, taking place on Thursday 1 November 2018. We will cover: legal citations, case law research in print and electronic formats, sources for commentary, UK legislation and general tips on finding legal information online. Bookings can be made via the Education Department.

Posters advertising the various other sessions and tours available at the Library can be found towards the back of this guide.

Students can book a place on the other training sessions in person at the Library Enquiry Desk, by emailing library@middletemple.org.uk or by phoning 020 7427 4830.

Website: http://www.middletemple.org.uk/library-and-archive/library/
Qualifying Sessions

Students are required to attend twelve Qualifying Sessions (QS) in order to be Called to the Bar. You are of course very welcome to attend more than twelve.

Please note: the compulsory twelve sessions must be accumulated within a period of no more than 5 years ending on the date of Call [Bar Training Rules B6. rQ76].

It is currently possible to attend the reception after your Call ceremony as your 12th QS. However, please bear in mind that this will no longer be the case from Trinity 2020 onwards. The last Call for which the old arrangement is in place will be Hilary Call in March 2020. From Trinity Call 2020, i.e. July 2020, the collegiate event after Call will no longer count as a QS.

Attendance at Qualifying Sessions

- Attendance at Qualifying Sessions in Hall is recorded by the Front of House staff who collect students’ tickets and check their names against a list.

  The onus is on students to hand in their ticket and thus to make sure that their attendance goes on record. If you have misplaced your ticket make sure you speak to a member of staff on arrival so that they can check the list and make a note that you attended.

- To be credited with the QS, you must attend all elements of an event, including where applicable the pre-dinner lecture, after dinner speech or musical performance.

- Check in advance what time the doors for a QS are due to close. If you arrive late you may not be credited with the QS.

- Ensure that you arrive with plenty of time to put any coats and bags in the cloakroom (which will be staffed during the event) and collect a student gown, where applicable.

Booking Tickets

Members of the Inn can book and pay for tickets for themselves and their guests online.

You cannot book tickets for another member of the Inn as your guest if they want the Qualifying Session to count on their record.

To book tickets you will have to log in to the website at www.middletemple.org.uk. If you have not yet created a log-in you can do so by clicking ‘Register’ at the top of the homepage ~ you will need your membership number to complete this process.

Please bear in mind:

- Unless otherwise stated, or the event sells out earlier, booking will close at midday two working days prior to the event.

- Payment must be made at the time of booking – we are not able to reserve tickets.

- When you receive your confirmation email it is your responsibility to check that all the information for your booking is correct.

- You must print your ticket and bring it with you to the event.
Cancellation Policy

If for some reason you are unable to attend an event and would like to cancel your booking, you must contact the Treasury Office with at least two clear working days’ notice to qualify for a refund. You cannot cancel tickets online.

For example, should an event fall on a Thursday the latest you could cancel a ticket would be the Monday of that week. For a Monday, it would be the Wednesday of the week before. N.B. Our working days are Monday – Friday inclusive, but exclude all Bank & Public Holidays.

Seating Plans & Messes

For the majority of dinners, there is no seating plan: seating is first come first served for Student and Hall Members. However, with the exception of All Inn Dining, if you book 4 tickets you can request a ‘mess’, which means that four seats on a table will be reserved for you. This is particularly useful if you are bringing family or friends and want to ensure that you can sit together. To book a mess please contact the office after you have booked your tickets on 020 7427 4800 or education@middletemple.org.uk

A bit of history – traditionally, barristers and students were all seated in ‘messes’ of four for dinner. The person nearest the High Table on the left hand side of each Mess was the Captain. The Captain would serve each member of the Mess (with himself or herself last). This custom has disappeared since the food is now served individually.

Dietary Requirements

- Please ensure that you inform the Inn in good time if you (or any of your guests) have any special dietary requirements, e.g. Vegetarian, Vegan, Pescatarian, Halal, Gluten free, or any food allergies. Informing staff on the evening of the event may be too late so please do bear this in mind.
- Dietary information can be added to yours and your guests’ tickets once you have booked them by logging onto your account on the website.
- For information about Kosher Meals and attending events during Ramadan please visit the website at https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/dietary-requirements.

Dress Codes

Dinners in Hall are formal occasions and all present should always be respectably dressed in appropriate clothes having regard to the nature of the occasion. For more information please visit the website at https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/dress-in-hall.

Dining Rules & Customs

There are certain rules and customs that members are expected to observe when attending formal Qualifying Sessions at the Inn. For more information please visit the website at https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/qualifying-sessions/dining-rules.
VOLUNTEERING TO BE A GUINEA PIG OR WITNESS

There are a few opportunities during the year for students to gain a Qualifying Session free of charge by acting as a guinea pig or a witness on one of our advocacy courses.

ACTING AS A ‘GUINEA PIG’ ON A TRAINING THE TRAINERS PROGRAMME

All the Inn’s Advocacy Trainers are practitioners who have undergone a Training the Trainers programme. On those programmes, BPTC students are taught advocacy by new trainers who are practising the teaching method, jointly with very experienced trainers. Acting as a ‘guinea pig’ on a Training the Trainers Programme, which take place on Saturdays, is accredited as one Qualifying Session.

ACTING AS A WITNESS ON THE NEW PRACTITIONERS’ PROGRAMME

In the first three years of independent practice, new practitioners are required to undertake a programme of advocacy training on which student volunteers act as witnesses. Although they will not receive any advocacy training themselves, students tend to find it very useful to observe the training given to the new practitioners. Acting as a volunteer on an NPP exercise, which take place on Saturdays, is accredited as one Qualifying Session.

For information about how to sign up please visit the website at http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/advocacy-training-for-students/

SPONSORSHIP

We are aware that an institution such as the Inn, with its traditions and formality, can appear daunting. We can provide student members with a ‘sponsor’ to befriend them and to help them understand how the Inn and the Bar work. Sponsors are barristers who have volunteered to take a personal interest in the progress of one or more students, their ‘spondees’.

For more information and to apply for a Sponsor please visit http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/sponsorship-scheme/

MARSHALLING

This scheme gives a student the opportunity to marshal with a judge (sit with him or her on the bench in court), usually for between 3 and 5 days. As well as showing a different perspective on the courtroom itself, it can be an opportunity to speak to the judge informally, with the possibility of being invited back to the judge’s chamber, which could give further insight into the workings of a court.

For more information to apply for a placement please visit the website at http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/marshalling/
ADVOCACY WEEKENDS

The Inn runs four residential advocacy training weekends each year; three at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park and one at the Royal York Hotel in York. Each weekend is accredited with three Qualifying Sessions.

The weekends are specifically for students on the BPTC, although if there are spaces available they may be offered to other members of the Inn who are post BPTC and pre-Call.

While these weekends focus on an intense programme of advocacy workshops in groups of six students, each taught by an experienced trainer, there is also ample opportunity to meet practitioners and judges in a social environment.

Due to the high demand for places on these weekends, places are allocated by ballot. For dates and to enter the ballot please visit the website at http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/advocacy-training-for-students/

The deadline for applications is Friday 26 October 2018.

BE HEARD WORKSHOPS

As an advocate, you will have to be able to use your voice effectively, often over lengthy periods of time. If you have any concerns over this and/or feel you could do with some training, particularly if you have no experience of public speaking, you might be interested in doing some work on your voice.

The Inn is offering two workshop programmes run by an experienced voice trainer.

These sessions do not count as Qualifying Sessions.

We are just in the process of confirming dates for this year’s workshops. Once the dates have been arranged an application form will be published on the website at http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/advocacy-training-for-students
Mooting

Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition

Every year the Middle Temple runs a mooting competition for its student members. It is open to both BPTC and CPE/GDL students and is a pairs competition.

Wherever possible you should find your own mooting partner, and ONLY one of you should complete the application form with details for you both (if you are struggling to find a partner you can apply singularly and we will endeavour to pair you up; however, we cannot guarantee that this will be possible).

The deadline for applications is Friday 26 October 2018.

Please note that to be eligible to enter you and your partner must both be members of the Middle Temple and current students on either the BPTC or the GDL in the academic year 2018/19.

Prizes

The four students who reach the final will take part in a mooting visit to the United States; visits alternate between the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

Each finalist will also receive a wig and gown.

Timekeeping

Students not competing can volunteer to be a timekeeper for one or more moots, which gives you the chance to see the mooters in action and pick up advocacy tips from the judges. To sign up please email Jessica on j.masi@middletemple.org.uk.

For more information on mooting and the application form for the Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition please visit the website at http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/mooting/.

Moot v Pepperdine University, Royal Courts of Justice

As you may know, American graduate law students from Pepperdine study in London during their second or third year to take courses in international law as well as required American law courses. In addition, they organize a number of moot competitions against Middle Temple, Inner Temple and Gray’s Inn.

One of their most popular moots is the one we host at the RCJ for Pepperdine and Middle Temple students. In keeping with tradition, Pepperdine University School of Law would like cordially to invite interested students from Middle Temple to take part in the annual Royal Courts of Justice Moot Court Competition to be held on 15 November 2018 at the Royal Courts of Justice from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, followed by refreshments at a nearby pub. Please note that this event is not a qualifying session.

Further information is provided in the following letter. To apply to compete in this moot, complete the application form under ‘Mooting v. Pepperdine University’ on the website at http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/mooting/ by 5pm on Monday 15 October 2018.
Greetings from Pepperdine University School of Law!

I am the Academic Director of Pepperdine’s London Law Program for the Fall Semester of 2018. A few years ago, we started the fine tradition of a mixed team moot, The Pepperdine – Middle Temple Royal Courts of Justice Moot.

As you may know, American graduate law students from Pepperdine study in London during their second or third year to take courses in international law as well as required American law courses. In addition, we organize a number of moot competitions including two against Middle Temple and Inner Temple.

One of our most popular moots is the one we host at the Royal Courts of Justice for Pepperdine and Middle Temple students. In keeping with tradition, Pepperdine University School of Law wishes to invite interested student members from Middle Temple to take part in the annual RCJ Moot Court Competition to be held on **15 November 2018 at the Royal Courts of Justice from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, followed by refreshments with the judges at the George Pub.**

There will be three courts in operation, with each court sitting for two rounds. There will be a choice of a civil case or a criminal case to be argued.

Whether you are a novice or an experienced mooter, you are encouraged to take part in this year’s Pepperdine-Middle Temple Royal Courts of Justice Moot. Part of our tradition is to have mixed teams, that is, each team will be comprised of a Middle Temple student member, paired with a Pepperdine student.

Last year we had an overwhelming amount of interest in the RCJ Moot. This year we will be choosing 12 Middle Temple moot participants at random to compete. To apply to compete in this moot, complete the application form under ‘Mooting v. Pepperdine University’ on the website at [http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/mooting/](http://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/student-information-and-services/mooting/). Once you have been accepted and confirmed you will be put in touch with your Pepperdine partner.

The moot problems will be e-mailed to you by 1 November 2018. A list of authorities and skeleton arguments are to be exchanged by e-mail between mooters 48 hours in advance of the moot and also e-mailed to the judge presiding. Bundles should be prepared to present to the judges on the day of the competition. Lead Counsel will argue for 15 minutes, Junior Counsel for 10 minutes.

Come and enjoy the evening and feel free to bring your supporters.

We look forward to seeing you at the moot.

Sincerely

Professor Carol Chase  
Academic Director  
Pepperdine University School of Law  
London Programme
RICHARD MURTAGH MEMORIAL MOOT

Saturday 19 January 2019 | Middle Temple Hall

A one day criminal law moot for student members of Middle Temple, and those who have recently been called and are seeking pupillage. An opportunity to develop and showcase your advocacy skills - and win prizes!


Email murtaghmoot@gmail.com to register your interest.

OTHER MOOTING OPPORTUNITIES

There may be other opportunities to moot through the Middle Temple Students’ Association. Following the MTSA Elections, contact the Mooting Officer to find out what the Students’ Association has planned for 2018/19.

ESSAY PRIZES

Every year the Inn runs two essay competitions;
- Colombos Public International Law Essay Prize, worth £1,000
- Lechmere Essay Prize, worth £500

Essay titles and deadlines are announced towards the end of the Trinity term. At that time more information can be found on the website at http://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-and-training/scholarships-and-prizes/essay-prizes/

OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a number of scholarships available to enable members of the Inn who have completed their BPTC to make educational visits abroad. These include trips to Hong Kong, America, Luxembourg, Israel and Canada.

The application and interview process usually takes place early in the calendar year, so you may apply whilst studying the full-time or the second year of the part-time BPTC, or after completing the BPTC. Most of the short-term trips will then take place during the summer of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

Details of all overseas scholarships, how to apply and deadlines can be found on the website at http://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-and-training/scholarships-and-prizes/overseas/
**Pupillage Support**

The Pupillage Gateway, managed by the Bar Council, is the online application system for pupillage. It is a Bar Standards Board requirement that all pupillages are advertised on the Pupillage Gateway for a minimum of two weeks. Some chambers will require you to apply through the system, others have their own application system. For more information please visit [http://www.pupillagegateway.com/](http://www.pupillagegateway.com/).

**Mock Pupillage Interview Scheme**

The Inn offers those with imminent Pupillage Interviews the opportunity to practise their interview technique in front of barristers.

Applicants who have been granted a Pupillage interview may apply to the Inn using the online form and where possible will be matched with a Barrister with the appropriate specialisation from a different chambers.

**Pupillage Interview Travel Expenses**

The Inn has a limited fund available to support those students who incur substantial expenses in attending pupillage interviews and are finding this financially challenging.

Funding will be limited to cases of particular hardship or exceptional circumstances. Each applicant is expected to underwrite the first £200 of their expenses before seeking support from the fund.

**Pupillage Support Grants**

In 2016 the Inn launched a support scheme for members who are suffering particular financial hardship during pupillage. The funds available each year are limited.

To be eligible to apply you must;

- be a member of Middle Temple.
- have been awarded a pupillage undertaking principally publicly funded work.
- be in receipt of a pupillage award (including guaranteed earnings) no greater than; £17,500 for pupillages outside of London, or £20,000 for pupillages in London.

**Pupillage Hardship Grants**

The Middle Temple is able to make awards to members of the Inn who are in pupillage, or who have pupillage arranged, to alleviate cases of serious unexpected hardship. Their purpose is to ensure, so far as possible, that members of the Inn with the potential to succeed at the Bar are not prevented from doing so by some unexpected financial setback. The funds available are limited.

For more information on Pupillage Support please visit the website at [https://www.middletemple.org.uk/pupillage-support](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/pupillage-support)
**Middle Temple Students’ Association (MTSA)**

**What does the MTSA Committee do?**

The MTSA committee is a student committee formed fundamentally to represent the interests of all student members of MT, providing a formal link between the MT student member and the Inn. We aim to bridge the gap, making your voice heard by your Inn be it to address a problem within the student community or to find ways of enhancing the MT student member experience. We speak out for you at MT meetings, we organise social gatherings to help you know better your peers (watch out for the next MTSA Ball!). We understand the strife of the pupillage hunt, hence we try to assist you in your applications (our Pupillage Advice Sessions event has been quite popular with both practising barristers and students since its initiation).

If being part of these fantastic endeavours excites you- *not to mention it being a brilliant opportunity to build your personal network with practising barristers and like-minded peers, and a valuable addition to your CV* - **RUN FOR A POSITION DURING THE MTSA COMMITTEE ELECTIONS!**

**MTSA Elections**

**Wednesday 10 October 2018, Middle Temple Hall** - *counts as a Qualifying Session, free to attend. Drinks are provided so that you can all mingle whilst the counting takes place.*

**Available positions**

Below is a brief job scope for each position. For more information on what the roles further entail, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant present committee members:

**President** (Emma Hughes, president@middletemplestudents.com)
- Overall management of the Committee
- Sit on Executive Committee as ex-officio member

**Vice-President** (Maham Qureshi, vicepresident@middletemplestudents.com)
- Management of provider representatives across the UK
- General administrative support for the Committee
- Sit on the Membership Committee as the MTSA Representative

**Treasurer** (Dickson Loo, treasurer@middletemplestudents.com)
- Management of MTSA finances
- Responsible for settling invoices with third parties

**Mooting Officer** (Mary Ann Toman-Miller, mooting@middletemplestudents.com)
- Organise regular training throughout the academic year
- Organise an intra-Inn mooting competition
- Recruit the Inn representatives for the inter-Inn mooting competition
- Assist the Inn during the Rosamund Smith mooting competition

**Debating Officer** (Merlene George, debating@middletemplestudents.com)
- Organise regular training throughout the academic year
- Organise an intra-Inn debating competition
- Organise and hold the Monroe Cup debating competition at Middle Temple
- Recruit an Inn team for the Monroe Cup
Communications Officer (William Vaudry, communications@middletemplestudents.com)
- Upgrade of MTSA website
- Collation of news stories, information and articles for fortnightly MTSA newsletter
- Management of MTSA social media including creation of Facebook events

Events Officer (Callum Church, social@middletemplestudents.com)
- Organise the Christmas Ball, Summer Ball and Pupillage Advice Evening
- Organise and hold regular events for MTSA members in Tasker’s
- Collaborate with MTYBA events officer on holding joint events
- Sit on the Hall Committee as the MTSA Representative

Equality, Diversity and Welfare Officer
(Sharon Okorejior, equality@middletemplestudents.com)
- Responsible for liaison with the Inn regarding any welfare issues which are presented by MTSA students
- Represent the MTSA at the regular visits of 6th form students to the Rolls Building in conjunction with the National Centre for Citizenship and the Law / The Rolls Building Art and Educational Trust
- Explore outreach projects with external organisations

How to stand for a position

ATTEND ELECTION NIGHT! Try to come early, a register of nominations will be gathered on the evening itself. You can nominate yourself for as many positions as you like.

CAMPAIGN. Following a brief formal introduction, 30 minutes will be allocated to allow you to mingle and campaign. This has proven to be an excellent opportunity to prove your worth to your peers and to question the potential of fellow nominees - do take advantage of this session!

HUSTINGS. Each nominee will be allowed 2 minutes to demonstrate on stage their suitability for the roles sought for. Please prepare your speech effectively - you will not be allowed to exceed the time limit. The order will follow that of the positions listed above.

VOTE. The vote will then be held, followed by the counting of votes, and the results are announced that evening.

MEETING. The newly elected committee will convene for their first (brief) meeting.

How to stand for a position if you cannot attend the elections

Send your details (name, position) to Emma Hughes at president@middletemplestudents.com with a short write-up on your suitability for the position. This will be read out during the evening. Limit: Arial, size 12, one-side of an A4 page.

We hope to see all of you at the elections on 10 October! Until then, we wish you all the best settling into the BPTC.

Kind regards,
Your MTSA Committee 2017/18
**MIDDLE TEMPLE COUNSELLING SERVICE**

The Inn is pleased to announce that during 2017/18 we are able to continue to offer a free and confidential counselling service on site to all student and junior members of the Inn to 7 years' Call.

The service offers support with both personal and professional issues from a qualified and experienced therapist.

For more details about the service including how to access please contact Christa Richmond, Director of Education Services, at c.richmond@middletemple.org.uk.

**TEMPLE CHURCH**

“I am ‘the reverend and valiant’ Master of the Temple at the Temple Church, shared between Middle and Inner Temple. The Church itself, through the first courtyards on the other side of Middle Temple Lane, is very beautiful and has a wonderful choir. All members, of any religious faith or none, are welcome to the services and to all other events. I live in the Temple, next to the Church, and am always available to meet members of the Inn; as a former college-chaplain, I know that student-life can at times be hard. I look forward to meeting at least some of you over the year.”

Robin Griffith-Jones, Master of the Temple Church

**MIDDLE TEMPLE YOUNG BARRISTER’S ASSOCIATION (MTYBA)**

MTYBA - Middle Temple Young Barristers’ Association represents the interests of the Inn's members from the point of being called to the Bar to 7 years post-pupillage experience. We organise professional and social events and provide funding in the form of grants. Membership is automatic upon being called to the Bar.

We encourage engagement via Twitter, Facebook, email (enquiries@mtyba.org) and our website www.mtyba.org.

Good luck on the Bar Course! We look forward to welcoming you at an event once you've been called.

**WORK FOR MIDDLE TEMPLE EVENTS**

**LOOKING FOR CASUAL WORK?**

Are you looking for a part-time job that is flexible and well paid to help support you in your studies? Here at Middle Temple, we run over 500 events annually and we are always looking for hard working and friendly people to work as waiters and drinks staff.

For more information see the flyer in your information pack or contact Luca at l.geremia@middletemple.org.uk.
MIDDLE TEMPLE SOCIETIES

UK

Circuits

The Inn runs various events on Circuit on an annual basis. In a bid to re-engage with our members on Circuit the Inn is establishing Middle Temple Societies on the Circuits out of London, with Societies established on the Northern (MTNCS) and North Eastern Circuits (MTNECS). The Inn will be setting up Societies on the Midland, Wales and Chester and Western Circuits. Events on Circuit include Black Tie dinners, summer drinks parties, Chambers’ Representatives receptions and messes.

Once new societies have been set up further details will be announced in the Inn’s e-news. If you are interested in being involved on your Circuit please do let the Membership team know.

Overseas

There are Middle Temple Societies in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mauritius and Gibraltar.

Hong Kong
Catrina Lam of Des Voeux Chambers is the Secretary of The Middle Temple Society in Hong Kong.

Malaysia
Shaun Paulian is the Secretary of The Malaysian Middle Temple Alumni (TMMTA) based in Kuala Lumpur.

Mauritius
Rashad Daureeawo SC is Chairman of the Mauritius Middle Temple Society.

Gibraltar
Darren Martinez is the Secretary of the Gibraltar Middle Temple Society.

Singapore
The Singapore Middle Temple Society

For details of how to contact any of the secretaries of the International Societies please get in touch with the Membership Department;

020 7427 6385
members@middletemple.org.uk
REVELS

Calling all actors, singers, stand-up comedians, dancers, writers, stage hands…

MT Revels is the modern expression of an ancient Inn tradition. It is a revue/ cabaret staged over two nights at the end of the Michaelmas term in front of a packed and noisy Middle Temple Hall. It is relaxed, irreverent and fun. Students, Barristers and Benchers all take part.

The performances this year are Thursday 13 and Friday 14 December 2018. Further details about auditions and rehearsals are on the poster towards the end of this booklet.

At the Introductory Session for London students some of the Revellers led by Dan Proctor, our current director, will be on hand to welcome you, answer questions and explain how you can get involved. Please look out for Dan and the team. We look forward to meeting you.

Bill Wood QC, Master of the Revels

MIDDLE TEMPLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Welcome to the Middle Temple. You will probably not have heard of the Middle Temple Historical Society. We and our guests meet approximately four times a year in the Bench apartments for drinks, a hot supper and a talk on an historical topic, usually with a legal theme. We also have two outings each year at a very modest cost, or, as at the Tower of London, no cost at all. Membership of the Society is open to all members and friends of the Inn and its staff and a warm welcome is extended to students. The annual membership fee is £10 but those who are not members are invited to attend a meeting before joining. The cost for the supper party is £30 per person but is reduced to £15 for students. Unfortunately meetings do not count as qualifying sessions.

You will see from this year’s programme, which is enclosed in your pack that we have a wide range of eminent speakers and I hope that you will find something of interest.

Meetings start with drinks in the Prince’s Room at 6.30pm. If you would like to attend, please let us know by booking a week in advance to mths@middletemple.org.uk. Cheques should be made payable to the Society and sent to the Middle Temple Historical Society, c/o the Treasury, Middle Temple, London EC4Y 9BT.

We very much hope that you will join us. If you would like more information, please contact me by email at the above email address.

Best wishes, John Mitchell, Chairman
OTHER CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Bar Lesbian and Gay Group (BLAGG)

The Bar Lesbian and Gay Group - BLAGG exists to support lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender persons at whatever stage they are in the profession, whether or not they are 'out' and whether they want to enjoy the social side or are just seeking information and advice.

In addition, BLAGG carries out important policy work. We are regularly consulted by Government departments, high profile charities and foreign academics and practitioners, along with having close contacts with the Bar Council’s Equal Opportunities department.

We support the newly established ‘Pink Law’ project, run by Queen Mary's College. This is a free, legal service aimed to help lesbians and gay men. We invite and encourage all of our members to assist it.

BLAGG has also joined with LAGLA (the Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association) in organising several one-day conferences covering a wide range of lesbian and gay issues – employment, fostering and adoption, crime and marriage and partnerships.

“Welcome to the Bar” Drinks
Friday 9 November 2018 | 18:30
Garden Court Chambers, 57-60 Lincolns Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3LJ
Open to all student members of the Inn

For more information, or to get involved, please contact Stephen Lue at stephenl@gclaw.co.uk.

Bar Musical Society

The Society’s aim is to promote the love and appreciation of music by student members of the Inns, barristers and Judges. Applications to join the Society should be made to Nikolas Clarke, Field Court Chambers, 5, Field Court, Gray’s Inn, London WC1R 5EF or nikolas.clarke@fieldcourt.co.uk

Bar Yacht Club

New members are always welcome to join the Bar Yacht Club, especially Bar students, pupils and junior members of the Bar. Enthusiasm is more important than experience and there are always vacancies for crew if you aren’t confident of your abilities.

For more information visit the website: http://www.baryachtclub.org.uk/
Commonwealth in England Barristers’ Association (CEBA)

The Commonwealth in England Barristers’ Association (known as CEBA) exists to support lawyers from around the Commonwealth who are practising in England and to enable lawyers in England to support other lawyers who are practising in other Commonwealth jurisdictions.

Membership is free to students. Please apply by email to the Membership Secretary for Students at cebamember@hotmail.co.uk

The European Circuit of the Bar

Dear All,

I am writing to introduce The European Circuit of the Bar. The Circuit is an association of lawyers and law students who have an interest in cross-jurisdictional issues and EU Law. For young lawyers, it can often be challenging to decide which practice areas to target and how to develop the knowledge, experience and network needed to access further opportunities. Active membership of the Circuit will help in this endeavour by providing an environment where young lawyers can hone their understanding of international advocacy and take part in regular events hosted by leading practitioners.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about the Circuit and our events, please visit us at www.europeancircuit.com. You can also contact the Circuit directly at administrator@europeancircuit.com.

Kind regards,

Kieran Mercer
Membership

Free Representation Unit (FRU)

FRU volunteers provides legal advice, case preparation and advocacy in employment & social security. Our clients could not otherwise obtain legal support for want of personal means and public funding. To provide our service we train volunteer law students and legal professionals in the early stages of their career in the skills required to give confident and competent support for the rights of others. Our volunteer reps give their time for free, so whilst we try our best to cover as many cases as possible, we cannot always guarantee representation. There are about 270 volunteer representatives active in any year, most of whom are required to run their cases through our offices. You can find out about how to become a representative by visiting the Volunteers section of the website. http://www.thefru.org.uk/  T | 020 7611 9555
International Mooting Opportunity

Every year, a team of six students represents Middle Temple at the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna. This is the leading international commercial mooting competition and brings together the world's leading experts in international commercial arbitration. Students can expect to work hard, learn a lot and make some fantastic friends! Teamwork is key as you analyse and prepare the case. The team is coached by senior practitioners from One Essex Court and Essex Court Chambers, and students will receive advocacy training as well as attending pre-moots in London, Munich and Paris. All Middle Temple student members are welcome to apply, by sending a CV and supporting statement to MiddleTempleVis@Gmail.com by 5pm on 2 October 2018. Further information, including details of the selection criteria and recruitment process, is in the flyer at the back of this pack.

Pupillage Pages

The Pupillage Pages would like to congratulate and welcome to the Bar the new intake of BPTC students for 2018/19. For the majority of students, this will be the start of the pupillage application process and we are here to help guide you through that process in the most helpful way possible. The aim is to bring you all the information you will need to maximise your chances of being one of the few Bar students that make it to practice as barristers in England and Wales. The site offers advice and ideas at every stage of the process from deciding on law schools, practice areas and chambers right through to preparing you for pupillage interviews and bringing you information of interview dates, offers and the latest chambers news. The information is not generic and neither is it merely an add-on to content mainly aimed at solicitors. We work closely with various Chambers, BPTC providers and the Inns of Court to make sure you get the most useful advice and the latest news. The contributors from the site were all successful candidates in obtaining a pupillage so you can trust the advice given actually works. Make sure to give yourself the best chance possible at obtaining pupillage by visiting www.thepupillagepages.com.

Good luck for the coming year.
The Pupillage Pages Team

Vocalise

Vocalise trains aspiring barristers to teach debate at prisons across Greater London, and is a long running and prestigious program. You can see the full program outline and objectives on the Gray’s Inn website by following this link - https://www.graysinn.org.uk/education/student-members/vocalise.

Applications will open at 9am on Monday 10th September and will close on Saturday 6th October at midnight. Links will be posted on the Vocalise section of the Gray’s Inn website and via our Facebook and Twitter profiles. Successful applicants will be informed by the end of Monday 8th October - please be aware that if selected, there will be a training session that same week.

Yours,
The Vocalise Directors
info@vocalise.org.uk
Wellbeing at the Bar

We aim to tackle the stigma associated with mental health and encourage members of the profession, and those who support them to better understand and feel empowered to make healthy choices.

Wellbeing at the Bar aims to:

- Provide barristers and chambers’ personnel with the information and skills they need in order to stay well
- Support members of the profession through difficulties that affect a barrister’s professional life
- Provide assistance to those responsible for or who are supporting those in difficulty or crisis

Visit www.wellbeingatthebar.org.uk/ for more information.

Young Maritime Professionals  http://www.lslcymp.com/

YMP is a London based social, networking and educational association set up for the benefit and support of the younger members of the maritime and shipping industry. Join us to read and discuss topical issues, learn about YMP, find out more about our events and make new contacts.

The Young Maritime Professionals is an association founded under the auspices of the London Shipping Law Centre and specifically aimed at the younger generation in shipping. Our core membership is made up of members from every major maritime insurance law firms and Chambers. We welcome members from all areas of the industry from students, with an interest in shipping, to established professionals. Our aim is to promote cross-sector networking, education, exchange of knowledge and ideas and to further professional development. We run regular networking and educational events that may range from evening panel discussions, short talks, onsite visits or just purely social events.

These events provide the opportunity to meet peers and make those all-important connections and contacts that will become invaluable in our senior years!
MIDDLE TEMPLE PRESENTS

LIBRARY OPEN EVENING

Please join us for a relaxed and informal evening introducing new Members to the Library.

Learn about the Library’s fascinating history and find out how we can help as you start your careers at the Bar.

This is also an opportunity to meet other new Members, as well as to meet Members already established in their careers.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided, including wine and beer.

2 October from 5.45pm
Tasker’s, Ashley Building, Middle Temple Lane
Middle Temple Library Tours

Tours last approximately 30 minutes and are limited to 5 people.

You can simply show up on the day, or you can register at the Enquiry Desk, by email:
library@middletemple.org.uk or by phone: 020 7427 4830, or in person.

If you would prefer to book a different date or time just let us know.

All attendees will be entered into a prize draw for your choice of a bottle of champagne OR a gift certificate.

Middle Temple Library
Middle Temple Lane
London
EC4Y 9BT
CPD Legal Research Training

In need to of a legal research tune up? All sessions are free to attend for all Inns of Court members, from students to experienced practitioners.

The Essentials of Practical Legal Research
This session covers legal research finding tools and resources, online and in print, as well as offering guidance on navigating the internet when conducting electronic legal research. Legislation, case law and commentary sources will all be covered.

Wednesday 17 October, 6 – 7.30pm
Tuesday 23 October, 6 – 7.30pm

Advanced Electronic Searching
Master the art of searching subscription legal databases, familiarise yourself with Boolean logic and learn how to narrow and broaden your research results using connectors, fields and language.

Monday 5 November, 6 – 7.30pm
Tuesday 11 December, 6 – 7.30pm

Navigating the Free Legal Web
Highlights some of the best and most useful free legal resources on the internet. Different practice areas will be looked at, along with foreign and international resources and different legal materials, from legislation to case reports.

Thursday 25 October, 6 – 7.30pm

All sessions qualify for CPD

To book your place, email library@middletemple.org.uk telephone 020 7427 4830 or speak to a member of Library staff.
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I’ve attached a list of our meetings this year. We very much hope that you will join us. If you like more information, please contact us using the MTHS email address.

Master John Mitchell

2018

Tuesday 30th October Professor Tony Lentin

St George in a Wig: The Life of Mr Justice McCardie
Professor Lentin of Wolfson College Cambridge is the biographer of Mr Justice McCardie who was variously described both as a ‘public nuisance of the first magnitude’ and ‘one of the most interesting men on the Bench’. Please book by the 26th October.

Wednesday 28 November Professor Jerry Brotton

The Sale of the Late King’s Good: Charles I and his Art Collection
Professor Brotton, Professor of Renaissance Studies at Queen Mary, University of London, will tell the story of how nearly 2,000 paintings, tapestries and statues which formed Charles I’s art collection were sold during the Commonwealth. Please book by the 26th November.

2019

Tuesday 5th February Master John Mitchell

Six Swans, One Stag and Three Kegs of Sturgeon: The 1619 Reading of James Whitelocke
Master Mitchell marks the four hundredth anniversary of James Whitelocke’s Reader’s Feast by talking about his life and the importance of readings in the reign of James I. Please book by the 1st February.

Tuesday 12th March Master Pat Edwards

Fury Like So Many Vents of Hell
Master Pat Edwards will describe how fires have threatened the Inn and its Hall over centuries. Please book by the 8th March.

Thursday 11th April

Inn Portraits
Lesley Whitelaw, the Inn’s Archivist will conduct a tour of some of the Inn’s portraits. This is not a supper talk and is free. Places are limited and must be booked by the 1st April
Welcome New Students!
As you may well know, Revels is a comedy show written and performed by Middle Templars every year at Christmas. It is performed in Middle Temple Hall over two days and it consists of sketches and songs, sung with a live band. The show has a long history going back at least 400 years. It has changed shape over time, but it has always retained the tradition of being a little rebellious.

Who we need:
*Actors* *Singers* *Musicians* *Writers* *Light and Sound technicians*

What commitments are involved:
- Rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday evening starting 4th October through to December (some flexibility) as we create the show from scratch
- Longer Sunday rehearsals on 2nd and 9th December, which you must attend
- Dress Rehearsals in the evening on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December, which you also need to attend.
- The show nights this year are Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December.

We want to reassure you that the majority of Revellers have done the show alongside their studies and continued after pupillage and tenancy. We know there is so much talent among Middle Templars! This is a chance to show off your skills and have some fun. Plus, you can pride yourself on the fact that all proceeds raised from the performance go to charity. This year we’re supporting the Sir Paul Jenkins’ Memorial Fund.

We will be at the Introductory Session for London Students on 25th September, so come and speak to us. Or if you want to get in touch with us at any other time, please do email us at middletemplerevels@gmail.com

Please note that auditions this year are on 2nd October 2018 from 18:30 at Middle Temple Advocacy Suites at the top of the Ashley Building.

Meanwhile, if you want to see the kinds of songs and sketches we have created here are some clips from previous performances: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL6nFLk2RI40k1HBeSeBnwA

And if you want to know more about the history of Revels, check out this article the Middle Temple Archives produced last year: https://www.middletemple.org.uk/library-archive/archive-information-contacts/archive-month/december-2017-christmas-revels-masques

We hope to see you soon!
MIDDLE TEMPLE VIS MOOT TEAM

2018/2019

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

WHAT IS IT?
The Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is held annually in Vienna. The competition lasts for one week, and attracts over 360 teams from around the globe.

As part of the Middle Temple team, you will be competing against international teams of law students and trainee lawyers and running your own case before some of the world’s leading arbitrators.

As well as Vienna, you will also travel to Munich and Paris to take part in the international pre-moots and will participate in at least two London-based moots.

Further details, including dates, can be found at: https://vismoot.pace.edu/

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
The Middle Temple has a history of success. Previous teams have reached the final rounds in Vienna and have won the London pre-moots, with individual mooters also receiving winning scores. The 2018 team beat the Cambridge team (eventual runners-up in Vienna) in a moot before Lord Phillips.

Applicants must be student members of Middle Temple. We are looking for individuals who are hungry to learn, and a team which is committed to working hard and to winning. In particular, we will be looking for evidence of:

- Team working skills;
- Strong organisational and time management skills;
- Academic ability;
- Drive and determination.

Experience of debating, mooting or other public speaking is desirable but not essential.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?
Under the tuition of Jeffrey Gruder QC (Essex Court Chambers) and Zoe O’Sullivan QC (One Essex Court) you will:

- Receive advocacy training from leading experts in arbitration;
- Develop an astute understanding of international commercial law;
- Learn to draft professional memoranda;
- Learn to manage your time effectively;
- Begin to understand the realities of case management.

HOW DO I APPLY?
Please prepare and an email statement of:

- A maximum 80 words on why you want to be part of the Middle Temple VIS team; and
- A maximum 200 words, setting out how you meet the criteria described in ‘What are we looking for?’.

Send this with a copy of your CV (maximum 2 pages), and your Middle Temple membership number, to: MiddleTempleVIS@gmail.com by Tuesday 2 October 2018 at 5pm.

All applications will be reviewed by at least two members of the 2017-18 team, and 10-12 shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. Interviews will be conducted by the coaches and a member of the 2017-18 team, and will be held in London on 4/5 October – applicants should ensure they are available on those dates. Successful applicants will be informed of the exact time, date and venue by email. Please note that it will not be possible to provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

IMPORTANT - BPTC EXAMS
It should be noted that the Vienna competition clashes with the Civil and Criminal Procedure exams in April 2019. Team members will be entitled by the BSB to defer these exams until August 2019 (as a first attempt not a re-sit).
THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BARRISTERS

*Founded in 1991, the AWB monitors and represents the interests of women at the English Bar. Everyone is welcome to join regardless of gender!*

The identifiable problems that we keep under review include:

- Problems returning to chambers after maternity leave or other career breaks;
- The disproportionate effect of public funding cuts on women due to the concentration of women practising at the family and criminal bars;
- Representation of women in silk and in judicial office.

**Our mentorship scheme is currently being revised but we aim to be able to offer two meetings with a mentor to new students who want to be mentored by a more senior member of the AWB in the coming year.**

Last year we ran two networking events (Christmas and summer drinks) and held clinics to support our members considering applying for silk or judicial appointment (never too early to think about it!!). In the past we have also organised events on FGM, honour based violence and forced marriage.

This year we plan to hold a roundtable event to discuss bullying in the workplace (following on from the Bar Council’s Anti-Bullying survey) and an event discussing femicide. We also look forward to our networking drinks events as ever….

Details of all our events can be found on the AWB website.

We also may be able to fund a limited number of new students joining who wish to attend the Society of Asian Lawyers Ball on 27 October (expressions of interest to the AWB by 30 September).

*For more information or to join go to:*

[www.womenbarristers.com](http://www.womenbarristers.com)

*Click on: Join us*

*Follow Link to: new student members may set up direct debit [here](http://www.womenbarristers.com)*

Membership for students is £10 per annum, payable by direct debit as above.

*For further information please email*

Lynne.Townley@city.ac.uk
MASTER TREASURER’S
KARAOKE NIGHT
IN SUPPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPEAL
THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER
MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL
18:00 - DOORS
18:05 – LECTURE
18:30 - 19:00 - WINE RECEPTION
18:45 - KARAOKE!
23:00 - CARRIAGES
SELECTION OF HOT AND COLD FOOD SERVED

Tickets:
Benchers and Barrister Members - £20
Students and under 7 years Call/Pupillage - £15
All Members of The Inns of Court and their guests welcome
All tickets include a donation to the Scholarship Fund Appeal

Dress Code: Casual

Booking details
Hall members and students register via the Treasury on 020 7427 4800
Or online via www.middletemple.org.uk
Masters of the Bench register via benchers@middletemple.org.uk
To book a song slot email members@middletemple.org.uk with your request.
Middle Temple Northern & North Eastern Circuit Dinner 2018

Join fellow Middle Templars for a reception and dinner at The Lowry Hotel in Manchester, the perfect opportunity to catch-up with friends and colleagues.

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2018
THE LOWRY HOTEL, MANCHESTER
18:30 FOR 19:30

Registration via The Middle Temple Website

For Middle Temple students and transferring lawyers - this event counts as one Qualifying Session.

To encourage contact between Middle Templars on Circuit and BPTC students, you may want to consider making it possible for students to attend as your guests. Members are invited to purchase a ticket for a Circuit based student with a particular interest in practising on that Circuit who will join them at the dinner.

We have reserved rooms at the Manchester Marriott, Victoria and Albert Hotel, at £159. Please call 0161 838 4111 and book by 12 October. Please quote MIDDLETEMPLE. Or book via reservation link here

For further information please contact James Rogerson at j.rogerson@middletemple.org.uk or on 020 7427 6388

TICKET PRICES

Members over seven years Call £60

Members under seven years Call £40

Student members £20

Guests £60

Book early
Dress code: Black Tie

www.middletemple.org.uk
MIDDLE TEMPLE MIDLAND CIRCUIT DINNER 2018

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2018
OPUS RESTAURANT, BIRMINGHAM
19:00 FOR 19:30

MENU
Starters
Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
Seed Granola
Confit Guinea Fowl Terrine
Golden Raisins and Caper Puree, Seasonal Leaves
Classic Fish Bouillabaisse
Saffron Potatoes and Rouille
Creamy Goats Cheese
Evesham Beetroots, Walnuts

Main
Roasted Fillet Of Devon Cod
Cauliflower & Pearl Barley Risotto, Parsley & Capers
Slow Cooked Blade Of Beef
Creamed Potatoes, Roasted Autumn Vegetables, Red Wine Jus
Breast Of Cornfed Chicken
Dauphinoise Potato, Creamy Wild Mushroom Sauce
Truffled Artichoke Risotto
Savoury Seed Tuille

Dessert
Pershore Orchard Fruit Fool
Granola
Apple & Cinnamon Tart Tatin
Muscovado & Vanilla Ice Cream, Spiced Toffee Sauce
Marbled Chocolate Cheesecake
Orange Mousse, Honeycomb & Pistachio Crumble

TICKET PRICES
Members over seven years Call - £60
Members under seven years Call - £40
Student members - £20

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