

Outer Temple



Pupillage In Brief



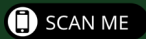
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Outer Temple Chambers



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About us

Outer Temple Chambers is one of the leading civil commercial chambers in the country. We undertake a range of the highest quality work that few other London chambers can rival.

We have a global footprint, with offices in London and Dubai, and members and associates based in not only London and Dubai, but also, e.g., New York, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Given our global reach, our work often has a significant international flavour. Not only do our barristers appear in overseas jurisdictions, but many of our clients are overseas, and our cases frequently involve foreign law and complex conflict of law and jurisdiction issues.

We are recognised as a leading set in 9 practice areas and 77 of our members are recognised as leading juniors or silks in Chambers & Partners (UK and Global) and Legal 500 (UK and EMEA).

Our key practice areas can broadly be divided into 'Business Services' and 'Health Services'.

Business Expertise

Pensions

We are widely regarded as the go-to set for pensions, employee benefit trusts and other commercial trust cases. We offer dual-expertise specialists in pensions law and complementary specialisms like banking, financial services, employment and criminal regulatory proceedings. Members of the team have consistently been instructed in the leading pension cases and regularly act for major industry bodies, including the Pensions Regulator.

Employment & Discrimination

We are one of the leading employment sets in the country, leading the biggest equal pay claims currently being litigated, and have appeared in successful challenges to public sector pension reforms by judges, firefighters, doctors and others. We routinely appear in landmark cases, including in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal and we are particularly known for our 'cross-over' work with pensions, financial services and psychiatric injury.

Commercial litigation

This spans a wide range of areas, such as fintech and digital assets, banking, financial services, civil fraud, insolvency, professional negligence, company law and sports law. We were awarded Technology, Data and Crypto Set of the Year (2023) by Legal 500. Banking & financial services work ranges from big ticket litigation to high profile regulatory cases. We have been involved in many highly publicised civil fraud and asset recovery multi-jurisdictional proceedings.

International arbitration

The team has substantial experience of international arbitration as counsel, in expedited proceedings and emergency arbitration proceedings, enforcement of awards, and satellite litigation arising from arbitration disputes. We have multi-lingual barristers trained under many different common law and civil law systems and regularly work with clients in the UK and around the world.

Business Crime, Regulation & Sanctions

One of Chambers' fastest-growing areas. Members advise corporates, governments and individuals on sanctions risks, and have acted in two of the highest profile High Court challenges to sanctions designations so far. We operate in the civil, criminal and regulatory fields (domestically and internationally) and a number of our members specialise in investigations both for corporates, governments and international organisations, as well as defending them.

Private Client & Trusts

Our barristers specialise in a broad range of private client matters, including trusts, wills, probate and inheritance matters, as well as Court of Protection work. Our barristers are members of STEP, ACTAPS and ConTrA and listed in the Private Client Global Elite. Members are renowned around the world, particularly in the Middle East, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Health Expertise

Personal Injury

We are a long-established, leading set in this field, acting for both claimants and defendants. Members regularly act in cases involving injuries of the utmost severity, including catastrophic brain, spinal and amputation injuries, and are instructed by many of the leading firms nationwide. Senior members of the team often lead teams of juniors in large and complex cases. We also have particular expertise in a number of sub-specialities, including cross-border injury litigation, equine and sports injuries, industrial disease (including mesothelioma claims), child abuse claims, military claims, stress-at-work claims, and group actions.

Clinical Negligence

A leading set in this field, members act in a wide range of clinical disputes, for claimants and defendants, ranging from catastrophic neo-natal and birth-injury cases, surgical or psychiatric negligence, spinal injuries and delayed diagnosis. Members regularly appear at Coroners' Inquests, and our clinical negligence work complements our medical regulatory and disciplinary work. We also have a particular specialism in product liability in the medical arena (including medical device litigation). Pupils can expect to see a wide variety of interesting cases in this area.

Public and Court of Protection

We have been involved in many leading cases before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, working across many of Chambers' core practice areas.

The Court of Protection Team deal with high value property and affairs matters, working closely with the Private Client Team. The team also carries out many complex capacity, serious medical treatment and welfare cases. The Public Law Team regularly appear in the Administrative Court and specialist Tribunals. The team works with the Business Crime Team and has recently been particularly busy with sanctions related proceedings. The team has great depth in education law and across health, social welfare, competition, regulatory and financial services areas.

Our broad base of specialisms, and our culture of close collaboration, benefits our clients hugely but also means our members can have as broad or as focused a practice as they want.



Pupillage at Outer Temple represents a great opportunity to be exposed to a diverse range of practice areas and to obtain the skills necessary to succeed at the Bar. We pride ourselves on having a great track record of recruiting and training pupils who go on to be offered tenancy and to thrive as members of Chambers."

Saul Margo Head of Pupillage

Pupillage in brief

We recruit pupils via the Bar Council's online portal, Pupillage Gateway, for twelve-month pupillages and follow the Gateway timetable.

We offer up to three full time pupillages and have no preference for an undergraduate law degree over the one-year GDL conversion course. We look for the best candidates whatever their background. You will receive a structured, well supported, challenging, and well remunerated pupillage experience.

We ask applicants to indicate whether they would like to specialise in particular areas of OTC's work during pupillage, or whether they would rather see a variety of work across a wide range of practice areas but this does not affect our assessment of any application.

We positively encourage applications from groups who are under-represented at the Bar such as women, those from ethnic minorities, persons with a disability and others.

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