

About us

Farrar's Building is recognised as a **leading set** of Chambers in both major directory publications. We have a long-established reputation for offering specialist advocacy and advice in personal injury, clinical and professional negligence, insurance and commercial litigation, employment, inquests, public inquiries, and disciplinary tribunals.

Our clients describe us in the main legal directories as *'a friendly but professional set that always produces work of the highest standard'*, **'accessible, approachable'**, with our staffing team classed as *'true professionals'*. Farrar's Building provides excellent opportunities for pupils to obtain a broad range of experience during their training, with members acting for a variety of corporate bodies, insurance companies, governmental departments, sporting bodies and players, disciplinary, regulatory, and professional bodies, as well as individuals.

We are committed to our **award-winning** ESG initiatives and responsibilities, including supporting disability and neurodiversity at the Bar, actively engaging with and supporting social mobility organisations, participating in pilot schemes with the Bar Council on sustainability, and our commitment to pro bono work. We were delighted to win **'Best ESG Campaign of the Year'** at the Personal Injury Awards.

Recent awards shortlistings include **'Personal Injury Set of the Year'**, **'Personal Injury Junior of the Year'**, **'Sports Silk of the Year'**, **'Professional Disciplinary Silk of the Year'** and **'Employment Junior of the Year'** at the Legal 500 Bar Awards and Chambers UK Bar Awards. A number of our juniors have been recognised for their pro bono work, receiving shortlistings for **'Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year'** at the Bar Pro Bono Awards.

How to Apply

Farrar's Building is a member of Pupillage Gateway and applications are to be made through:

www.pupillagegateway.com

There is a minimum qualification requirement of a 2.1 degree. If any further information is required please email us at pupillage@farrarsbuilding.co.uk



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Members

We currently have 60 tenants, comprising eight King's Counsel and 52 junior counsel. Members of Chambers practice predominately in London and the South-East, but appear in Courts and Tribunals in all parts of the UK. Our Members retain strong personal and professional links with Wales.

Pupillage at Farrar's Building

Farrar's Building is embarking on an exciting period of growth and transition; recruiting outstanding individuals through our pupillage process is an integral part of that journey. We are looking for candidates who demonstrate not only the dedication and commitment to have a successful career at Farrar's Building, but who also demonstrate the qualities to become the next generation of leaders at our set. Our pupils will be provided with the foundations to have distinguished careers with Farrar's Building; such foundations which have provided many previous tenants opportunities to take silk, or opportunities to take judicial appointments on Circuit, or in the High Court or appellate courts.

Structure

Farrar's Building provides excellent opportunities for pupils to obtain a broad range of experience during their training. Two twelve-month pupillages are usually offered, commencing in October each year. Pupillage is organised in three, four-month periods. The second four months is focussed on assisting pupils make the transition from the initial non-practising training and mentoring phases of their career, onto managing their own practice from their second six. During this period pupils will be in court with junior members of Chambers on a regular basis, experiencing the type of work they will be expected to undertake as soon as they are 'on their feet'. Pupils are also provided opportunities to immerse themselves in high value and high-profile cases shadowing our senior juniors and KCs in conferences, settlement meetings and trials.

Award

The pupillage award is currently £85,000, which consists of a £42,500 award and a further £42,500 in guaranteed earnings.

A Year in the Life of our Pupils

Holly Girven

Holly undertook her pupillage at Farrar's Building between October 2022 and September 2023. Here, she offers an insight into her life as a pupil.



From the outset of my pupillage it was clear that the atmosphere in Chambers was friendly and relaxed. I was made to feel very welcome and really enjoyed my pupillage experience, and a large part of that was due to feeling supported by members and staff.

Pupillage consisted of three, four month rotations with different supervisors. During my non-practising first six months, I shadowed my supervisors in court, conferences and joint settlement meetings. I also had the opportunity to observe other members in mediations and court, including the Employment Appeal Tribunal, the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

Observing a variety of members enabled me to gain experience across a wide range of cases, with a focus on personal injury and clinical negligence. I was given written work to complete by my supervisors, including particulars of claim, defences, schedules and counter-schedules. I also undertook a few noting briefs, for example attending a sentencing hearing for death by dangerous driving to take a note for a solicitor in preparation for planned civil proceedings.

I found the feedback during this time really useful, enabling me to compare my work to that of my supervisors and to develop my knowledge across Chambers' core areas of expertise.

Towards the end of my first six, I was able to shadow junior members in court, to gain experience of the types of hearings I would be undertaking during my second six. This allowed me to observe a variety of advocacy styles, and ask any questions about the case, or their practice generally.

During my second six I attended courts around the country on average four days a week, from Clerkenwell, to Huddersfield and Bournemouth, to name just a few. I completed hearings including road traffic liability disputes, credit hire quantum disputes, Stage 3 hearings, and procedural applications. Appearing in court regularly is a great aspect of pupillage at Farrar's Building, I learnt a lot and my advocacy developed significantly. I was also able to build on my previous experience before coming to the Bar and was instructed in regulatory law cases on a number of occasions as a pupil.

I used the days when I was not in court to continue completing paperwork for my supervisors, and other members. I also continued to observe my supervisor in court where possible. I felt very well supported during my second six, and there was always someone who would be willing to help, especially via a "Pupillage Hotline" WhatsApp chat. I received feedback throughout pupillage, including a full report from each supervisor, which supported my professional development.

The assessment process during pupillage was clear to me from the outset of pupillage. I completed an assessed piece of written work for each supervisor, which included particulars of claim for a complex clinical negligence case, an advice on quantum and an advice on procedural issues. I was given clear deadlines for each piece, but my supervisors ensured that I was not given other work during that time so I could focus on the assessed work. The tenancy interview involved preparing a skeleton argument and making submissions before a general discussion with a panel of members and staff. I felt like everyone genuinely wanted me to succeed in this process and I felt fully supported by a friendly, approachable team throughout, providing me with an excellent foundation to start my career at the Bar.