



9BR CHAMBERS PUPILLAGE: OVERVIEW

Chambers is not part of the Pupillage Gateway Scheme. However, the timetable for applications and communication of offers is the same as the Pupillage Gateway Scheme. Applications can be submitted from **03 January 2024**. The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on **07 February 2024**.

9BR will offer four pupillages starting in October 2025:

- **Crime:** three pupillages are offered to candidates wishing to focus on (domestic) criminal law.
- **International:** one pupillage is offered to candidates wishing to focus on international law and extradition law.

As set out below, the application process differs depending on the desired track. Candidates wishing to apply to both tracks must submit a full, separate application for each.

We welcome applications from applicants from all backgrounds and are proud to draw our members from a diverse range of backgrounds. We are committed to equality and diversity throughout our practices and our recruitment process. Members of Chambers and those directly involved in recruitment decisions are regularly in receipt of both specialist equality and diversity training and fair recruitment training.

9BR Chambers will hold first round interviews and final interviews in person at 9BR Chambers in London. The first-round interview consists of three set questions. The final round interview involves an advocacy exercise followed by questions from our Pupillage Committee.

Offers will be made on **10 May 2024** (9:30am) in accordance with the timetable set by the Bar Council. The deadline for accepting initial offers is **17 May 2024** (9:30am).

Crime track pupils spend four months with each supervisor in their first 12 months and 6 months with their final supervisor once they are on their feet, to ensure they have as rounded a training as possible and are exposed to the full breadth of Chambers' practice.

Once on their feet, pupils will be kept very busy with 9BR Chambers' diverse and growing practice and can expect to be in court every day with a wide variety of work, regularly earning in excess of the minimum guaranteed earnings threshold. During their first six months, pupils will be reimbursed for occasional travel outside of the Southeast and London Circuits. We will also cover the cost of any mandatory training undertaken during pupillage.

The **International** track will involve training alongside the three (domestic) crime pupils, with a view to also developing expertise in international law and extradition.

During the non-practising 'first six', the pupil will be assigned to at least one supervisor from Chambers' International Team and will work on cases involving international criminal/humanitarian law and extradition law. The nature of the work will depend on the supervisor's practice and their current caseload. During the practising portion of pupillage, there will be a particular focus on developing an extradition practice, with regular attendance at Westminster Magistrates' Court and possibly the Administrative Court.

The pupil will be expected to obtain a solid grounding in English criminal law and may appear in domestic criminal proceedings. The pupil will spend part of the first-six with a domestic practitioner and will be expected to participate fully in Chambers' advocacy training, which is largely focussed on domestic criminal practice.

Crime: Application Process

Your application to the Crime track must include the documents set out below.

Covering letter of no more than 600 words evidencing your experiences and successes, and answering within it the following questions:

- Which skills and talents do you possess which will make you a successful criminal barrister?
- Why are you applying to 9BR Chambers in particular?
- In light of the challenges facing the criminal bar, how will you develop a successful practice?

Curriculum vitae of no more than two pages, in Times New Roman, font size 12 and normal spacing, containing *inter alia* your current mobile telephone number and contact email address.

Completed **Equality and Diversity Monitoring Form**, available on our website.

These documents must be sent to pupillage@9brchambers.co.uk as pdf files and titled according to the following format:

Surname, First Name, 9BR Application 2025 – CRIME – [insert as appropriate] CV / Cover Letter / Monitoring Form

International: Application Process

Your application to the International track must include the documents set out below.

Covering letter of no more than 600 words evidencing your experiences and successes, and answering within it the following questions:

- What attracts you to pupillage at 9BR Chambers?
- What triggered your interest in international/extradition law? Is there any particular area which interests you?
- Describe your experience of these areas of law (preferably with specific examples).
- How would you hope to make a successful practice at 9BR Chambers?

Curriculum vitae of no more than two pages, in Times New Roman, font size 12 and normal spacing, including your mobile telephone number and contact email address.

Completed **Equality and Diversity Monitoring Form**, available on our website.

These three documents must be sent to pupillage@9brchambers.co.uk as pdf files and titled according to the following format:

Surname, First Name, 9BR Application 2025 – INTERNATIONAL– [insert as appropriate] Cover Letter / CV / Monitoring Form

Selection criteria

- Intelligence
- Talent for oral and written advocacy
- Interpersonal skills
- Business acumen
- Integrity and trustworthiness
- Determination and commitment to building an international/extradition practice or criminal practice (depending on the track)

Tips

- Note: the contents of your covering email will not be considered by those marking your application. As such, please ensure that all relevant information is contained within your attached CV and Cover Letter.
- Similarly, additional documents/attachments will not be considered.
- Whilst 9BR Chambers does not have a minimum 'grade' requirement, if you have genuine extenuating circumstances to advance, please include a short paragraph at the end of your Cover Letter document. Any short additional paragraph will not count towards the word count (600 words maximum).
- We will confirm receipt within 48 hours maximum – if you have not received a confirmation email within this time, please contact us by email.
- Please ensure that you have submitted all three documents in pdf, and that all documents are titled according to the specified format.