

3 HARE COURT

Claire Errington's Pupillage insight

Pupillage at 3 Hare Court is split into two six-month stints. During your first 'six', you will spend the majority of your time working with and learning from three supervisors in two-month long 'seats'. In these seats your supervisors will have you completing drafting exercises, preparing advices, conducting research tasks (including the odd mad-dash to the library as and when it's required!) and anything in between. In addition to completing paperwork tasks you will also get to sit in on some members' hearings. This is great preparation for second six where you'll transition from sitting in on hearings to conducting them yourself, albeit for lower value claims.

Alongside first six, you may find yourself completing your Inn Advocacy Course and Professional Ethics exams. It is important you let your supervisors know what time constraints these commitments may bring you; they should be amenable and understanding of these additional requirements of pupillage.

Whilst first six provides a useful insight into the work of more senior members of chambers, second six sees you taking the reins for yourself. I, like my co-pupil Anna, was fortunate to be on the receiving end of first-class teaching from all my supervisors. They were kind, approachable and (perhaps dauntingly!) intelligent – which only increased my motivation to impress.

The prospect of second six is certainly intimidating. You will again have three supervisors for two-month stints during this six too, however you will gradually find yourself doing less paperwork for your supervisors and more of your own work as your practice builds. Indeed, things will take you twice as long at the start of second six than they do at the end of second six. This is okay. You are learning a lot in a short space of time and it's important to make sure you are understanding the fundamentals which will eventually come more easily to you as the months go on.

You will have to be flexible, as things will come in and out of your diary and usually do so at short notice (such is the way of life for us barristers!). However, in my experience, if you are in a pinch or having a panic there is always someone at chambers able and willing to speak an issue through with you on the phone... We've all been there!

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Pupillage really is a year like no other; it is challenging, but you will be astounded by the amount you have learnt by the end of it. The experiences 3 Hare Court provided me throughout pupillage were invaluable to both my career and personal development generally, and I'd thoroughly recommend you apply here.



[Claire Errington](#) joined 3 Hare Court as a tenant in October 2022 following the successful completion of her pupillage in chambers. Her practice focuses on commercial, public, sport, travel and personal injury law, with both domestic and international elements.

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