

# 3 HARE COURT

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## Tabitha Hutchison's Pupillage insight

From the start of pupillage through to my first weeks as a tenant in Chambers, I have been struck by the variety of work on offer at 3 Hare Court. Pupillage was a whirlwind tour of the many practice areas in which members of Chambers are instructed.

Stops on that tour (no package travel pun intended) included:

- A high-value, cross-jurisdictional personal injury matter involving novel arguments as to the duty of care owed by holiday booking platforms;
- The landmark Russian Aircraft Operator case, in which the High Court considered whether the Claimants would obtain a fair trial in Russia;
- A personal injury case which engaged English, Russian, South African, Maltese and Antarctic elements;
- The long-running, \$3 billion fraud case of *Bourlakova v Bourlakov*; and
- A broad range of Privy Council matters, from appeals against death sentences to malicious prosecution and contractual disputes.

First-six pupils spend their time observing and assisting their supervisors. I attended hearings and conferences, drafted pleadings, opinions and skeleton arguments, and had the opportunity to co-author articles for external publications. Pupils are expected and encouraged to work with silks in Chambers, which gives you valuable exposure to very senior work. You will find that every assignment is either part of a live matter or directed at a particular learning objective; there is no "busywork".

Since April, I have been exposed to a similar variety of work whilst "on my feet". On average, I have been in Court three to four days a week. As an advocate, I have appeared in fast-track personal injury trials, insolvency hearings, and a 4-day discrimination trial in the Employment Tribunal, among other matters. As a second-six pupil, whenever you are not in Court (or preparing), there is time to develop a written practice, as well as to continue learning from your supervisors. My supervisors always encouraged me to prioritise my own work and were on hand to answer questions.

More generally, the environment in Chambers is very supportive. Detailed feedback is provided at the end of each "seat", and there is an outlet for any question or concern, whether a WhatsApp message to the junior juniors, a trip to the clerks' room, or just a conversation with your neighbour at the Thursday Lunch Club.

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As those reading this will likely know, the pupillage application process can be a daunting one, not least the task of deciding where to direct your efforts. 3 Hare Court is a natural choice for anyone planning to develop a broad practice with international elements, and prospective pupils can be confident that they will be set up for success as advocates at the civil and common law Bar.

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[Tabitha Hutchison](#) joined Chambers in October 2024, following successful completion of her pupillage. She accepts instructions in all of Chambers' core practice areas, with a particular focus on commercial work and travel law.

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