

Serle Court Unfunded Pupillage Policy

From time to time Serle Court offers unfunded pupillages of up to 12 months' duration to suitably qualified candidates who will practise overseas after pupillage.

We do not offer such pupillages to anyone who intends to practise as a barrister in England & Wales and unfunded pupils are ineligible to be considered for tenancy (subject to the final paragraph of this policy). Any candidates who wishes to be considered for tenancy with us, or who intends to practise in this jurisdiction should apply through our normal application process for either a funded 12 month pupillage or a tenancy as an established practitioner as appropriate.

In selecting unfunded pupils we look for:

- Outstanding intellectual ability
- Strong analytical and communication skills
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, Chancery/Commercial work
- The potential to excel in their jurisdiction after pupillage

We give preference to candidates who intend to return to practice in jurisdictions or practice areas where Chambers has and /or wishes to develop its business.

Any offer of unfunded pupillage is subject to chambers obtaining an advertising and pupillage award waiver from the Bar Standards Board. Those offered unfunded pupillages must have the requisite visa and other permissions and it is their responsibility to ensure that Bar Standards Board and all other requirements are fulfilled.

Applications for unfunded pupillages should be made by sending a covering email and detailed CV prepared by reference to the criteria above to pupillage@serlecourt.co.uk marked "Unfunded Pupillage".

In exceptional circumstances chambers may offer tenancies to experienced non-barrister practitioners or others with relevant experience who need to first qualify as barristers of England and Wales. Such individuals may be offered unfunded pupillages as part of their tenancy offer. Further information in this regard is available from chambers' Chief Executive.