PUPILLAGE
Information for applicants

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Welcome to Atkin Chambers

We are a commercial set of Chambers at the forefront of construction, energy and infrastructure law at the Bar. Members are globally renowned for what they do and work on some of the biggest, most complex infrastructure disputes across the world.

Closer to home, members are also regularly involved in domestic disputes arising out of UK engineering, infrastructure, IT and PFI projects.

Members’ clients rely on them to provide commercial advice to help them find the right solution for their businesses and members are committed to obtaining the best possible outcomes for them.

First and foremost however, our members are advocates. They like to be on their feet and are regulars in the Business, Property and Appellate Courts, and in many international arbitral forums. They also have significant expertise in ADR.

The purpose is to teach our pupils the skills needed to become successful members of Chambers in all of these areas. We aim to do this by ensuring pupils are exposed to the wide variety of work which comes into Chambers and by offering the chance to learn from established and experienced practitioners and practice managers.

Chambers’ continued success depends on maintaining the reputation for excellence for which its members are known. To this end, we are committed to recruiting the best candidates for pupillage. Our market-leading pupillage award reflects that approach.

Fiona Parkin QC
Chair, Pupillage Committee
“The set houses experienced barristers who offer substantial expertise across the full range of construction-related matters. Its members are ubiquitous in the sector and regularly represent prominent employers and contractors in top-end domestic and international disputes.”

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Key facts

• 45 members.

• Acting in major infrastructure projects across the world including the Panama Canal, Dubai Metro, airports in Gibraltar, Oman and elsewhere, numerous offshore wind farms, and energy pipelines across Europe, Europe and Asia.

• Landmark projects closer to home include The Shard, Wembley and Twickenham, the upgrade of London Underground, the Rolls Building, and energy projects including the 2017 Supreme Court case related to Scotland’s first offshore wind farm in the Solway Firth.

• Top ranked for our core practice areas in the leading legal directories.
The pupillage offer

The general policy of Chambers is to grow at a measured rate through the recruitment of tenants, usually at a rate of one or two a year.

Chambers takes recruitment to pupillage and tenancy extremely seriously, and pays the market-leading pupillage award to reflect this (currently £72,500).

Atkin Chambers does not operate as part of the Pupillage Gateway so please check atkinchambers.com for application opening and closing dates (usually end September to mid December for the pupillage year starting two years later).

Chambers invites applications from prospective pupils who are, as a minimum, in their final year of their law degree or (for non-law graduates) undertaking the GDL.
The pupillage year is structured to accommodate both the Bar Council’s training requirements and the additional training we deem necessary for successful entry into the high-quality commercial and international work that a career as a barrister at Atkin Chambers involves.

Full details of the application and selection process, and the training, support and assessment that pupils receive, are contained in our pupillage policy on our website.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Burrows, clerk to the pupillage committee, on pupillage@atkinchambers.com.
Why apply to Atkin Chambers?

“The intellectual breadth of Chambers’ members is really quite outstanding. They work really hard, incredibly hard. Being that committed and having that attitude inspires one to do likewise. This is not a set where people just do enough to get the job done. Everyone goes for that extra value and that extra mile for clients.”

“Everybody is friendly and approachable. Don’t be intimidated it is not actually an ivory tower.”

“It’s very friendly and that’s important because you may be here for life but that’s not necessarily something you think about when you’re starting off but it’s certainly something that candidates should think about when choosing between offers.”

“Construction Law is intellectually stimulating with plenty of opportunities for interesting and important work.” “So while I didn’t initially set out to be a construction barrister, I really cannot imagine doing anything else now.”
“Atkin members are involved in landmark and high-profile cases on leading contract and tort issues at the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, and a lot of important international arbitration that isn’t reported.”

“That international aspect working with international clients really does make each case really different. You’ll get to see how clients do business in different ways, in different jurisdictions.”
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