The University of Law ("ULaw") is committed to ensuring you have the advice and support you need to make successful pupillage applications. Our unique Future Pupil Programme means that you’ll be able to prepare for pupillage applications from the moment you accept your place with ULaw.

### CV STARTER PACK
Sent as soon as you accept your place at ULaw, this will be your guide to ensuring your CV is Bar-focused.

### PUPILLAGE HEALTH CHECK
Once you accept your place at ULaw you’ll be invited to meet one of our Specialist Careers Advisors to review your CV and get strategic advice on future pupillage applications. This is followed in June or July by our preparing for the Bar workshop, which is a chance to hear from current BPTC students about how to make the best of the year ahead.

### PRO BONO AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES
Participate in our award-winning pro bono activities and enter prestigious national and international advocacy competitions. We also run internal competitions and workshops.

### ONE-TO-ONE APPOINTMENTS
Available in person, on the phone, via email or via Skype. These can cover anything from general strategic advice to feedback on your applications and mock interviews tailored to you.

### PUPILLAGE INTERVIEW WORKSHOPS
Prepare for pupillage interviews in groups of four with a Specialist Careers Advisor and BPTC tutors ready to grill you.

### PUPILLAGE PANEL EVENTS
We run a range of events from practice-specific panels to How to Succeed at the Junior Bar, and our celebrated Pupillage Application Question Time. We also run a mock advocacy competition where you can meet barristers in a more formatted setting. We also run events on the non-legal aspects of your practice from tax consultants and chambers’ marketing managers.

### POST-BPTC ADVICE
Even if you obtain pupillage whilst you’re on the BPTC, you will likely to have a year to fill before you start. We can help you with scholarships, internships, employment and further education decisions.

### THE FUTURE PUPIL PROGRAMME

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YOUR JOURNEY FROM LAW STUDENT TO PUPIL BARRISTER

OCT - DEC

Compete for places in prestigious mooting competitions with the ULaw Advocacy Committee

Start a pro bono project

PRE-BPTC

POST-BPTC

OCT - DEC

Apply for an Inns of Court scholarship

Attend a Barrister Insight Day at ULaw

Attend Pupillage Fairs

JAN - MAR

Apply for the BPTC at ULaw via BarSAS

Attend Selection Events at ULaw and apply for our Advocacy Scholarships

APR - JUN

Inns of Court scholarship interviews

Join an Inn of Court

JUL - SEP

Start the BPTC at ULaw

Attend mock pupillage interview workshops

APR - JUN

Get advice on post-BPTC opportunities

Attend practice management workshops on Life at the Bar: Beyond the Law

JUL - SEP OCT - DEC

Take part in the ULaw Alumni Moot

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR PUPILLAGE

YOUR TEN STEPS TO APPLYING FOR PUPILLAGE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF LAW’S FUTURE PUPIL PROGRAMME

1. Research chambers offering pupillage
2. Get strategic advice from our ULaw specialist Bar team
3. Pupillage Gateway opens for browsing
4. Draft and tailor your applications to individual chambers
5. Application feedback from the ULaw specialist team
6. Submit your pupillage applications
7. Watch our Pupillage Interviews Uncovered series
8. Undertake mock interviews with the ULaw specialist team
9. Attend first and second round pupillage interviews
10. Pupillage decisions released

BOOT YOUR ANSWERS IN EVIDENCE
Use legal work experience such as mini-pupillages and court visits to demonstrate insight into the profession. Non-legal work experience can also highlight the skills required to succeed at the Bar: working with people, problem solving, time management, etc.

DEMONSTRATE YOU’RE A CONFIDENT PUBLIC SPEAKER AND CAPABLE OF PERSUASION
Include debating, theatre, speeches and presentations. If you have an impressive competitive mooting or debating record, make sure you list all of your achievements in full. A list can help to emphasise your success.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A BARRISTER?
Be realistic in your answers and demonstrate that you understand the reality of life at the Bar. Don’t rely on grandiose declarations, or generic statements, instead focus on demonstrating that your unique experiences have equipped you with the necessary skills to succeed.

WRITE WELL
The space you allocate to a role should be appropriate to its value and duration. Use active verbs to give your application pace and avoid ‘got’, ‘did’ or ‘had’. Be concise and precise with language, e.g., “Drafted the final report” v. “I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity...”

71% of our full-time UK/EEA BPTC students graduating in 2017 secured a pupillage within one year of successfully completing their course.