

# Pupillage



## Rajkiran Barhey gives an insight into Pupillage at 1COR

Over the course of 12 months, I worked with David Manknell, Matthew Barnes, Leanne Woods and Robert Wastell, all of whom have quite different practices. The first six months (creatively known as the 'first six') were non-practising, meaning I spent my days accompanying my supervisor to court, conferences or RTMs and drafting paperwork, such as pleadings, skeleton arguments, advices, etc. In my second six I was allowed to practise, which meant that I started heading off to county courts in glamorous locations such as Horsham, Brentford and Wandsworth to undertake hearings in small claims, but still continued to do work for my supervisors. By the end of the third 'seat' the tenancy decision was taken.

The year was enormously varied. I particularly remember watching proceedings at the General Chiropractic Council in a case involving a chiropractor accused of making inflated claims about the ability of chiropractic treatment to cure a variety of ailments. I also spent two days at the Court of Appeal

watching my supervisor being led in a case concerning the Calais camp clearances. I sat in on numerous RTMs and conferences in clinical negligence cases, ranging from an alleged missed diagnosis of cauda equina, to a negligent angiography which led to the death of a young mother with four children, to a missed diagnosis of a pulmonary embolism. I also spent some time in the Coroner's courts, most memorably in a case involving a young man known to mental health services who had taken his own life. Another highlight was watching one silk from chambers against another before a High Court judge who was an ex-member in a case concerning an alleged failure by a sonographer to diagnose cardiac abnormalities in a foetus. I was also able to observe a public inquiry at close quarters.

Pupillage at 1 Crown Office Row was a brilliant learning experience. Of course, it was gruelling at times (and, as a tenant, I am allowed to speak my mind now!) but, as a whole, it was a unique and formative process.

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