**Application Form**

**Pupillage October 2025**

1. **Personal Details**

**[This section has been redacted in accordance with our principle of ‘blind recruitment’]**

1. **Academics**

***GCSEs or equivalent –*** *we are intentionally not leaving space for applicants GSCE grades. We have taken the view that these are not a fair reflection on your ability to demonstrate why you would make a fantastic pupil for 8DB.*

***A-Levels or equivalent – please list collectively by subject***

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| **Subject** | **Grade** |
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**Undergraduate Degree**

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| **Course title:** |  |
| **Overall classification:** |  |

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| **Module** | **Grade & Raw Mark** |
| E.g. Criminal Law | E.g. 2:1, 62 |
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**Post-Graduate Qualifications (GDL / BVC / BTC)**

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| **Overall classification:** |  |

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| **Module** | **Grade & Raw Mark** |
| E.g. Opinion Writing | VC, 77 |
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**Scholarships / Awards**

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**Extenuating Circumstances – please include any information you wish the Pupillage Committee to consider when reviewing the Academic Section. Please note this is not a compulsory section and should be used only where applicable.**

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**SECTION C: Employment and Experience**

*Guidance note for completion: Succinctness and brevity whilst communicating all relevant information are key. It will suffice for you to mention a relevant activity and summarise within a single box the various experiences you no doubt have. We do not expect to see a list of repeated experiences, which will detract in its form from the undoubted impressive content.*

**Legal Experience (include legal employment, mini-pupillages, mooting/debating experience and marshalling)**

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| **YEAR** | **ACTIVITY (NB: Please group by activity where possible)** |
| *E.g. 2018-2020* | *Paralegal, Law Firm LLP – claims handler in clinical negligence team. Manage case load of 150 files ranging in value up to £250k. Conduct my own allocation and CMC hearings when by telephone.* |
| *E.g. 2015-2016* | *Mooting (various). Three competitions; two at University and one international. Vice-President of Mooting Society,* |
| *E.g. 2014-2017* | *Mini-pupillages at five different chambers (1AB (Criminal), 2CD (Civil), Law Chambers (Employment).* |
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**Non-Legal Experience (non-legal employment, positions of responsibility)**

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| **YEAR** | **ACTIVITY** |
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**Practice Areas of Interest** (List with brief reasons why)

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| **PRACTICE AREA** | **WHY** |
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**SECTION D: QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please answer every question and ensure your answers are no more than **150 words per question**:

1. Why do you want to be an employed Barrister?

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1. Why would you like to undertake an employed pupillage with 8DB?

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1. What are the three strongest parts and the one weakest part of your application for pupillage, and why?

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**Section E: Written Advocacy**

*Guidance notes for completion:*

* *The word limit is not a target.*
* *Structure your essay as if you would when making submissions.*
* *Judicious use of statistics is permitted, but this is not an exercise in who can make the best use of Internet Search Engines – it is the style and substance of your arguments that we are assessing.*

**You are required to answer ONE of the below essay questions (600 words max).**

1. How should the legal profession adapt to the challenges and opportunities posed by artificial intelligence and automation in legal services?

**OR**

1. Should social media companies be held legally responsible for content posted on their platforms?

**OR**

1. Does the rise of remote working create an unequal workforce, privileging some sectors and demographics over others?

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