YOUR INNER TEMPLE

A GUIDE TO VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HARD WORK AND SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERS WHO DEVOTE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY ON BEHALF OF THE INNER TEMPLE.

THE FOLLOWING WILL PROVIDE SOME FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED.
**RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH**

**INSIGHT EVENTS AND UNIVERSITY LIAISON**

Annually, The Inner Temple runs a number of Insight Evenings events around the country, including in London. These events include a panel session involving a range of barristers, and are an opportunity for university students to network with members. We are looking for volunteers to act as speakers or to join for the networking part of the evening.

In addition, in an effort to reach out to as many undergraduate students as possible, The Inner Temple is looking for barristers to act as liaisons with their local universities. This will involve the dissemination of information to university contacts, making presentations when needed and acting as the key point of contact for student queries on the Bar. If you are an alumnus, a member of a governing board, live in a local university region or have other ties to particular higher education institutions, we welcome your involvement.

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**QUESTION AND ANSWER DAY**

The Inner Temple runs an annual open day for students thinking about becoming a barrister. This day, held on a Sunday in June, includes a range of panel sessions and networking opportunities. We are looking for barristers to join the event and speak to the students. Very little preparation is needed for this event.

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**SCHOOLS PROJECT**

The Inner Temple Schools Project, launched in 2008, aims to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, are aware of the opportunities available to them at the modern Bar and to raise aspirations towards professional careers generally. Through talks, presentations, workshops and activities, the programme challenges stereotypes about the profession, provides information about the legal system of England and Wales and promotes social mobility at the Bar. The project is run in conjunction with the Sutton Trust Pathways to Law, Social Mobility Foundation, Black Lawyers Directory and a number of schools and colleges.

The programme consists of an annual careers seminar for Greater London state school students and three sessions for students on the Pathways to Law programme run by The Sutton Trust. These events include talks from members on their own journeys to the Bar, plea in mitigation and case exercises and opportunities to interact informally with practising barristers.

The Schools Project also works with the Social Mobility Foundation, which each year runs a Bar Placement Scheme with the Bar Council. The Inn hosts their annual Aspiring Professional Programme, requiring volunteers to speak with students about their own careers.

Don't forget, if you are speaking at a local school or having school students visit Chambers, we can provide you with useful resources to support your talk.

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PEGASUS ACCESS AND SUPPORT SCHEME (PASS)

As part of our University and Graduate access scheme, PASS, we host a number of skills training days for students. We are looking for barristers to support us with these activities, normally held in June, by volunteering to preside over mock pupillage interviews and guiding the students through a mock trial.

Also, if your Chambers would like to host a mini-pupillage on PASS or find out more about supporting this important scheme, please contact us.

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DINNERS TO THE UNIVERSITIES

Dinner to the Universities is an annual event for undergraduates and students on the law conversion course who are interested in a career at the Bar. Students from a range of universities are invited to this black tie dinner at the Inn, where they meet practising members and have the opportunity to ask questions about the Bar and The Inner Temple.

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DINNER FOR LEGAL ACADEMICS

The Inner Temple holds four small dinners annually for legal academics from universities across England and Wales. These academics, many of whom are undergraduate law tutors, are given information on the work of the modern Bar and how their students can benefit from the opportunities The Inner Temple provides for progressing through various stages of the profession. These dinners will also connect with initiatives that the Inn is undertaking to build relationships with academia. We are seeking members and Benchers who are interested in engaging with academics to build stronger links between universities and the Inn.

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SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS

The Inner Temple's ambition is to ensure that no one with the necessary talent is prevented from coming to the Bar due to financial need alone. To this end, the Inn offers funds in excess of £1.8 million annually to be distributed as Scholarships and Exhibitions, mostly for Bar training and law conversion awards.

For the last several years, we have pledged to interview all eligible applicants for the BPTC and law conversion awards. Awards are made solely at the discretion of the Scholarships Committee, which means that we are always eager for volunteers to sit on interview panels. Interviews are typically held on two consecutive weekends in March for BPTC awards and over a single weekend in June for law conversion awards. We want our scholarship interview panels to reflect the full demographic of the Bar and especially welcome volunteers from diverse backgrounds.

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ADVOCACY TRAINING

Advocacy Trainers are established practitioners who are trained to teach advocacy at Pupil and New Practitioner courses held throughout the year at the Inn and at residential venues. A potential trainer must attend a weekend training course, normally held in October. Advocacy training is an important and ever-increasing area of activity for the Inn so we are always seeking volunteers.

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BPTC ADVOCACY DAYS

These sessions, usually held in September and May, offer students who are currently studying on the BPTC a chance to practise their advocacy skills and receive feedback on their performances from junior barristers in an unintimidating, supportive environment. We would be grateful to hear from members who have completed their New Practitioners course who would be willing to assist in either or both of these sessions.

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ETHICS TRAINING

The Inn runs two Ethics Evenings as part of the New Practitioners course, usually held in April and June, in which the New Practitioners discuss a range of common ethical problems faced at the Bar, with guidance and advice from established practitioners and solicitors. We would be interested to hear from any members of 7 years’ Call or above to assist as group leaders for these sessions.

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GROUP LEADERS AND JUDGES ON STUDENT WEEKENDS

Three residential weekends are organised each year for students studying on the BPTC. These weekends have specific legal themes and combine advocacy exercises, demonstration cases and ethics exercises with the guidance of experienced barristers, judges and Masters of the Bench, offering an excellent opportunity to learn and gain feedback in an informal setting. We seek volunteers to assist us on the weekends by leading sessions and guiding students in activities.

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LOCAL QUALIFYING SESSIONS

Student members of the Inn at providers outside of London may obtain up to three Qualifying Sessions by organising their own institutional sessions. To make this activity – whether a moot, lecture or advocacy training workshop – an official Qualifying Session, it must be attended by at least two practising members of the Inn. Interested members are also invited to attend the local BPTC dinners in Cardiff, Bristol, Newcastle, Nottingham, Leeds, Birmingham and Manchester (please contact the BPTC providers directly).

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MARSHALLING SCHEME

The Marshalling Scheme enables pupils and students (in the 2nd half of their BPTC) to spend a day or days (up to a week) in court with a judge. As a result of the scheme's popularity, the Inn is seeking more judges to take part in the Marshalling Scheme.

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MENTORING SCHEME

The Mentoring Scheme aims to provide students with advice, guidance and a point of contact during their initial stages of becoming a barrister. Mentors are usually allocated at the beginning of the academic year and the demand is always very high.

As the student numbers are ever increasing, we are always in need of more volunteers.

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ADVOCACY AND PUPILLAGE APPLICATIONS DAY
This session offers students who have recently completed the BPTC a chance to have their pupillage applications and legal CVs reviewed, take part in a mock interview, and prepare and perform a short piece of advocacy. We would be grateful to hear from members willing to assist in leading each of the three sessions.

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MOCK INTERVIEW SCHEME
This scheme is open to Inner Temple BPTC students applying for a pupillage. Students are matched up with barristers according to the area of law they wish to practise and the barrister conducts a mock pupillage interview for the student to gain experience of what a ‘real’ interview might entail. The barrister is asked to give feedback to the student on ways of improving their technique following the interview.

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MOOTING AND DEBATING
The Inner Temple has very active mooting and debating societies who organise competitions and training throughout the academic year. We need barristers and Benchers to help with judging on an ongoing basis. Events are generally held at the Inn in the evenings during term time. Both societies also hold an Intervarsity (IV) competition for between 15 and 25 universities each year, normally over the last weekend in January. Due to the size of this competition, volunteers for this weekend are particularly welcome.

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PLAYING WITNESS AND COUNSEL
Volunteers are needed to play witness and counsel on courses for advocacy trainers and mock trials for pupils. Each volunteer can gain Qualifying Sessions in this way. It is also a good opportunity to gain more advocacy experience and work with senior members of the Inn.

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POLICE LIAISON SCHEME MARSHALLING
The purpose of this reciprocal scheme is to enable student barristers and trainee police officers to gain an understanding of the way in which both professions work in practice. The scheme gives BPTC students the opportunity to experience the day-to-day running of a police station and/or accompany officers on patrol and, in turn, police officers are able to spend a day marshalling a judge and discussing the case. Annually around 100 students apply for the scheme and we cannot take students without having mutual places for police officers with judges.

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PUPILLAGE ADVICE EVENING
This evening gives students the opportunity to hear from a panel of speakers about applying for and gaining pupillage and to talk informally to barristers and pupils about different areas of law. We would like to hear from potential speakers as well as those willing to talk informally to students during the subsequent reception.

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LECTURES
Each year the Inn hosts Lecture Nights and legal talks followed by a reception or dinner with practising members. These events are Qualifying Sessions for students and give them the opportunity to meet and talk with experienced barristers and judges of the Inn. The collegiate value of these events cannot be underestimated. We would therefore like to encourage as many of our members as possible to attend these events regularly and give the benefit of their professional experience to the Inn’s student members. They are listed in the Diary of Events and in the members’ section of the website.

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ADVOCACY AND THE VULNERABLE
Recognising and dealing appropriately with vulnerability is a skill that can be taught within advocacy. There is a wide spectrum of vulnerabilities, from age and background to physical or mental health and other developmental issues. Inner Temple’s Education and Training department has been offering training sessions for barristers since the spring of 2017 and will be continuing this programme in 2019.

The department is looking for members who have already completed this training, or who are experienced in working with vulnerable witnesses, to volunteer as facilitators for future courses. Volunteers will need to complete a specialised, one-off facilitator-training course, ensuring they can teach and communicate the key principles behind the approach to and questioning of vulnerable people in the justice system, irrespective of the nature of the allegation, or the jurisdiction in which the advocate appears.

If you would like to express an interest in attending the next facilitator-training session, please email Julia Armfield with your name, chambers/organisation and contact details.

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