



The Bar Council

Third six-month pupillage vacancy

Chambers Information	
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Vacancy Information	
Number of third six-month pupillages	1
Level of funding	£20,000
Closing date of vacancy	15 July 2022
Start date	October 2022

Description and how to apply

Due to an increasingly high volume of work, 5RB are seeking to recruit a third six pupil, with a view to tenancy.

5RB is the leading set specialising in all areas of media and communications law, including defamation, privacy, breach of confidence, data protection and information law, harassment, contempt of court and reporting restrictions. We are the only chambers to specialise exclusively in this fascinating area. Our members are regularly instructed in the most high-profile and groundbreaking cases, recently including the 'Wagatha Christie' libel claim (*Vardy v Rooney*), *ZXC v Bloomberg* in the Supreme Court, the Duchess of Sussex's privacy and copyright claim, the litigation concerning the '*Putin's People*' book, and the Johnny Depp libel trial. Our 35 full-time members act for both claimants and defendants and provide advice and representation to the press, television, radio, books and online publishers, as well as to celebrities and other individuals, businesses and not-for-profit entities.

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate very high intellectual ability, usually via academic achievement, and excellent interpersonal and advocacy skills (written and oral). We look for applicants with an aptitude for, and an interest in, practice as a barrister in our specialist areas; however prior knowledge or experience of the law in these areas is not a requirement.

The third six pupil will benefit from spending periods with different pupil supervisors, seeing a variety of styles and perspectives and receiving expert tuition in practice in media and communications law, including advocacy. 5RB are proud of maintaining a very friendly and collegiate atmosphere, and that extends to how we interact with our pupils: we see pupillage very much as a learning experience rather than a gruelling examination. The successful applicant will nonetheless need to demonstrate the very high level of skill and conduct necessary for a successful practice if they are to convert their probationary tenancy into a permanent place. The vast majority of our pupils in the past decade have been recruited as tenants (12 of 14), and we hope and expect that to continue.

The third six will be funded in the sum of £20,000. A new tenant can expect their first-year earnings to significantly exceed this rate.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, and the vacancy may therefore be filled prior to 15 July.

To apply, please send a covering letter and CV to oliviasmith@5rb.com. Should you wish to discuss a possible application please contact our senior clerk, Andrew Love, at andrewlove@5rb.com or on 020 7242 2902. All applications and related communications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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