



# Mini Pupillage

AT 3PB

*The start of your journey*

Undertaking a 3PB mini pupillage is a fantastic way to gain insight in to life at the Bar and to get a flavour of what it would be like to be a barrister at 3PB.

Our mini pupillages are either three or five days and can be undertaken at any of our six UK offices subject to availability at any time.

It's important that mini pupils have a worthwhile experience during their week with us. We structure the time to include, for example: going to court; observing and taking notes in hearings and trials; sitting in on conferences with lay clients and instructing solicitors; reading

and analysing case papers; drafting legal documents and possibly undertaking legal research relevant to the cases you are observing.

Mini pupils will also have the opportunity to talk with members of Chambers and ask them questions about their profession. You'll also benefit from the opportunity to talk to our clerking team about what it takes to build a successful practice.

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## Monday

shadowing barrister all day in court

## Tuesday

attending a client conference (am)  
Drafting advice (pm)

# Typical week in the life of a mini pupil

## Wednesday

reviewing paperwork, conducting research and writing legal analysis

## Thursday

in court with barrister (am), client conference (pm)

## Friday

in court (am) and in chambers (pm)

# Typical day in the life of a mini pupil

**09:00** - arrive at Chambers. Clerks will double check that confidentiality statements have been signed. Clerks introduce the MP (Mini Pupil) to the Member of Chambers (MOC) being shadowed. Typically there will be a brief chance to chat about the papers over a coffee before heading to Court or to help out with last minute preparation.

**09:30** - arrive at Court. This will typically be a Court local to your chosen centre. MP may attend pre-trial/hearing conference with MOC and client, and negotiations / discussions between MOC and opponent.

**10:00 / 10:30** - (depending on whether the Court is running on time!) - parties are called in to the trial / hearing. You will sit where indicated by the MOC. The MP will take notes and observe the MOC in Court.

**13:00ish** - Court adjourns for lunch or case is finished. MP typically has lunch with MOC where case is discussed, and MP is asked about their stage in the process, experience, goals for the bar etc.

**14:00** - return to Court if case continues. More note-taking and observance or return to Chambers.

**16:00 / end of hearing** - MP returns to Chambers with MOC. Clerks update MP on their schedule for the next day. Occasionally, if there is nothing in the diary or if the hearing has ended earlier in the day, the MP will be set a brief paperwork task by a MOC to discuss later in the week.

Please note that this is indicative and is not intended to be an exact representation of your time with 3PB. Each mini pupillage will vary according to the work being undertaken in chambers at the time and which barristers are available. See [www.3pb.co.uk/join-us/mini-pupillage](http://www.3pb.co.uk/join-us/mini-pupillage) to read the full policy

## Key Facts

1. 3PB takes roughly 50 students every year for a mini-pupillage across our six offices.
2. Applications are assessed on a monthly basis, with the cut-off point being the 15th of the month.
3. Any application received after that date will be considered in the following month, with offers being made at the end of the month, subject to availability of dates.
4. There will be no mini-pupillages over Easter, during August nor between 15th December and 6th January. Mini pupillages may be suspended at other times if circumstances require it.
5. The offer or rejection of an application for mini pupillage is not relevant to any subsequent application for pupillage.
6. Pupillage applications are marked solely on the content of the Pupillage Gateway application form and in accordance with different criteria.
7. Mini pupillages are unassessed and unfunded.

To apply please follow the instructions at  
[www.3pb.co.uk/join-us/mini-pupillage](http://www.3pb.co.uk/join-us/mini-pupillage)

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