



Pupillage at 2TG

To attract, nurture and inspire
tomorrow's leaders of the Bar

About 2TG

We are an ambitious and leading set of civil and commercial barristers. Our people are hard-working, forward-thinking and approachable. The set comprises around 60 barristers, of whom 15 are King's Counsel. We know each other well and work together effectively, often operating in large teams with clients. We believe our supportive culture is one of our greatest strengths.

We are experienced advocates, appearing in courts and arbitral tribunals at all levels throughout the UK and overseas. Many of us are at the forefront of shaping the law in our specialist areas and we pride ourselves in having outstanding industry knowledge across a range of sectors. We offer advice in an informed and commercial context.

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Our barristers enjoy varied practices across the full spectrum of commercial, insurance, employment and common law. The breadth of work we offer enables our members to develop their own practices to suit their interests and personality in a way that those at other more specialist sets cannot. This variety provides early autonomy and regular 'on feet' experience in some practice areas, while other areas offer the opportunity to work as a team, with leading King's Counsel.

We find that diverse work makes for skilled and well-rounded barristers.

Work with an international dimension forms a significant part of many barristers' practices at 2TG. We appear in international litigation and arbitration, frequently acting on complex multi-jurisdictional disputes. We are particularly well-known for managing cross border litigation raising matters of conflict of laws, appearing regularly in landmark cases in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

We are committed to delivering outstanding service to clients and attaining the highest levels of professionalism. Our reputation for excellence in everything we do is of utmost importance to us.

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Pupillage at 2TG

We offer some of the best funded, best structured and most enjoyable pupillages at the Bar for two or three candidates each year. We offer pupillage only to those we think have real potential to become 2TG tenants. There is no quota, so you are not in competition with your fellow pupils for tenancy.

Pupillage Award

Our Pupillage Award is currently £82,500 comprising:

- £20,000 paid as a grant after acceptance of the offer. This is intended to help you for your BPTC year.
- £47,500 paid in the first 6 months of pupillage.
- £15,000 guaranteed earnings in your second six months.*

**our experience is that second six pupils earn significantly more*

The Structure of our Pupillage

At 2TG, you will sit with three different pupil supervisors over the course of the pupillage year. This will give you an opportunity to experience a range of different work. You will also have the chance to work for other members of Chambers, including some of our leading Silks.

You are also given the opportunity to build your own practice from a very early stage. Our pupils are given cases of their own at the start of the Second Six of the pupillage year.

2TG prides itself on its friendly and supportive environment, and so we provide in house advocacy training for all our pupils. We also provide a range of other training for pupils, including a full induction. Additionally, when you start taking on your own cases you can count on your pupil supervisors and Chambers' junior tenants to help you prepare for your very first cases in Court.

Our record for taking pupils on as tenants is excellent. This is because we will only make you an offer of pupillage if we believe that you will make a great addition to 2TG.

Mentoring Scheme

2TG also operates a mentoring scheme during pupillage. At the start of your pupillage year, you will be assigned a mentor who will be able to answer any queries you may wish to raise confidentially, as well as providing pastoral support.

Life at 2TG: Pupillage



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Pupillage at 2TG is incredibly broad: you might be drafting a defence in a clinical negligence case one day, and considering a complex conflict of laws questions the next. As well as keeping the work interesting, the variety ensures ample opportunity to find the practice areas that interest you most. The practising second six is an excellent way to develop advocacy skills, and, while being on one's feet for the first time can be daunting, the junior tenants are always happy to lend a hand – so it very soon becomes the best part of pupillage.

Life at 2TG: Junior Tenants



Paige
Mason-Thom

I was initially attracted to 2TG for two reasons: the interesting work it was involved in and the collegiate culture that I'd heard so much about. Six years after I joined Chambers, they are still my favourite things about it.

I find medical issues fascinating, so my practice predominantly involves cases where someone has been injured. However, because of the diversity of areas that 2TG works in, these can arise in all sorts of fields – clinical negligence, accidents at work and on the roads, products malfunctioning or cosmetic surgery abroad to name but a few. There is always a new challenge to get stuck into, and this is where Chambers' supportive culture really comes into its own. Tenants are always happy to answer questions or bat ideas around, which is invaluable when you come across a tricky problem. More than that, we're a friendly bunch who enjoy each other's company, which makes what can otherwise be quite a lonely job much more enjoyable.



Tom
Fairclough

As a junior tenant at 2TG, no two days are the same.

We work on a wide variety of cases. Since I began tenancy in 2020, I have run my own cases in, for example, professional negligence, insurance, travel, product liability and commercial law, and been led in some of the largest ongoing litigation in England and Wales.

It isn't all work and no play: Chambers provides a collegiate atmosphere and is highly sociable, with junior tenants meeting for lunch, coffee, drinks or dinner on a frequent basis.

Pupillage Selection Criteria

HIGH INTELLECTUAL ABILITY

The selection panel will look for an ability to absorb complex information rapidly, to identify essentials and to construct an argument. This may be demonstrated by performance at interview. The panel will take account of A Level and where available, degree marks, GDL and BPTC scores and grades, as well as references.

The panel will look beyond academic results in seeking to identify candidates with potential or flair. The panel will give appropriate weight to any other matters appearing on the Pupillage Gateway form or arising from interview which demonstrate high intellectual ability.

ABILITY TO THINK ON YOUR FEET

This may be demonstrated by performance at interview or (for example) by proven achievement in mooting or debating.

MOTIVATION

The panel will look for commitment to a practice at the Bar. In addition the candidate will be required to demonstrate drive, determination,

leadership skills and an ability to see things through to a successful conclusion. This may be demonstrated by (for example) achievement in non-academic fields or by overcoming adversity.

IMPACT

The panel will look for an articulate and confident response to questions and a reassuring manner.

TEMPERAMENT

The panel will seek to identify an ability to work under pressure, to cope with stress, and to remain calm but confident. This may be demonstrated by evidence of (for example) undertaking a wide range of extra-curricular activities but at the same time achieving academic success, or by studying for a degree at the same time as working or bringing up a family.

COMMITMENT TO 2TG

The panel will seek to identify a commitment to 2TG and the work it carries out.

How to Apply

Please apply via the Pupillage Gateway. Selection of pupils is on merit and in accordance with the Pupillage Gateway Rules and 2TG's pupillage selection criteria.

We look for a strong academic background – successful applicants will have a minimum 2.1 in their undergraduate subject, and generally strong A Level results (or equivalent).

Above all, we look for pupils who will maintain and continue our tradition of excellence.

Our Selection Process

All applications received through the Pupillage Gateway are scored by reference to set criteria. These reflect our pupillage selection criteria. Applications are anonymised and equality monitoring data is removed.

We invite around the 40 best applicants to a first-round interview, held in Chambers. The interview will last approximately 20 minutes and will include an advocacy exercise. Candidates will be given 30 minutes to prepare the exercise. The first-round interviews are usually conducted by a panel of two members of Chambers.

We invite around 12 of the best performers from the first-round interview to do a written exercise and then to attend a final round interview. The interview lasts around 40 minutes and will include structured questions and a legal problem. The written exercise and legal problem are designed to test legal aptitude rather than any specific legal knowledge. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about life at 2TG.

It is not necessary for applicants to have done a mini pupillage at 2TG, but we encourage prospective applicants to apply for a mini pupillage to learn more about 2TG and life at the Bar at first hand.

Mini-Pupillage

If you are thinking of applying to us for pupillage, we strongly encourage you to apply for a mini-pupillage. However, we do not require applicants for pupillage to do a mini-pupillage with us. Mini-pupillages at 2TG are not assessed.

We offer a limited number of mini-pupillages each year. You will spend one day in Chambers in which you will learn about the work we do and have the opportunity to meet members of Chambers.

The best time to do a mini-pupillage is in the year or so prior to applying for pupillage. Please note that applicants will only be considered after their first year of a law degree or during CPE/GDL.

Applications for mini-pupillages are considered by reference to the 2TG pupillage selection criteria. Your mini-pupillage application is your opportunity to demonstrate how you meet the criteria.

Demand for mini-pupillages substantially exceeds the number of spaces available. If you are not offered a mini-pupillage please

do not regard this as a discouragement to apply for a full 12 month pupillage when the time comes.

Further information in relation to mini-pupillage dates, as well as the mini-pupillage application form can be found at **www.2tg.co.uk**.

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We are committed to increasing inclusion and diversity at the Bar and at 2TG. We particularly encourage and welcome applications from women, people of minority ethnic origin and people with disabilities, as well as candidates from other groups which have been historically underrepresented at the Bar.

2TG is a partner in the Inner Temple Pegasus Access Scheme, Bridging the Bar and Bar Placement Scheme. Each scheme supports wider access to working at the Bar through mini pupillages at supporting Chambers.

Get Involved with 2TG

Social Media

We are active on LinkedIn.

The Times 2TG Moot

In collaboration with The Times, we host the annual 2TG/Times Mooting Competition, the largest national mooting competition in the country, with a grand prize of £2,500. The event has been a huge success over the past few years, with the final featuring a panel of Judges from the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

Details on how to sign up for the moot can be found at: www.2tg.co.uk/the-times-2tg-moot/

2TG Open Day

Every year 2TG offers students the opportunity to learn more about Chambers at an Open Day. The event is remote and we hope that it will give those attending a good introduction to 2TG and insight into life at the civil and commercial Bar more generally. The day is aimed at those applying for pupillage in the coming application round and who have not done a mini-pupillage at 2TG.

The Open Day involves:

- Presentations from members of Chambers and clerks about practice at 2TG;
- Tips on applying for pupillage;
- Opportunities to ask questions on an informal basis.

Further details can be found at: www.2tg.co.uk/2tg-student-open-day/

Please note the Open Day forms no part of the recruitment process.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

At 2TG we are resolved to improving diversity and inclusion at the Bar and advancing accessibility to underrepresented groups. We are known for our friendly and supportive culture and uncompromisingly high standards in our work and service to clients. We recognise the importance of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion to every aspect of our business and life in Chambers. We support and promote a culture of respect and fair treatment for all and an appreciation and encouragement of diversity in all its forms. We are also committed and passionate about fulfilling our social responsibilities and we promote ethical practices among our members.

We are particularly proud of our moot competition, now in its 11th year, which we run in conjunction with The Times newspaper. The competition is uniquely accessible and is at the heart of our aim as a Chambers to promote access to the Bar. It provides an opportunity for all students in higher education to compete, regardless of their educational institution or background.

The committee strives to remove all barriers (economic and geographical) to participation and successfully attracts applications from a diverse range of backgrounds.

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In addition to the 2TG moot, we regularly work with a number of local schools and charities to promote access to the Bar for those from non-traditional backgrounds. We also participate in the Bar Placement Week organised by the Social Mobility Foundation which allows talented young people from non-traditional backgrounds to gain an insight into the profession.

Members and staff contribute to a wide range of charities and events on a personal level as well as collectively throughout the year. 2TG regularly takes part in and supports the annual London Legal Walk.

The Pupillage Committee



Marie Louise
Kinsler KC

"She is the go-to barrister for any conflict of law dispute. Absolutely top-rate"

Legal 500 2025



Clare
Brown

"Clare keeps a cool head and is a great strategic thinker. She is someone you want on your team"

Legal 500 2025



Anna
Hughes

"an exceptional barrister"

Chambers UK 2026



David
Thomas

"He's just brilliant and such a pleasure to deal with."

Chambers UK 2026



Will
Clerk

"Combines first class legal knowledge with sophisticated strategic insights..."

Legal 500 2025



Alistair
Mackenzie

"A first-class junior"

Legal 500 2025



Tom
Fairclough

"His judgment is always spot on."

Legal 500 2025



Kate
Legh

"... An approachable counsel who provides very good, well reasoned advice"

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