

# PUPILLAGE AT KEATING CHAMBERS

## About Keating Chambers

Keating Chambers has 29 silks and 30 juniors practising commercial law with a focus on:

- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Infrastructure & Utilities
- IT & Technology
- Offshore Construction & Marine Engineering
- Procurement & Competition
- Professional Negligence
- Property

Keating has been the Chambers & Partners *Construction Set of the Year* 8 times between 2006 and 2015, and was *Legal 500's Projects & Energy Set of the Year* in 2014.

Chambers' area of practice is dynamic and challenging. The relevant principles of law are constantly developing and the technical complexity of disputes requires thorough analytical skills. Our members have thriving domestic and international practices across these subject areas. They are involved in disputes of all shapes and sizes: from residential building works to multi-million pound projects for the construction of airports, dams, power stations, ships and bridges. Many members are also regularly instructed in complex multi-party arbitrations and act in mediations.

### Recent Key Cases include:

- *Accolade Wines v Volkerfitzpatrick & Ors*
- *NATS (Services) Limited v Gatwick Airport Limited*
- *Bluewater Energy Services BV v Mercon Steel Structures BV and others*
- *Transocean Drilling UK v Providence Resources Plc*
- *Rendlesham Estates Plc & Ors v Barr Ltd*

## Pupillage

### How to apply:

All applications should be made through the Pupillage Portal on the Pupillage Gateway website: [www.pupillagegateway.com](http://www.pupillagegateway.com)

### Funding:

We offer up to three 12 month pupillages with an award of £65,000. Of this, an advance of £18,000 is available in respect of BVC/BPTC fees (incurred or to be incurred).

***“Home to a formidable bench of outstanding silks and juniors, Keating Chambers continues to be seen as a go-to set for complex construction, engineering, energy and natural resources and infrastructure disputes.”***

Chambers UK Bar Guide 2015

### Selection criteria:

Save in exceptional cases, we expect applicants to have an upper second or first class degree, whether in law or not. No specialist or technical knowledge of construction or engineering is required, however a sound understanding of the principles of contract and tort law is *essential*.

Mini-pupillage is not a precondition of applying to Keating Chambers. However, mini-pupillage is a very good way to familiarise yourself with us and our work, so we encourage applications.

Keating Chambers considers applications for pupillage on merit alone. The pupillage selection procedure is operated without discrimination (regardless of gender, race, disability or sexual orientation) and we welcome applications from candidates from all backgrounds.

Other selection criteria is available on our website [www.keatingchambers.com](http://www.keatingchambers.com)



# Life as a Pupil —

Pupils are normally allocated four supervisors over the course of their 12 month pupillage. This ensures that each pupil sees a variety of work of differing levels of complexity within Chambers and broadens their exposure to different working styles.

Keating Chambers is committed to providing its pupils with comprehensive training in the core skills required for practice. Pupils are encouraged to prepare drafts of pleadings, advice, letters and other documents that their supervisor or other members are instructed to prepare, as well as preparing skeleton arguments for hearings. They also attend conferences with clients, and hearings in court, arbitrations, adjudications and mediations.


We place a great deal of emphasis on the quality of our advocacy. We organise a series of mock court hearings based on real cases to ensure that our pupils are fully prepared for practice as specialist advocates.

*“My pupillage at Keating Chambers was rewarding, challenging and well-structured. It was invaluable preparation for independent and self-employed practice at the Bar.”*

Tom Owen, Tenant (Pupillage 2011/2012)

*“Choosing the right set of Chambers is fundamental to a successful pupillage application. I applied to Keating because I wanted to undertake pupillage in a strong commercial set, which regularly undertook international work and had many members recognized as being top of their particular field.”*


Jennie Wild, Tenant (Pupillage 2013/2014)



*“Keating is synonymous with construction, but don’t mistake this set’s specialist angle for a narrow scope.”*

Chambers Student Guide 2015

## Welfare and Support —



It is a strong ethic of Keating Chambers and its members to offer a wide network of support from pupillage through to tenancy and thereafter. All pupils have a nominated junior member of Chambers to act as their “mentor” who can offer moral and practical support to them during pupillage. Pupils can talk confidentially to their mentor about any problems they may have. This is in addition to regular structured feedback from pupil supervisors and a pupillage review at the end of the first six months.

Our aim is for pupils to become fully integrated into life at Chambers from the outset and they are therefore invariably involved in Chambers’ social events.

## Life after Pupillage

The experience of pupillage at Keating Chambers is a rewarding, challenging and enjoyable one, and as such our pupils invariably want to apply for a tenancy.

Life as a junior tenant is busy and varied. In the early years our tenants can expect to run their own cases both in the County Court and in the High Court. They will also be working with more senior members of Chambers as junior barristers in higher value disputes.

### Useful links

**Twitter:** Pupillage account: @keatingpupils

**Pupillage Gateway:** [www.pupillagegateway.com](http://www.pupillagegateway.com)

**Chambers Student Guide:** [www.chambersstudent.co.uk](http://www.chambersstudent.co.uk)

**Target Jobs Law:** [www.targetjobs.co.uk/law](http://www.targetjobs.co.uk/law)



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