

MINI PUPILLAGE APPLICATION FORM 2026 / 2027

Closing date: Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Closing time: 12:00pm (noon)

Thank you for your interest in applying for a mini-pupillage with 39 Essex Chambers. Please make sure you read our [mini-pupillage website page](#) for guidance before applying.

This year's mini-pupillages will take the form of a day event held at Chambers. These will be held on **Monday, 9 November 2026** and **Monday, 30 November 2026**. You will be asked to express a preference for which day below. Unfortunately, we may not be able to accommodate everyone's preferences. Further details about the timetable for the event is provided on our website.

In general, you should not apply to 39 Essex Chambers before the final year of your studies to complete the academic component of training for the Bar. This means that, as of 31 October 2026, you will have:

1. Completed a UK/ Republic of Ireland undergraduate law degree, qualifying law degree or conversion course;
- or
2. Started the final year of a UK/ Republic of Ireland undergraduate law degree, qualifying law degree or conversion course (this may be the first and only year in the case of a full-time conversion course).

If you are not in one of the categories set out above (if you are a first or second year undergraduate, for example), but nevertheless wish to undertake a mini-pupillage at 39 Essex Chambers before your final year, **you will need to provide a good reason as to why we should consider making an exception in your case** in the eligibility section of this form.

We apply the same criteria when selecting mini-pupils, pupils and tenants, namely:

- Intellectual ability.
- Expressive ability (both written and oral)
- Interpersonal skills
- Commitment, resilience and efficiency, and the related skills necessary to become a barrister, pursue a successful career at the Bar and to further the interests of Chambers.
- Interests in one or more areas of law in which Chambers specialises.

Applications are anonymised prior to marking. Mini-pupillage day preference is not taken into account when marking.

Please complete and return this Application Form, together with your completed Equality and Diversity Form, to mini.pupillage@39essex.com . You will receive an automatic confirmation of safe receipt.

If you require this form in an alternative format, or any other reasonable adjustments in the application process, please contact mini.pupillage@39essex.com. We will ask about reasonable adjustments for the mini-pupillage day if you are successful in your application.

39 Essex Chambers is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Our culture is open and supportive, and we are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. We encourage and welcome applications from people of the global majority, those with disabilities, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, women and candidates from groups which are under-represented in the legal sector.

1. CONTACT DETAILS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Name	
Preferred Title	
Preferred Pronoun	
Email Address	
Mobile	

Home Address:

House Name / Number	
Street	
Town	
County	
Post Code	
Country	

2. DECLARATION

I believe that the information I have provided in this form is true. I understand that 39 Essex Chambers may in its discretion rescind any offer of mini-pupillage to me or terminate any mini-pupillage that is in progress if any information that I have provided is found to be misleading, materially incomplete or untrue. I have read the Privacy Notice and I understand that 39 Essex Chambers will use this information for the purposes of processing my application form. I give my consent to the processing of my data and to use it for statistical information and reporting to the BSB and other regulators.			
Print Name:		Signed:	

- Please ensure the next section starts on a new page -

Reference No (office use only): _____

3. SECONDARY / HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Qualification gained [e.g., GCSE]	
Start date [month / year]	
End date [month / year]	
Subjects and grades	

4. UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Undergraduate degree:

Type [BA / BSc / LLM etc.]	
Subject	
Institution	
Start date [month / year]	
End date [month / year]	
Result [expected / obtained]	

Further undergraduate degree [if applicable]:

Type [BA / BSc / LLM etc.]	
Subject	
Institution	
Start date [month / year]	
End date [month / year]	
Result [expected / obtained]	

Postgraduate degree [if applicable]:

Type [BA / BSc / LLM etc.]	
Subject	
Institution	
Start date [month / year]	
End date [month / year]	
Result [expected / obtained]	

Further postgraduate degree [if applicable]:

Type [BA / BSc / LLM etc.]	
Subject	
Institution	
Start date [month / year]	
End date [month / year]	
Result [expected / obtained]	

5. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

If there are any extenuating circumstances in relation to the results you have declared in section 3 and/or 4 (above) that you wish to let us know about, please use this space. In addition, if the grade you received in any of your degrees does not use the UK classification system and requires further explanation, please provide that information here:

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6. ELIGIBILITY

In general, you should not apply for mini-pupillage before the final year of your studies to complete the academic component of training for the Bar. More information can be found on the academic component in Part 2 of the Bar Qualification Manual, available at [this link](#).

Please tick the appropriate box below to indicate your eligibility for mini-pupillage.

As of 31 October 2026:

I will have completed a UK / Republic of Ireland undergraduate law degree, qualifying law degree or conversion course:	
I will have started the final year of a UK / Republic of Ireland undergraduate law degree, qualifying degree or conversion course <i>[this may be the first and only year in the case of a full-time conversion course]</i> :	
I am not in one of the above categories:	

Please state which of the qualifications (if any) you have listed in section 4 (above) will permit you to complete the academic component of training for the Bar:
Alternatively, if you have ticked “ <i>I am not in one of the above categories</i> ”, please use this space to set out your “ <i>good reason</i> ” why your application should be considered:

7. APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions relating to your application, remaining within the word limit indicated for each question. We strongly advise you to refer to the application criteria set out at the top of this form and on our website.

Why have you applied to 39 Essex Chambers for a mini-pupillage? [150 words]

Please provide any evidence or experience (legal or non-legal) which you consider demonstrates your intellectual ability. [150 words]

Please provide evidence of your experience and ability to communicate effectively and persuade, both (a) orally, and (b) in written form? [200 words]

Please provide evidence of your ability to manage a workload effectively by independent planning, organisation and good time management when under pressure. [150 words]

Tell us about a time you had to work as part of a team or for a person senior to you to achieve a goal. What was your role, and how did you manage different viewpoints or personalities? [150 words]

8. CONTINUATION

To be completed only if you have run out of space in any of the other sections. Please ensure you include the numbers of the questions to which you are referring:

9. DATE PREFERENCE

Please indicate whether you have a preference for one of the following mini-pupillage days:

Monday, 9 November 2026	
Monday, 30 November 2026	
No preference	

10. AI DECLARATION

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI can be a useful tool to support you in your application. However, we value authenticity and transparency; all examples and statements provided must be truthful, accurate and taken directly from your own experience. It is generally acceptable to use AI for grammar and spell checking, to help you refine your ideas and thoughts, and structure your answers and to undertake research.

It is generally not acceptable to use AI to fabricate or inflate your skills and experience, create generic responses and copy these into your application, or to rely on AI for information without checking its accuracy.

Please tick one box:

- ☐ **No AI Use:** I have not used any Artificial Intelligence tools (such as ChatGPT, Claude, or similar) in preparing any part of this application.
- ☐ **Limited AI Use:** I have used AI tools in a limited capacity as described above, but all substantive content, examples, and analysis are my own work and accurately represent my experience and capabilities.
- ☐ **Significant AI Use:** I have used AI tools extensively in preparing this application.