



MTSA

THE MIDDLE TEMPLE STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION



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Candidates for election

2026 - 2027

president



ANK RAJ

I am a Director at Living ViPER Limited and Ripple Show Limited.

Professional responsibility is not a concept alien to me.

I know what it means to be resilient.

Am I approachable, Do I smile a lot, Am I Ambitious, Do I Ask the right Questions

YYYEESSS!!!,

Ability to represent you!! YESS.

However I strongly believe in doing what you believe in.

And This year, I believe I will serve your best interests as the PRE-PUPILLAGE OFFICER!.

If you would rather have me as a president!! I will not deny the offer!!

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ANTHONY BILAL

I'm running to make the MTSA louder where it matters, clearer about opportunities, and genuinely useful to students. I'll raise your concerns, push for more accessible events and make sure "student representation" isn't just sitting on committee meetings.

I'm not collecting a title. I'm applying for a job, and that job is to represent you well, support our committee and make the MTSA work harder for everyone, wherever you study and whatever your circumstances.

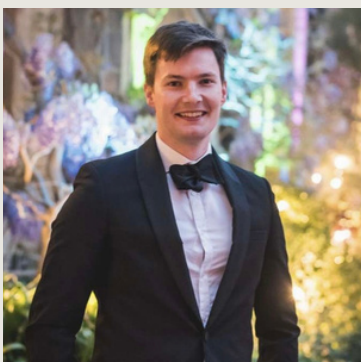
I promise to listen, follow up and work relentlessly for our community.

I'm running to maximise opportunities and up our chance of success at the Bar.



BEN RODHOUSE

Hi everyone, I'm Ben and I am running to be the next president of the MTSA I am currently studying the BTC in Cardiff. As an OOL student I understand the difficulties that this brings firsthand and I am keen to ensure during my presidency that OOL students are given a voice and have their unique needs met. I am truly committed to giving students a voice and intend to work with the committee to bring the MTSA to all students regardless of where you study, and ultimately act as your mouthpiece within the Inn.



CHRIS HOWLAND

My candidacy rests on many instances of mutually supporting experience:

Previously, I have served as Heading of Mooting and Vice-President of the Mooting Society at the University of Law. I have also been a member and Treasurer of the ICCA Advocacy Committee, and in that role assisted with the delivery of moots, dinners and guest lectures. Outside of the law, I serve as an army reservist and worked as a parliamentary assistant in the House of Lords, which has provided me with extensive experience of organisation, management and the responsibility of leadership.

president



JOSH BROOKER

I'm standing for MTSA President because I want the MTSA to be something students genuinely feel belongs to them.

I have experience representing 20,000 students as the single elected University Council Student Representative and Trustee, unofficially quoted as the youngest member of a university governing body in the country. I also successfully led the University of Kent Cricket Club as Chairman, taking the club to National Indoor BUCS Finals.

Good representation isn't about having the loudest voice in the room; it's about making sure that when you leave it, the people you represent can see that you were there.



SARAH HASHIM

As a new member of Middle Temple, I bring a perspective, enthusiasm and a willingness to listen and learn. Having previously held a presidency position in school, I understand that leadership is not about the title, but about taking responsibility for the people you represent. As President, I would prioritise strong student representation, clear communication and a committee that is organised, collaborative and accountable. I want students to feel heard, informed and involved in the MTSA, while ensuring that their concerns, ideas and experiences are brought to the Inn. I would be honoured to serve and represent the student body.

vice-president



BRONWEN WILLIAMS

I'm standing for Vice-President because I want the MTSA to be useful, approachable and genuinely representative of students. Middle Temple offers brilliant opportunities, but navigating them as a new member can be difficult. I'd help make those opportunities clearer and more accessible, while being someone students feel comfortable approaching with questions, ideas or concerns. I'd listen to what students think is working and what could be improved, and represent those views effectively to the Inn's committees and executive staff. I'd also take seriously the practical side of the role, including helping ensure the MTSA's budget is used effectively for students.



ETHAN LOH

As your Vice President, I will use my diverse experience spanning corporate, litigation, tax, competition law, and a Federal Court clerkship to navigate complex systems for you.

A great student association shouldn't just look after its London backyard. Middle Temple's true strength lies in our domestic and global communities. I will establish direct channels for regional hubs so students building networks from scratch have equal access. Financially, transport shouldn't cost more than our legal education.

The mindset I'm bringing to the MTSA is to bite off more than we can chew, and figure out how to chew it.



EVAN GOUGH

Hi, I'm Evan, studying the BVS/LLM at City. Why vice president rather than president? With a two-part course, I want to be realistic about my time while contributing to the committee. I'm used to managing a busy workload: over the past year, I've balanced full-time work with two days a week volunteering at Citizens Advice. At university, I combined my studies and a part-time job with roles on two society committees, including cocktail society treasurer. I'd bring that organisation, financial experience and friendly approach to supporting our president, fellow officers and your ideas. I'd love your vote for vice president!



GENG HEQIN

The key to being an effective Vice-President is commitment. An organisation cannot function without capable, reliable people behind the wheel of its support operations, and my experience has helped me develop a range of skills to fulfill such a role for you. I served as Secretary of my Junior Common Room and Treasurer of my university's Law Society, both of which were crucial support roles requiring both reliability and consistency. I also hope to continue the good work of previous generations of committee in shaping the MTSA to be a meaningful and, importantly, inclusive organisation for everyone.

vice-president



GURDEEP SINGH

I am Gurdeep Singh, a disabled student with experience in Civil Service management, policy and diversity leadership. I will bring organisation, sound judgement and reliability to the Vice-President role. I will support the President and fellow officers, keep budget information clear, and help turn committee plans into practical results. Through the Membership Committee and International Sub-Committee, I will represent students' concerns and promote participation. My priorities are approachable support, accessible activities and thoughtful use of resources. I understand the challenges of balancing study, work, disability and caring responsibilities. Please elect me for dependable leadership and a commitment to serving students.



PRISA ISWELUMO

Hi, I'm Prisa, a BPC LLM student at the University of Law. I want to help create an MTSA where everyone feels heard, supported and able to get involved. We are entering a competitive profession, but I believe we should support one another rather than see each other as competition. Having previously served as Vice President of a university society with around 500 members, I understand the importance of listening, communicating clearly and following through. If elected, I will work hard, represent students honestly, and be approachable whenever you have a concern, question, idea or simply need someone to listen.



SARAH HASHIM

As Vice President, I would aim to be someone the MTSA committee can rely on. I would support the President, help keep the committee organised, and step in when problems need to be addressed. I would approach responsibilities on the Inn's Membership Committee and International Sub-Committee with consistency, attention to detail and clear communication. I would take the MTSA budget seriously, ensuring that we remain ambitious while using our resources responsibly. As a new member, I am willing to learn, ask questions and seek guidance. Above all, I want to be a dependable, practical and approachable member of the committee.



SUSAAN THAPA

As Vice-President, I will turn ideas into action, particularly when responsibility, judgement and leadership are required.

In my professional role, I lead education prosecutions in the Magistrates' Court, where I assess risk, exercise judgement and adapt under pressure. I am trusted to take ownership and make decisions where preparation and accountability matter. I also understand financial responsibility: I developed a costed business case balancing budget pressures with paralegals' aspirations, helping secure a qualification funding scheme. As Vice-President, I would bring that same proven bias towards action: taking ownership, managing resources responsibly and, most importantly, delivering meaningful results for our student community.

mooting officer



AISHWARYIA LAKSHMI SIVANESAN

For mooting, I seek to make participation more accessible, practical and welcoming. When I first participated in a mooting competition during my law undergraduate, I remember feeling really nervous and clueless as to where to start. Having a peer-like mentor to assist me at that point would have certainly ease my way into adapting to the environment in the competition. My aim is simple: I want every student who is interested in advocacy to feel that there is a place for them and that they can do it.



ARJAN TAYLOR

My priority is to build your courtroom skills and strengthen your CV. As Senior Mooting Officer and a moot mentor at my previous university, I've seen how mooting builds confidence and develops skills the Bar demands, whatever your starting point.

I organised law competitions, including this year's George Pulman KC Advocacy Competition, which I won the previous year. I placed top 3 out of 80 in my university's mooting extracurricular module, which led to a Supreme Court moot before Lord Leggatt.

I have also mooted in the Landmark Chambers Judicial Review Moot and the National Law Student Triathlon. Vote Arjan!



GENG HEQIN

I want to shape MTSA's mooting programme to cater to the wide range of mooting experiences of our members: simpler, less formal moots to ease the learning curve for beginners, while also offering challenging moots for experienced mooters to sink their teeth into. I want to make mooting meaningful, accessible and moreover fun for everyone. My mooting experience ranges from informal moots for beginners to semi-finals at the Maitland Chambers Mooting Cuppers, and even a negotiation competition at Dechert. I hope to bring this breadth of experience to MTSA's mooting programme, and your vote can help realize this vision.



NATASHA WADDELL

I'm Natasha, currently on the Bar Course. One year on from my first competition, mooting has remained the highlight of my Bar journey, and I want to open those same opportunities to you! As Mooting Officer I would focus on building a supportive community rooted in constructive feedback and peer coaching, alongside a holistic approach to advocacy that serves your wider professional development goals. Drawing on my background in project management, including organising a TEDx conference, I will bring the real-world logistics needed to run a busy but seamless mooting calendar.

debating officer



ANTON NIEBOER

Hello everyone, my name is Anton Nieboer and I am an ICCA Bar Course student. I am running because I want to bring a more informal atmosphere to debates.

First, I plan to set up weekly Debate Nights, or symposiums, on a hot legal topic, such as restricting jury trials or rejoining the EU.

Second, to organize the Monroe Cup and recruit students for the inter-Inn debate competition.

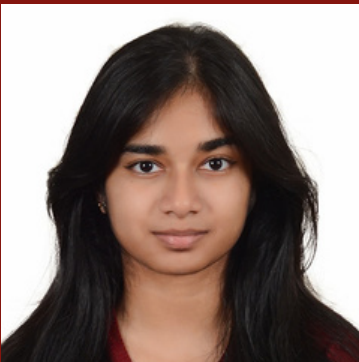
Third, to invite barristers to give tips on public speaking.

If you want to avoid formal, dry mootings and have some fun on your feet, I suggest you all vote for me.



BRONWEN WILLIAMS

I'm standing for Debating Officer because I want to make debating more accessible, engaging and useful for students at every level of experience. I'd introduce more low-barrier sessions requiring little or no preparation, giving students regular opportunities to practise thinking on their feet and making persuasive arguments. I'd also make sure students know about debating opportunities both within and outside Middle Temple, from Inn competitions to external events. Finally, I'd like to bring barristers, academics and other experts into selected debates, helping make them interesting to watch as well as participate in, and creating more opportunities to learn from experienced advocates.



DHIVYAH CHANDRASEGARAN

My contributions if elected:

- Build a competitive debate programme through workshops and training for the Monroe Cup and Inter-Inn Competition.
- Foster an inclusive debate community through casual debate nights.
- Develop members' confidence in speaking and arguing on their feet.

My credentials:

- Top 20 Asia (UADC 2024); Malaysian BP Nationals Top 10 team and 13th Best Speaker (2023).
- Earlesfort Open Semifinalist; competed against Oxbridge teams; invited speaker and BP adjudicator in the UK.
- Former BAC Debate Club VP and Trainings Director: organised profitable tournaments (one profited £1,842) and trained newcomers.

debating officer



HAROON MATLOOB

I have spent 4 years competing in debate nationally, gaining an understanding of the rules, format and style necessary. I spent a year as president of debating society taking the society from the lowest membership to one of the highest in the University. I regularly led teaching sessions to pass on the relevant knowledge and skills to new students. I organised diligently competitions and executed them effectively on the day, collaborating with my committee and others.



MOHAMMAD EMRITH

From a socially anxious kid to winning the Best Speaker Award twice at the University of Mauritius, these experiences taught me that our voice is the most powerful tool we possess and the catalyst towards cementing ourselves as future barristers.

As a Q&A coach, I know great speaking is never one-size-fits-all. I will bring personalised sessions and events designed to unlock your individual strengths, build your confidence, and help you discover what makes your voice powerful.

Someone saw me not just for who I am, but for who I could be. Allow me to be that person for you.

out of london officer (wales, midlands, western circuit)



AISHWARYIA LAKSHMI SIVANESAN

Middle Temple should feel like a community wherever you are based – not just when you are in London.

Being based in Wales, the Midlands or the Western Circuit should never mean feeling disconnected from Middle Temple. I want to push for more regional events, stronger networking opportunities, better communication, and a genuine sense of community beyond London.

I understand that this role is more than just organising events. I will be approachable, someone who will respond, and who will turn your ideas into action.

Because I believe where you study or live should never determine how much opportunity you receive.

I will not simply hold this positions. I will listen, communicate and act.



ETHAN LOH

A unified Middle Temple is within reach.

My decade of service as a Scout leading environmental projects and international service taught me the true meaning of service and representation cross borders. Now, I want to serve our Wales, Midlands, and Western circuits. I will launch surveys to all members to truly understand your needs. Our peers outside London deserve proper representation, not just standard budgets and Qualifying Sessions. Transport to London shouldn't be a barrier to our community. I will work closely with the MTSA Committee to deliver the events and direct support needed to bridge the geographic gap.

Regardless of where you are based, think about what you want to achieve here as Middle Templars, and let's make it happen together.



HAFSA KEYANI

As a BPC student at BPP Birmingham, I want you to feel connected to Middle Temple, wherever you study. Being Head Girl and working as a paralegal, tutor and horse riding instructor taught me to listen and follow through. I'd gather your views through simple, accessible surveys shared by email and student groups, while welcoming direct contact. I'd work with the Education Department on local events and qualifying sessions, and explore networking opportunities closer to home. Across our region, I want you to feel heard, supported and confident that your representative is working for you and keeping you informed.



JEEWHISHAA RAMESH

I'm running for Out of London Officer because I want students in Wales to feel that they are genuinely part of the wider organisation, not an afterthought.

I want to help create more opportunities for students across Wales through local events, Qualifying Sessions and better communication between students and the Education Department. I'll make it a priority to listen to what students actually want and make sure those views are brought to the table.

I'm not going to promise things I can't deliver. I want to be someone who shows up, listens, and gets things moving

out of london officer (north and northeastern)



ALEXANDRA FITZSIMONS

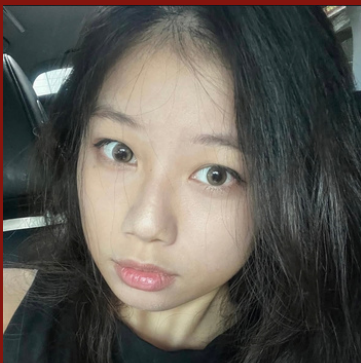
My name is Alex, and I study the bar in Newcastle. As your Out of London Officer, I will do two things.

First, I will bring more qualifying sessions to the North, across a wider set of northern cities, so that every student has a session on their doorstep.

Second, I will bring more social events to the north. Northern students deserve the same opportunities to meet professionals from their own region.

The North has been underserved for too long. The Inn's presence here could make an already bustling legal community thrive.

Your Inn should be within reach, wherever you study.



ELAINE KOH YI NING

As a Malaysian student who moved to Leeds to pursue Bar training, I understand the challenges of building connections with Middle Temple while studying outside London. If elected as Out of London Officer for the North and Northeastern Circuits, I will focus on three priorities: communication, opportunity and representation.

I want to improve awareness of Qualifying Sessions, scholarships, mooted and networking opportunities, while working with MTSA and the Education Department to strengthen regional events. Most importantly, I will listen to students' concerns and ideas.

"Being outside London should not mean being outside Middle Temple."

Every student deserves to feel represented, connected and included.



EVIE WHITE

Studying the Bar in the North is something I'm proud of, but it can feel isolated. When I needed the right person for link schemes and marshalling opportunities, finding them took too long, and nobody should have to fumble around when we already have enough on our plate.

If elected, I'll set up a space for northern students to connect, be a clear point of contact for Middle Temple questions, and pass your feedback to the Inn. I'll also explore northern meet-ups.

Being in the North shouldn't mean being on the outside. Vote for me - always in your corner..



GLORIA AGHEDO

I want students outside London to feel equally connected to Middle Temple. I hope to improve communication and accessibility by creating a WhatsApp group, targeted newsletter, Northern networking socials, and an online forum where students can raise concerns and seek support. By hosting events and Qualifying Sessions in the northern area so networking can happen without the financial burden of travelling. My experience as a class representative has strengthened my ability to communicate students' concerns effectively. I have hosted legal tandems with international groups, ensuring collaboration and connectivity across different locations. I hope to bring that same approach to MTSA.

out of london officer (north and northeastern)



HAROON MATLOOB

I will be effective at communicating with Middle Temple and other inns to ensure that we are on the same page in delivery quality service to everyone. I will be organised and be on top of communications with the inn and also with people in my region. I will ensure that I will be a representative who represents the views of students in my region well and communicate across any concerns and issues we have. Most importantly I aim to bridge the gap between the benefits students in my region receive to those in London.



JAMES HARWOOD

Greetings, I am James.

I am not photogenic, but I am blessed with a booming loud voice.

If elected, this voice will be at your service to organise events and vital QS sessions across the North.

Like many others, I am typing these words from distant Newcastle.

I am only too aware of the inconvenience (and expense) in traveling down to London and participating in those surprisingly fun Middle Temple events.

We need to bring that celebration of our legal community North.

Choose me, and I will do my earnest best to achieve that goal.



MISHA MADINAH

I hope to be the bridge between London and the North.

To make that a reality, I'd like to collaborate with the Education Team to organise more sessions in the North. I want to ensure your voice is heard by creating a channel where you can easily access opportunities and raise concerns that I can immediately bring to the Students' Association.

My commitment to student advocacy has been recognised through the Inspirational Women in Law Awards and the Women and Diversity in Law Awards.

Wherever you study, you should never have to work harder simply to access the same opportunities. I'd be honoured to have your vote!

social secretary



CASSIA COLLINS

The Bar is intense, and I want Middle Temple to remain a community where we can take a break from Blackstone's, meet people from other providers, and get through the course together. At ICCA, where much of my course is online, I know how important that social connection is.

I want every new student to feel welcome and know they belong here. I'd organise accessible, inclusive events, including more opportunities for Circuit students and online students to join.

I'd also bring new ideas, including a Middle Temple courtwear clothing fair, giving everyone access to suitable attire. I'd also get involved with mooting and other MTSA activities.



EVAN GOUGH

I'm standing for Social Secretary because I believe the best events bring people together whether you're outgoing, introverted, or somewhere in between. I want to create a social calendar that's inclusive, accessible, and genuinely enjoyable, offering something for everyone at Middle Temple. From relaxed socials to skill-building and networking events, I'd like our gatherings to help students connect, build confidence, and develop relationships and skills that extend far beyond the Inn. My goal is simple: to make every student feel involved, valued, and proud to be part of Middle Temple.



SARAH HASHIM

As Social Secretary, I want to create a welcoming and engaging community at the MTSA where students genuinely want to get involved. Starting at an Inn can be daunting, and social events can provide an opportunity to meet new people, build friendships and feel part of the wider community. I would aim to offer a variety of events, from larger formal occasions to smaller, more relaxed gatherings, giving students different ways to participate. Most importantly, I want students to have a genuine say in what we organise by listening to what they actually want. My goal is to make the MTSA a community, not simply an organisation.

diversity, inclusion and social mobility officer



AMISHAPREET KAUR PREM SINGH

Joining the Inn should feel exciting. But for many of us, the traditions, dinners and unwritten rules can take some getting used to.

If elected, I'll represent you on the Inn's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and I want to be someone you can approach with ideas or concerns. I'd love to work with the committee on cultural celebrations throughout the year, relaxed socials you can attend on your own, and chances to hear from barristers of all backgrounds about how they got here. I can't promise that you'll pick the right fork, but there'll always be a seat for you.



GURDEEP SINGH

I am Gurdeep Singh, a disabled student and former Diversity and Inclusion Lead at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with experience co-chairing the cross-government disability network. I bring lived experience and practical leadership. My priorities are accessible events, clearer information about reasonable adjustments, and opportunities for students facing financial or social barriers. I will listen to students, raise their concerns through the Inn's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and report back on progress. With fellow officers, I will promote participation across backgrounds. Please elect me to make Middle Temple a place where every student can belong and progress.



LLEWELLYN MASON-ALLAN

I'm standing for this role because Middle Temple must support every student, including those whose disabilities are unseen. As a parent, a career-changer from North Wales, and someone living with Functional Neurological Disorder, I understand the barriers students face. If elected, I will champion the creation of a Mini Pupillage Fund akin to Lincoln's Inn, and I will lead engagement events with students, senior practitioners and chambers to promote disability inclusion across the Bar. My door will always be open for anyone who needs support, wants to raise concerns, or simply needs to talk.

thank you for your vote.



MIRIAM FAGAN-LAW

I don't just want students to see diversity at Middle Temple, I want them to see themselves here!

I want to identify the barriers to inclusion, but I also want to celebrate the diversity that makes our Inn stronger. I want EDI to be something you experience, not just another panel you attend. I would introduce events that are interactive and bring people together.

Whatever your background or route to the Bar, I want you to look around Middle Temple and see a place where you belong.

Because representation gets you through the door.
Inclusion makes you feel you belong.

communications officer



EDWARD ROBBINS

As MTSA Communications Officer, my priority will be to ensure that you are aware of the support and opportunities that are available both within the Inn and elsewhere. As members of the Inn, we have access to a huge range of resources and support. However, as busy students, it is often not easy to find time to seek them out. Using my five years' as a communications professional, I will ensure that members are aware of these opportunities through regular newsletters, social media, and on WhatsApp. I will work with the Committee and the Inn to provide the resources that you need.



HAROON MATLOOB

I am excellent at communication having spent time as a donor care operator. On the phone I effectively advocated for the struggles of others and brought in donations for them. I also have led societies, where I needed good communication with my committee in order for events and sessions to function well. I am adept at social media having spent time as social media officers, keeping our followers up to date with everything going on. I will be creative and consistent in providing these updates.



JEEWHISHAA RAMESH

Let's make our communications something people actually want to see. I'm running for Communications Officer because I want to bring more creativity, personality and energy to how we communicate. I've previously managed social media accounts to raise awareness about stateless children in Southeast Asia, so I know how to take an important message and make people stop scrolling.

I want to create content that is informative without being boring, engaging without trying too hard, and actually reflects the people behind our organisation.

More personality. More creativity. More reasons to stop scrolling.



MIA DA COSTA

I'm Mia, I'm a part-time LLM BTC student at BPP London, based in Cambridgeshire. I'm a passionate communications advocate, bringing experience as a students' union Social Media Officer and a working communications professional within Cambridge University. I understand how student unions communicate effectively, and how to transform information into clear and engaging content that students will actually read, helped by a knack for Canva.

My aims are simple: to ensure students receive regular updates on opportunities and issues relevant to them, whilst strengthening collaboration with the communications teams at Middle Temple and other student unions to expand opportunities for students.

communications officer



SCOTT WEDDELL

Before starting my PgDL, I spent 10 years working in comms for arts organisations and charities; most recently as Interim Head of PR for a large national charity. As Communications Officer, I will bring my years of professional experience to the service of our student members. I want to find new ways to place our excellent cohort of student Middle Templars in the spotlight to help us stand out to barristers and senior members of the bar. I am an excellent graphic designer and I enjoy running webinars about communications.



VICTORINA AGYARKO

Between heavy workloads and relentless deadlines, Bar students cannot afford to miss vital Qualifying Sessions, moots, or event releases. As your MTSA Communications Officer, I will ensure no student loses an opportunity due to poor communication.

My pledges are straightforward: clear Monday weekly visual digests on Instagram and student groups, rapid-response monitoring of all student DMs and inboxes, and active collaboration with our Mooting, Debating, and EDSI officers to keep every student-both inside and outside London-informed and connected.

Reliable, organised, and dedicated to supporting our cohort. Vote Victorina for Communications Officer!

pre-pupillage officer



ANK RAJ

Pupillage!

One word that represents the final, possibly most important stage in our quest for call to the Bar.

Pre-Pupillage Officer!!

Someone that engages with the people they represent, organises events, and establishes connections between industry and its prodigies.

Like most of us, I am currently in search for a Pupillage, which allows me to relate to the issues that most pupils will face. However, each individual is unique as are their specific issues.

I want to Listen,
I want to Understand,
I want to Resolve,
For...
WE deserve Success.

About me

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MIRIAM FAGAN-LAW

Pupillage can feel like a maze. You know where you want to go, but not always which road to take.

I want to help students make that journey clearer.

I want to help students understand what pupillage actually involves, how to navigate the application process, and what chambers are really looking for.

I want to build stronger connections between students and chambers, offer practical CV and application reviews, and run mock interviews so students can practise before the real thing.

But most importantly, I want students to feel informed, prepared and connected, rather than trying to navigate the maze alone.

