

MARSHALLING SCHEME

What is the Marshalling Scheme?

The Marshalling Scheme affords student members of the Inn the opportunity to spend up to a week sitting with a judge in England or Wales. Over the course of the placement the judge will show you the case papers and will discuss case proceedings with you. The experience will provide you with a unique opportunity to observe the workings of the court from an entirely different perspective.

The scheme is open to Inner Temple student members who are:

- Current Bar Training Course students.
- Yet to obtain pupillage but have completed the Bar Training Course.

How to Apply

To apply to the scheme, you must submit a CV and cover note.

Your cover note should explain why a marshalling placement would be of benefit to you. Your cover note should be brief and not exhaustive - **no more than 500 words**. When uploading your document, please ensure you do the following:

- Save your CV and cover note as one document
- Save your uploaded document as your full name. E.g. John Smith
- Save your document as a PDF

Allocations

Placements are allocated on a first come, first served basis and being assigned a placement is not guaranteed. Due to the limited number of placements available, you cannot marshal twice via the scheme.

Marshalling is, primarily, available in criminal, civil and family areas of law. The Inn will make every attempt to find a placement within your first chosen area of law, but it cannot be guaranteed.

If successful, you will be provided with the contact details of the judge, or their clerk, and you will be expected to contact them within two weeks of receiving this information to arrange a convenient time to marshal. Please note, that your placement may take place at any point throughout the year depending on the judge's calendar.

Once your marshalling placement has been arranged you are committed to going. It is essential that you inform us if your circumstances change and must therefore withdraw from the scheme. If you fail to attend your placement without informing the judge you cannot participate in the scheme again.

If you are not allocated a placement in 2026, you can reapply in the future.

Please note, the Inn is unable to cover any expenses incurred throughout the duration of a marshalling placement and is not responsible for arranging overnight accommodation.

The applications deadline is **31 January 2026**.

Successful applicants will be emailed as and when they are placed.

For further information please contact:

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