Why Pallant?

Reputation

Pallant Chambers was originally established in the early 1980's. Since then Chambers has become one of the leading sets in the South (as recognised by the Legal 500). In the last 6 years we have been short listed for the Regional Set of the Year award on 3 occasions. Chambers has retained the same loyal regional clients and has gone on to build many more excellent relationships with new clients including leading UK and international law firms and all of the Local Authorities in the South East region. As a result of this, our members have the opportunity to be instructed on significant and high profile cases. We have strong connections with leading silks who are able offer their expertise in conjunction with our members.

Judicial Appointments

In recent years we have had seven tenants appointed to judicial roles, either as Recorders or District Judges. In the last year, two of our members have taken full time appointments (HHJ Magee and DJ Emerson). We have a mentor scheme within Chambers to assist those with judicial aspirations and our clerking team are very familiar with the judicial support staff and ensure a seamless transition between sitting days and Chambers' commitments.

Lifestyle

Our members will testify that at Pallant you can have your preferred work life balance and still achieve personal and financial success at the Bar. Chambers is situated in 2 major cities on the South Coast such that our members are able to locate themselves with easy access to local court centres and good links to London. Our members can also enjoy the best of the coast and the glorious countryside of South Downs National Park and The New Forest National Park. Our clerks are excellent at tailoring work to our barristers' own geographic and workload requirements and aim to ensure that our barristers' practices fit in with their own particular lifestyles. Many of our members are working parents who are supported to juggle school runs and school holidays. We welcome and actively encourage working parents and those with other caring responsibilities. Similarly, those looking for a busy High Court practice will be supported.

Clerking Team

We have an exceptional clerking team and each tenant is individually looked after from a case load and diary management perspective. Preparation days and paperwork response times are constantly monitored to ensure that our barristers' wellbeing is safeguarded and our client expectations fulfilled. The clerking team work hard to ensure that each member has a strong voice and control on how their practice develops.

Finances

We are a financially successful and secure set of Chambers. We have operated within our projected budget for 20 years, with no need to call on our members for additional outlay. We operate without an overdraft. We have successfully managed the Covid crisis without the need to furlough any of our staff or seek any Government support. Furthermore, despite the unprecedented challenges faced in 2020, we currently have a sufficient cash reserve to enable us to continue to trade deep into 2021 even if Chambers were to receive no rental income.

The above is testament to our current members, clerks and staff who all play parts in what is an extremely successful business but also a happy and supportive environment in which to work.