

KBC

Barristers with expertise  
in cases involving  
corporate, civil, criminal  
and family disputes.

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# About Us

Kings Bench Chambers (KBC) has implemented a long-term recruitment policy aimed at enhancing the range of services and barristers available to our valued clients.



To achieve this, we are actively seeking applications from experienced civil barristers. Additionally, we also encourage applications from barristers who currently practice in other areas of law but aspire to specialize in civil work.

At KBC, we are dedicated to expanding our talented team and delivering exceptional legal services to our clients. We invite qualified barristers and solicitors to join us in this pursuit, as we work together to provide outstanding representation and legal expertise.

We warmly welcome solicitors who are considering a transition to the Bar. Our chambers has successfully assisted numerous solicitors in making this career shift, and we can provide practical advice, support and guidance throughout the process.



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# Why apply to KBC?

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The exceptional administrative support offered by Chambers is evident through the presence of its experienced clerking team, who consistently go above and beyond for members and Solicitors alike.

Kings Bench Chambers holds a strong belief in supporting the Bar and establishing robust foundations that foster thriving careers. We dedicate considerable time and commitment to ensuring that each member is supported, promoted, and encouraged at every step of their professional journey. The focus remains on investing in our members to provide the necessary guidance and resources they need to excel.

While our physical location is in Bournemouth, our efficient administration and advanced technology enable our barristers to work effectively from anywhere, removing the need for them to reside in close proximity

to chambers. We have members of Chambers located throughout England covering the workload in their geographical area, this serves to reduce travel for individual barristers and maintains a more efficient service to our clients

In terms of our expenses structure, we offer a highly competitive package to our barristers. We understand that a new endeavour can be an uncertain time, and so we can offer reduced rent packages, for a limited time, while you settle in.

We understand the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance. At Kings Bench Chambers, we strive to create an environment where you can thrive both personally and professionally. We value your well-being and support your development in a balanced and sustainable manner.

Kings Bench Chambers embodies a harmonious blend of traditional advocacy and a progressive, modern outlook. The COVID-19 pandemic served to reinforce and solidify our reputation; whereby Chambers adeptly embraced flexible and virtual work arrangements for both its staff and barristers.

# Third Six at KBC?

During a third six, you will have the opportunity to experience different practice areas. This exposure will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of various areas of law.

While you have the freedom to choose and specialize in any of our practice areas, we encourage you to keep an open mind and explore different areas of law. This flexibility allows you to find your passion and broaden your expertise.

Throughout your third six pupillage, you will receive valuable feedback on your work from your supervisor, clerks, and the barristers you collaborate with. This constructive feedback will help you grow and improve as a barrister.

Additionally, a designated member of chambers will be available to support your welfare and provide guidance when needed.

At Kings Bench Chambers, we are committed to providing a supportive and enriching working experience. Our aim is to help you develop your skills and gain the necessary experience to ensure a successful career as a barrister.

Third six pupillages are given with a view to tenancy.

## Personal Injury

Kings Bench Chambers (KBC) possesses extensive experience in all aspects of clinical negligence and personal injury work.

## Professional Negligence, Commercial, and Probate

Within the civil and commercial team, our barristers specialize in professional negligence cases involving architects, surveyors, valuers, solicitors, and other professionals.

## Crime

Several senior team members possess significant experience in handling complex fraud trials and have successfully pursued appeals through the Court of Appeal.

## Credit Hire

We offer expertise across all stages of litigation, from providing initial advice and drafting pleadings to representing clients in final hearings and beyond.

## Family

We offer a comprehensive range of services, placing particular emphasis on providing expert guidance and fostering a client-friendly approach to individuals involved in emotionally charged litigation.

## Property, Landlord & Tenant

KBC covers a wide range of property and landlord and tenant litigation.

## Shipping & Maritime

Our barristers have expertise and experience in all aspects of all shipping law, both 'wet' and 'dry'.

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# Civil Specialization areas

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## Personal Injury

Kings Bench Chambers (KBC) possesses extensive experience in all aspects of clinical negligence and personal injury work.

Our barristers handle a wide range of personal injury cases, from Fast Track to Multi-track, representing clients in the County Court, High Court, and Court of Appeal. The Civil Team comprises barristers skilled in various types of personal injury litigation, including RTA (Road Traffic Accidents), accidents at work, repetitive strain and stress at work claims, occupier's liability and product liability, highway accidents, actions against landlords, and sports injuries. In clinical negligence cases, our barristers provide careful consideration of expert evidence and can offer guidance on selecting the appropriate experts for the case. Solicitors can rely on our experienced barristers for friendly telephone advice on all aspects of clinical negligence and personal injury work.

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## Property, Landlord & Tenant

KBC covers a wide range of property and landlord and tenant litigation. Our barristers offer advice and drafting services in land law matters, including boundary disputes, easements, enforceability of covenants, and conveyancing errors. In private and business tenancy litigation, our civil team can assist with possession actions, disrepair claims, breaches of tenancy agreements, and actions for wrongful distraint.

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# Professional Negligence, Commercial, and Probate

Within the civil and commercial team, our barristers specialize in professional negligence cases involving architects, surveyors, valuers, solicitors, and other professionals. Urgent advice on pre-emptive injunctive relief in commercial matters can be provided by experienced barristers in the team. Probate litigation is a growing area of our practice, and our barristers can advise on matters such as will validity, rectification and revocation claims, incapacity, and undue influence claims.

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# Credit Hire

The members of our Chambers possess the flexibility to travel nationwide for hearings and conferences but are equally skilled in handling remote and paperless instructions. Our diverse team is well-equipped to handle cases at all levels.

We offer expertise across all stages of litigation, from providing initial advice and drafting pleadings to representing clients in final hearings and beyond.

Our team regularly advises on, pleads, and argues credit hire cases involving a wide range of issues, including:

- Core credit hire matters such as the necessity, rate, and duration of the hire.
- Arguments pertaining to illegality and unenforceability.
- Loss of profit or cost of capital/standing charge claims concerning taxis and other commercial vehicles.
- Disputes regarding impecuniosity, including the adequacy of pleadings or disclosure related to impecuniosity.

- Cases involving fraudulent and fundamentally dishonest credit hire claims, including associated property damage.
- Credit hire involving bicycles and motorcycles.
- Strike-out applications.
- Arguments concerning prestige vehicles, particularly the reasonableness of hiring a like-for-like substitute.
- Mitigation of loss, particularly the Claimant's obligations regarding their own-party fully comprehensive insurance.
- Arguments on intervention and the efficacy of an insurer's Copley letters.
- Disputes over the sufficiency of evidence regarding basic hire rates.

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# Practice Areas

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## Family Law

KBC comprises a highly skilled and experienced family team, primarily practicing in the Western and South Eastern circuits. We offer a comprehensive range of services, placing particular emphasis on providing expert guidance and fostering a client-friendly approach to individuals involved in emotionally charged litigation.

## Criminal Law

The criminal team comprises individuals who specialize in various areas of criminal law. Within KBC, barristers possess extensive expertise to handle a wide range of cases, ranging from minor road traffic infractions and dishonesty-related offenses to more severe crimes such as fraud and violent offenses, including murder.

Several senior team members possess significant experience in handling complex fraud trials and have successfully pursued appeals through the Court of Appeal.

## Maritime Law

KBC is now able to offer legal expertise in shipping and maritime law. Our barristers have expertise and experience in all aspects of all shipping law, both 'wet' and 'dry'. They can advise upon shipping contracts as well as marine environmental/pollution, port state control, collisions, salvage and wreck removal, employment and safety issues arising in shipping contexts. In addition, we can advise upon maritime security and the particular issues arising from piracy and regulatory matters related thereto.



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# How to Apply

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Looking to take your career in a new direction?

If you are interested in becoming a member of KBC and joining us on our successful journey as a set of Chambers, feel free to call or email Chambers if you have any general enquires or would like an informal discussion about life at KBC.

If you wish to apply to KBC, please send a covering letter and CV for the attention of the Management Committee to:

**[Chambers@kingsbench.co.uk](mailto:Chambers@kingsbench.co.uk)**

Any application will be treated with the strictest confidence. Alternatively, feel free to email or telephone our Head of Chambers, Rod Hine or Senior Clerk, Alan Conner if you have any general queries or would like an informal discussion about life at KBC.

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# Equality & Diversity

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Kings Bench Chambers (KBC) is dedicated to the promotion of equality, diversity, and inclusion, both within the chambers itself and within the wider legal profession. Our primary goal is to cultivate a working environment and culture that appreciates and embraces diversity, actively confronting discrimination to ensure that no individual or group faces unfair treatment.

We wholeheartedly encourage applications from all segments of society, irrespective of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion, belief, or age. At KBC, we value diversity and recognize the unique contributions that individuals from different backgrounds bring to the Bar.

We understand that some applicants may require reasonable adjustments during the application process. If you would like to discuss any such accommodations, we invite you to contact our management committee. We are committed to ensuring an inclusive and accessible application experience for all.



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Thank you!

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