

THE ICCA BAR COURSE

2027-2028

OUTSTANDING BAR TRAINING FOR FUTURE BARRISTERS

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WELCOME

With the highest BSB centrally set assessment pass rates of all Bar training providers and with the exceptional success of our students in securing pupillage, the ICCA Bar Course is designed to enable you to achieve your ambition to become a barrister.

As a not-for-profit provider of Bar Vocational Training, we remain true to our core values, including providing Bar training of the highest quality at the lowest sustainable cost, achieving outstanding assessment and pupillage success rates, providing a Bar training course which the profession respects as directly relevant to practice and employing a fair admissions model which contributes to a more diverse entry into the profession.

The Inns of Court College of Advocacy attracts students and career changers from over 50 universities in a diverse and supportive community. We look forward to welcoming you to the innovative two-part ICCA Bar Course, and to training the barristers and judges of the future.



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Inner Temple

"The ICCA has the highest average passing rate across both Litigation subjects and all sittings to date ... The ICCA is, thus far, some way ahead of the other AETO centres in terms of single-sit performance."

BSB Central Examinations Board Chair's Report Part 2,
2 April 2026 (page 43)

YOUR BAR TRAINING WITH THE ICCA

Designed to equip you with the knowledge and vital practitioner skills required to achieve success in pupillage, you will experience an innovative Bar training course delivered in two parts using a combination of in-person teaching, e-learning and self-study.

PART 1

On Part One, the knowledge subjects of Civil litigation/ADR and Criminal litigation are delivered entirely online, designed by experienced practitioners and academics utilising technology to its fullest potential to take you into the courtroom and experience law in practice. Our extensive question bank and bespoke interactive learning and testing techniques are designed to fully prepare you for the BSB centrally set assessments.

Students interact with one another in both social and study groups and engage with staff in online forums and revision webinars. Pastoral support, careers advice and invitations to extracurricular events and activities (including the [School Exclusion Project](#), the Children's Commissioner's [Help at Hand Service](#), and mooting opportunities with the [Advocacy Committee](#)) are available to all students.

Part One commences in September 2027 or January 2028 and can be completed following a guided pathway (over 12-14 weeks) or self-paced over a longer period on your [designated pathway](#) through the course, accessing the course content at any time of day and from any location, a flexible choice for those with work or caring responsibilities.

Your Part One fee of £9,125 includes the BSB levy and all the text books and learning resources required to take your BSB assessments. See [Fees and Funding](#) for full details.



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Bar training in two parts



Middle Temple

PART 2

Having successfully completed Part One by passing your BSB centrally set assessments in Civil litigation/ ADR and Criminal litigation, you will then be eligible to proceed to Part Two of the ICCA Bar Course on your designated commencement date. Part Two is taught in-person within bespoke training facilities at the Inns of Court: Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Inner Temple and Middle Temple. Your timetabled in-person teaching is supported by bespoke online materials and research resources. Part Two commences in either March or September each year and takes place over 17-19 weeks (depending on your designated commencement date). Please see the ICCA Bar Course Commencement and Progression page on our website for full details.

Your focus now turns to developing the skills of Advocacy (submissions, examination-in-chief and cross-examination); Conference skills; Opinion Writing & Legal Research; and Drafting. You will also receive tuition in Professional Ethics via an online module, ensuring that you are fully conversant with the Code of Conduct and the highest standards of ethical behaviour at the Bar.

Part Two commences in either March or September each year and takes place over 17-19 weeks (depending on your designated start date). All teaching staff are experienced practitioners and educational specialists, and all students are taught in small groups, ensuring individual attention and feedback. You will have the opportunity to join the Advocacy Committee and the School Exclusion Project, to further enhance your advocacy skills, and undertake additional pro bono opportunities with the Children's Commissioner's Help at Hand Service.

Your Part Two fee of £9,125 includes the BSB levy and all learning resources required. No Part Two fee is payable unless and until you enrol on Part Two and flexible payment options are available.



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Fees for 2027/2028

Total Part One fee: £9,125

Total Part Two fee: £9,125

Fees inclusive of all BSB fees, text books and legal research resources.
Total cost for both Parts One and Two: £18,250
The Part One fee covers a 12-month registration period, after which additional fees are payable. Read more on our Fees and Funding page.

WELLBEING, DISABILITY AND LEARNING SUPPORT

As a welcoming and inclusive community, we work closely with our students to enable them to reach their full potential. Learning and studying support, as well as personalised assessment plans, are available to support students with a disability, including physical and mental health conditions, diagnosed specific learning difficulties, or other temporary conditions that may affect learning, studying and assessment performance at the ICCA.

We have been awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the Bar Council for our commitment to the wellbeing of our students and bespoke materials are embedded into the ICCA Bar Course. All ICCA students have access to 24/7 counselling services via Health Assured.

COURSE AWARD, CALL TO THE BAR AND COMMENCING PUPILLAGE

Success on the ICCA Bar Course allows you to be called to the Bar of England & Wales and to be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Bar Practice from King's College London, the ICCA'S validating academic partner. (Please note that call to the Bar also requires completion of Qualifying Sessions with your Inn and passing a 'fit and proper person' test.) Success on the ICCA Bar Course will also allow you to commence pupillage with your chosen pupillage or work-based training provider.



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Lincoln's Inn

APPLICATIONS

The ICCA takes a fair and transparent admissions approach to Bar training. We are looking for students who are motivated, bright, dedicated and diligent with a realistic chance of attaining the standard required for an award of pupillage, irrespective of your social, cultural and economic background,

All applications are considered in accordance with the ICCA Fair Admissions Policy. This means that all candidates are measured against the same fair and transparent criteria. We do not take into account either the school or university you attended or your protected characteristics. All admissions assessors receive training in equality and diversity and unconscious bias avoidance.

JOIN US

Applications open on 12 October 2026 to 11 January 2027
(for September 2027 and January 2028 course starts)

[Apply via website](#)

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