

# 4 Pump Court support scheme to fund pupillage at the criminal Bar

In solidarity with the criminal Bar, which has been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have joined a group of leading commercial sets to [support a scheme that will fund criminal pupillages](#) that would have otherwise been cancelled.

The scheme, which is administered by the Bar Council, offers to fund criminal pupillages which would otherwise (due to the financial impact of Covid-19) not be offered, up to a maximum of £20,000. The offer covers pupillages which would have started in autumn 2020 but were cancelled or postponed, that would not otherwise be offered in the 2021 recruitment round or are additional to a pupillage which is currently being offered in the 2021 round.

Criminal sets that would like to take up this offer should contact the Bar Council on the understanding that the identity of any set taking up the offer will be kept confidential. A completed [funding application form](#) should be submitted by email to [pupillagegateway@barcouncil.org.uk](mailto:pupillagegateway@barcouncil.org.uk) by 5pm on 22 December 2020.