

Last Diary Entry

This marks the final week of my first six as a pupil. In just a week's time, I'll be heading to Liverpool for my first hearing, which is a winding up petition for the petitioning creditor.

Over the past four weeks of my pupillage, I've had the opportunity to observe hearings that are more aligned with my level of call, such as winding up petitions, various insolvency applications in the High Court, ss. 8 and 21 possession hearings, fast track trials, small claims hearings, directions hearings, and CCMCs. These are the types of hearings I'll be doing more frequently during my second six.

I have also noticed that judges are increasingly asking me, after hearings conclude, about when I'll be on my feet. Members of chambers have similarly been asking if I've already conducted my first case. So, how do I feel about all this? I'm excited at the prospect of finally being able to conduct my own cases and demonstrate what I can do as a barrister. After all, this is the moment I've been striving towards for the past ten and a half years. Naturally, one would also feel a sense of apprehension, as I'm stepping into a phase of my career that's distinct from any other profession.

That being said, I'm fortunate to be surrounded by an incredibly supportive group of people. One invaluable resource has been Tanita Cross, another commercial pupil who is just six months ahead of me in her training (her time as a pupil is nearly at an end). Observing her experience has given me insight into the type of work I'll be doing, the issues that may arise in certain cases, and how to balance work with life in general. I believe this is what makes pupillage at Exchange invaluable, and it won't be long before the new commercial pupil starting in September will be observing how I navigate my second six.

Here's to second six!

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