



## Judicial and Silk mentoring eligibility criteria

### Mentors

In order to volunteer as a mentor on the Bar Mentoring Service's Silk and Judicial Appointments' Scheme you will need to have:

- a. recent experience (preferably in the last 10 years) of the competition process;
- b. an understanding of the requirements for competition applications; and
- c. a schedule permitting frequent contact with the mentee, as agreed from the outset.

### Mentees

The Scheme is open to members of the profession who have aspirations to attain Silk or Judicial appointment within the current competition process, or within the next 18 months.

Mentee applicants are advised to pay attention to the requirements for competition applications. It is hoped that participants will further develop (although it is anticipated that some may already have) the following over the course of the mentoring relationship:

- a. a current practising certificate in England and Wales;
- b. rights of audience in higher courts;
- c. evidence of efforts to maintain a high standard of current affairs and legal knowledge in stated practice area and wider profession;
- d. excellent written and oral advocacy skills;
- e. at least three written referees.

Mentors will assist you through the application and interview process, offer practical assistance, and answer any queries regarding either Silk or Judicial Appointment.