

Special Committee on Pupillage and Limited Practice

The Special Committee on Pupillage and Limited Practice is responsible for processing applications and answering enquiries about the rules, practice and procedure in respect of pupillage and admission.

In 2005, we saw the continuing growth of the Bar. The number of pupils who either have completed or are serving pupillage amounted to 222*. 133* of them have been admitted as barristers, of which 82* were admitted in 2005. Equally growing was the number of related applications which the Special Committee received at different stages of the pupils' training. The Special Committee has processed a total of 720* such applications, a 38.5% increase comparing with last year's record. At this rate of growth, the Bar may expect to receive its 1000th member in 2006.

With the implementation of various measures in 2004, the Special Committee has been expediting the processing of applications insofar as it is practicable under the present statutory framework. With the operation of the most recent legislative amendment, the time needed for arranging admission is expected to be further reduced. At the same time, the importance of the pupils' knowledge of and their due compliance with the relevant provisions of the statute as well as the Code of Conduct must be emphasized.

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