

Bermuda Bar Association

Dame Lois Browne-Evans 2011 Pupilage Award Applications deadline February 28th, 2011 for start date October 2011

The Bermuda Bar Association in conjunction with Carmelite Chambers in London, England invites Bermudian law students intending to practice criminal law to apply for the prestigious Dame Lois Browne-Evans Pupilage Award. This is a unique opportunity to obtain valuable experience which is not available to Bermudian pupils.

The successful applicant will receive:

BVC Pupil: Bursary \$25K. Full 12 month pupilage with salary in the second six payable from Carmelite Chambers.

LPC Pupil:

Option 1: Bursary \$12, 500K. Six month extensive training/mini pupilage at Carmelite Chambers where the LPC pupil (applicant would be required to do a further six month articles/pupilage in a Bermuda or equivalent jurisdiction firm in order to be called to the Bermuda Bar under section 51(1)(a)(ii)(aa) of the Supreme Court Act.)

Option 2: Bursary \$25K. Full 12 month Extensive training/mini pupilage at Carmelite Chambers. NB the applicant as a non BVC candidate will not be in a position in the second six months training to undertake any work in their own right, and will only shadow a Barrister in Chambers. No salary is payable from Carmelite Chambers. The candidate will not be called to the UK Bar but would be eligible to be called to the Bermuda Bar under section 51(1)(a)(ii)(aa) of the Supreme Court Act.

Carmelite Chambers is one of the largest and longest established sets in the United Kingdom and its barristers are regularly instructed in high profile criminal cases both in the United Kingdom and internationally. Competition for pupilage places is incredibly fierce and a pupilage at Carmelite Chambers is a once in a lifetime training opportunity for the successful Applicant.

The Award Committee is presided over by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Bermuda and the Award Committee will be looking to assess academic and intellectual abilities, skills in oral and written communications, and an understanding of and an interest in the practice of criminal law.

Applicants must have completed or be in the process of completing the LPC or BVC course and have the current intention to practice in the field of criminal law.

Applicants should submit the following documentation:

1. a covering letter indicating why the Award Committee should grant the Dame Lois Browne-Evans Pupilage Award to the Applicant;
2. copies of professional degrees, transcripts, and an up to date curriculum vitae;
3. one academic reference and one personal reference
4. A certified copy of proof of Bermudian status

Address your application to:

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Dear Students,

Bermuda Bar Association Criminal Pupilage Award offered to Bermudians in memory of Dame Lois Browne-Evans.

Bar Council were deeply saddened by the passing of Dame Lois Browne-Evans. She was a mentor, a friend, and an advocate to many a Bermudian who dreamed of a future in Law; she is greatly missed.

Bar Council decided it would be most befitting and appropriate to provide a Criminal Law Pupilage to a Bermudian in her memory; **The Dame Lois Browne-Evans Award.**

Bar Council and the elite Carmelite Chambers of London put forward a proposal to the Bar Council in the UK seeking permission for a Bermudian to receive training through Carmelite Chambers. We are pleased to say we were successfully granted permission.

Many thousands of students apply for pupilages each year in the UK, and due to very few spaces being available many will not be successful. Receiving permission for the Bermudian to receive training is without a doubt a great privilege. The pupil upon completion of the training will return to Bermuda and become a member of the Criminal bar.

The Dame Lois Brown Evans Award provides the opportunity to an outstanding Bermudian candidate to have 6 or 12 months pupilage at Carmelite Chambers, a leading criminal set in London, England. We are also very pleased to announce that exceptionally we are able to open this opportunity to LPC as well as BVC candidates.

All applicants must have completed or be in the process of completing the LPC or BVC course and have the current intention to practice in the field of criminal law. The applicant must also be eligible to apply for or be in possession of a EU or UK passport.

The selection Committee consists of The Hon Chief Justice, Bar Council and Members of the Criminal Bar.