**THE GILCHRIST GRANT**

**APPLICATION FORM 2023**

**Personal details**

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| **Surname:** |  |
| **Forename(s):** |  |
| **Preferred name:** |  |
| **Title:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  |
| **Date of birth:** |  |

I confirm that the information contained in this application is true.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**[Note that an electronic signature is acceptable]**

Please read the application form carefully and in full before you start to fill it in. Please also consider the following guidance:

1. They are word limits, not word targets. Less is often more;
2. Answer the question as it is, not the question you want it to be;
3. Answer the question in full;
4. Keep the information relevant; and
5. Write what you think, do not write what you think others want to hear.

Please complete this form and return in PDF format to 4:00pm by 17 November 2023. Any application received after this deadline will not be considered unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MONITORING**

The Gilchrist Grant is committed to maintaining and increasing equality and diversity at the Bar. Candidates are therefore encouraged to complete the following questionnaire, although this is not mandatory. Please note that this form is not used in determining your application.

**Gender:** How would you describe your gender?

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| Female |  |
| Male |  |
| I do not identify as either female or male |  |
| I prefer not to say |  |
| Other |  |

**Nationality and Ethnicity:** How would describe your nationality and/or ethnicity?

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| White – British, English, Scottish, or Welsh |  |
| White – Irish  |  |
| White – any other background |  |
| Black or Black British – Caribbean |  |
| Black or Black British – African |  |
| Black or Black British – any other background |  |
| Asian or Asian British – Indian  |  |
| Asian or Asian British – Pakistani |  |
| Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi |  |
| Asian or Asian British – any other Asian background |  |
| Chinese |  |
| Dual Heritage – white and black Caribbean  |  |
| Dual Heritage – white and black African |  |
| Dual Heritage – white and Asian |  |
| Dual Heritage – any other dual herniate background |  |
| Dual Heritage – Other ethnic group |  |
| I prefer not to say |  |

**Religion:** Do you consider yourself to be an adherent of any religion?

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| Christian – Church of England |  |
| Christian – Roman Catholic |  |
| Christian – any other denomination |  |
| Jewish |  |
| Muslim |  |
| Hindu |  |
| Sikh |  |
| Buddhist |  |
| Baha’i |  |
| I am agnostic |  |
| I am an atheist  |  |
| I prefer not to say |  |

**Sexual Orientation:** How would you describe your sexual orientation?

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| Heterosexual/Straight |  |
| Gay/Lesbian |  |
| Bisexual  |  |
| Pansexual |  |
| Prefer to self-describe |  |
| Other |  |
| I prefer not to say |  |

**Disability:** Do you consider that you have a disability?

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| Yes |  |
| No  |  |
| I prefer not to say |  |

**Educational Background:** Did you mainly attend a state or fee-paying school between the ages of 11 and 18?

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| U.K. State School |  |
| U.K. Independent/Fee-Paying School |  |
| Attended school outside the U.K.  |  |
| I prefer not to say |  |

**Section 1: Grant type**

Are you a finalist or non-finalist?

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| Finalist |  |
| Non-finalist |  |

**Section 2: Education**

Please provide details of all qualifications from A level (or equivalent) onwards. Add more rows for further institutions if necessary. Please feel free to add your current modules (with or without a projected grade).

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| **Institution**  | **Subjects/Modules** | **Grade** | **Date(s)** |
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**Section 3: Legal experience (word limit: 300 words)**

Please give details of any relevant legal experience. This includes mini pupillages, shadowing, marshalling, law clinics et cetera.

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**Section 4: Advocacy experience (word limit: 300 words)**

Please give details of relevant advocacy experience. This can include moots, mock trials, pro bono work & debating and is not limited to legal advocacy; you may include times you have advocated on behalf of others. Please explain what you learned from your advocacy experience.

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**Section 5: Legal areas of interest (word limit: 500 words)**

Please give details of your experience in one or more areas of law and why you have an interest in that specific area(s). It can be as wide as a general area (e.g. criminal law) or as specific as a sub-area (e.g. forced marriage in family law)

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**Section 6: Why the Bar? (word limit: 500 words)**

Please explain why you want to be a barrister and, in particular, why you want to be a barrister over a solicitor or solicitor advocate.

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**Section 7: Qualities of a barrister (word limit: 150 words)**

Please give three qualities you think are important for a barrister to have and explain why.

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**Section 8: Other information relevant to your application (word limit: 300 words)**

Please provide any other information which may be relevant to your application. You may use this section to record any interests or achievements that you think are relevant and which have not been specifically covered in previous sections. You may also refer to extenuating circumstances (whether in relation to activities, experience, grades or in general). You do not need to fill out this section if it is not necessary.

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