My parents were State school teachers and spent their life savings paying for my university education. It took me many years to get a tenancy due to bad choices in my personal life, and I made it worse by having a child before I obtained a tenancy, or at least made myself financially secure. Putting my children first meant that I never networked or worked on developing my practice until they were in their 20s and had left home. I have seen first hand many struggle in different ways to maintain a career at the Bar and I am here to help and mentor everyone that is talented and determined to succeed at the Criminal Bar, no matter what their background or obstacles. It is, to me, the best profession in the world and Criminal practice does bring great job satisfaction, and I am determined to ensure that the Criminal Bar has a sustainable future.