

Dr Tunde Okewale MBE is an award-winning barrister, who practices at the Doughty Street Chambers.

Tunde is a Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers. He was raised on a council estate in Hackney, East London. He is the eldest of four children and was the first person in my family to attend university and obtain a degree. During his studies, Tunde undertook numerous simultaneous part-time jobs in the food and retail industry, to enable him to contribute towards his household. Consequently, his academic studies suffered, and he obtained a 2.2 in his undergraduate degree. Career advisors and professionals told him that he would never make it. Despite this setback, Tunde ploughed on. He involved himself in community work and was eventually invited to conduct a workshop on behalf of the Greater London Authority. As a result of his performance on this project, he was asked to become a director of the charity, From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation, and was awarded a meritorious scholarship to attend bar school where he would excel academically to offset his undergraduate grades. The fact that Tunde managed to qualify as a barrister, and obtain tenancy at a major Chambers, is a demonstration of his sheer determination to prosper in spite of his socioeconomic background.

He was listed in The Sunday Times 2017 'Alternative Rich List' identified as having enriched the lives of others. Tunde has established his practice in general and serious crime. Early on in his career Tunde was a finalist for Young Legal Aid Barrister of the Year at the Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards 2012. He then went on to win a number of high profile awards for his work in law and also for his sustained social involvement. These awards include, Junior Chamber of International London Ten Outstanding Young People Award in 2013; named as Diversity Champion at UK Diversity Legal Awards 2014; and in 2015 won the inaugural Chambers & Partners award for '[Outstanding Contribution to Diversity](#)'. Tunde regularly undertakes appellate work in the Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court. He is heavily sought after in areas of business and financial crime. He has advised a number of high profile individuals as well as companies in relation to money laundering and anti-corruption regulations. His practice varies and sees him undertaking work in an array of fields, from advising crypto currency company, Stratis Platform, and the creation of alternative hedge funds, to appearing before sporting and professional regulatory tribunals.