

I realised at the age of 15, after a school trip to Wood Green Crown Court that I wanted to be a barrister and became very focused on pursuing a career at the Criminal Bar.

After my A Levels, I took a gap year and volunteered at Hackney Law Centre for a year. I was given the opportunity through this experience to shadow lawyers at the social security and housing tribunal and assist with cases. I attended the University of Birmingham. During my time at University, I volunteered with the University of Birmingham Pro Bono Group and also worked as a mentor to young people who were disaffected from education.

After graduation, I took a further year out prior to law school to save, and to develop my experience. During this year, I set up a charity, Inspiring Youth Achievement to support, encourage and inspire young people to achieve their ambitions. This project was something which means a great deal to me because of the help and support I received from youth workers at my local youth club and it was my opportunity to give back to my community. I continue to work with the local youth club, Bruce Grove Youth Centre and to work with local colleges to help other students from a similar backgrounds as myself realise their ambitions.

Prior to commencing my BPTC, I also volunteered with Free Representation Unit and the immigration department of the Cardinal Hume Centre, whilst also working at Enfield Youth Offending Team as a Court Support Officer and later as Business Support Officer for Brent Legal Department.

After completing my BPTC, I secured a role as a community care and education paralegal. In this role, I was given the opportunity to represent clients at the Education tribunal and to develop my legal drafting skills.

I gained the opportunity to complete pupillage within a firm of solicitors and successfully completed pupillage in 2017. After successful completion of my pupillage, I secured a third six pupillage at 25 Bedford Row and gained tenancy at Chambers. I am currently practising as a criminal defence barrister, representing clients in both the Crown Court and Magistrates Court.