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I have been practicing in criminal law for the last 14 years, 13 of those at Farringdon Chambers where I am now a director. I undertake both prosecution and defence work. I have seen many changes throughout that time.

Over the years we have seen government after government make cuts and try to destroy the independent Bar. This year for the first time we saw the true might of the Bar when stood in unity outside courts across the country. For the first time we saw Solicitors and Barristers stand side by side to fight the cause and what it can achieve when we do. I believe in the independence of the Bar and the high standards we maintain. We must do all we can to fight to protect our Criminal Justice System which is the best in the World.

The juniors of the Bar are more at risk than any others as they try to survive in the current climate they must be protected and supported above all. The Bar must remain open to all who wish to pursue a career at the bar regardless of background they are the future of our Criminal Justice System.

I wish to be elected to the CBA as I want to protect the independence of and represent the criminal bar in its continued fight to protect us from further savage cuts and to preserve access to justice.