

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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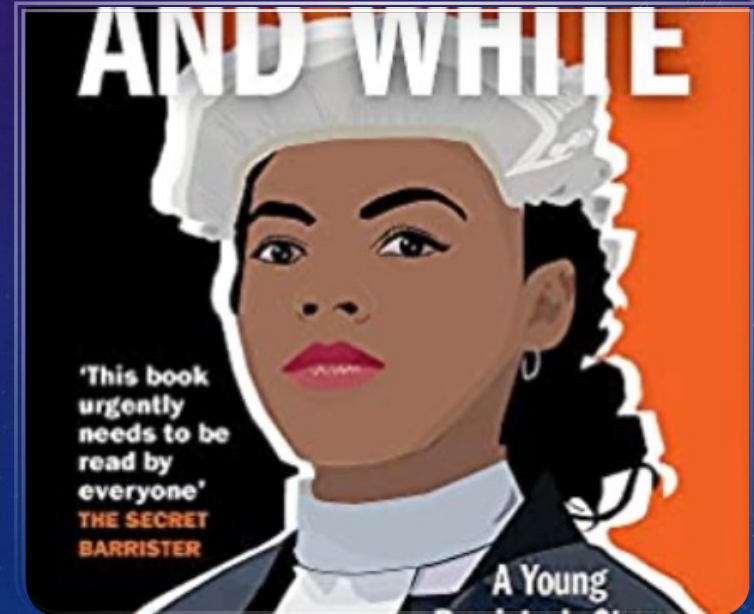
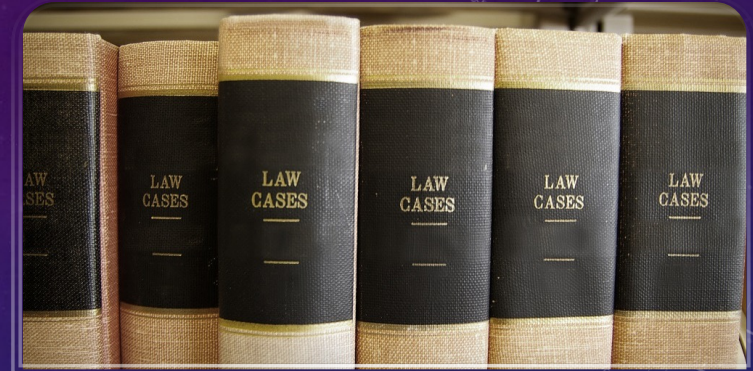
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Employability skills about my future career

MY PASSION FOR LAW

•My fondness for law started very young, as I saw the world as it is, full of injustice and lack of representation. Especially for a young black girl who saw the different treatment I got for the color of my skin; from the early conversations I had with primary school teachers about me finding a career in law in the future impossible, to the lack of inspiration and sadness I felt when I had no figure to look up to and stand up for my aim. In the present day, I even have present family members, people and organizations I look up to like the 'Black Women in Law' or women like Dame Linda Dobbs who had become the first Black Judge in England in the year of 1998. This gave me the push towards my aspiration for law as it wasn't as impossible as young me thought, and it gave me the motivation to one day build up an empire of success not just for myself but also to create an example for other young black women who aspire to go through the same career path. One of the broad areas of law that I want to go is Civil Law (or Private Law) which mostly has to do with matters between individuals and entities/ companies, where areas like; Family law, Negligence, Personal injury or Tort come to place in difference to Common Law which is usually based on precedent (meaning case law, where cases define how the law is applied) which is where the most common type of law, Criminal Law, comes from.



QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO BE A SOLICITOR/ BARRISTER

There are two main routes that can be taken from law; either a barrister or solicitor and both have different processes

Solicitor: to become a solicitor you can either chose to do a law qualifying degree or a humanity-based degree which can be history, politics or even psychology (but th. But the official process to become a solicitor

- The completion of a Bachelor of law (LLB), Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor in Science (BSc) degree with a mark of 2:1 or 2:2 (any less won't let you qualify for law) an
- The Solicitor Qualifying Examination or SQE for short (introduced in 2021)
- A Law Skills Course of 2 years which is an equivalent to Law School that prepares you professionally
- A Law Training Contract of 2 years which then introduces you into the legal work force

Barrister: to become a barrister you take a similar route as you would taken when becoming a solicitor with a few different courses:

- The completion of a Bachelor of law (LLB), Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor in Science (BSc) degree with a mark of 2:1 or 2:2
- One year of Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) where you gain practical skills as well as mock practices at courts
- One-year pupillage in Chambers where in the first six months you cover an experienced barristers' cases and the rest you will cover cases all by yourself
- To then become an official barrister, you will have to write your name in the scrolls.

You can also opt to take another career paths in law as :

- Legal practitioner
- Police officer
- Legal executive
- Barrister's clerk
- Coroner
- Lecturer of law
- Paralegal





EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS REQUIRED FOR LAW

- There are a lot of employability skills needed for law as it is a profession that is not so easy to many, some of them are;
- The ability to understand complex legal principles to resolve problems: law is all about understanding Acts and precedents set by either the parliament or judges which are not always straight forward, so being able to understand them and apply is a constant skill.
- The ability to use reasoning to present your ideas: while in court you will have to use your vocational skills to either portray a view or present your idea to the audience.
- Critical thinking: not always you will have the odds to your favor, so you will have to always keep the laws memorized and ready for use in court if you are disadvantaged.
- Time management and organization: in cases you will have to manage a lot of paperwork and have short deadlines so keeping your time is a very important skill. As well as this you will have to research and investigate about your client to ensure the best information is given out.
- Communication: having this skill is essential as you will have to communicate orally between colleagues or personnel or even at court, you will still have to articulate the way you speak with confidence. Also, your writing skills need to be neat and precise as well as full of technical legal language.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS I HAVE



• I feel like I possess a lot of skills that could help me be successful at the law workforce in the future, some of them are:

- **Teamwork/ team leading:** I work very well in groups of people because I always try to take everyone's opinions and advice into my work to then reach a solution or answer. I also bring my ideas to the table and guide those who need it. This skill will be helpful since to work in law firms as you will have to work with different types of client, companies or even fellow lawyers in various different matters.
- **Communication:** in a world where businesses are globalized and many different cases from different countries come together, I have the advantage of being trilingual, speaking; Spanish, Portuguese and English fluently.
- **Adaptability:** in law you will be allocated to many different places depending on your role, so being able to adapt your expertise into many areas is essential. I feel like I have that skill because I have dealt with many different situations of high pressure where I had to adapt to my environment and work ethic.
- **Knowledge:** since I had learnt about law before getting into profession, I have the advantage of knowing the acts and different areas of it, where I can understand and apply to various cases if needed be.
- **Research and analysis:** I have had to do these before being interested in law as a requirement at a previous learning process, so being able to apply this in the future might be a bit more difficult to do than of previous experience but it isn't going to be impossible.

OTHER JOB DETAILS AND FACTS



- The Law field can be a very competitive field as it is a very requested because of the experiences and learning people can do for it as it explores moral and ethical beliefs in various cases. However, the funding for law is usually private as it belongs to the private sector. The number of existing solicitors in the UK dated in 2015 were 133,837, which in comparison to the barristers are way higher, as they stand at 15,899.
- Becoming a lawyer in the UK can be quite challenging as it can be quite costly and not all of the trainings and learning are covered by the government. For example: the SQE and the law skills course are not covered by student finance, so the fees can be up to 12k per annum.
- Each year, the sector requires up to 7,000 lawyers to meet the demand of the market
- It is said that by 2027 there will be 20 lawyers to one secretary in ratio.

DON'T WANT TO KEEP YOU ANY LONGER...

- I have given my perspective on what I personally must work on the law field and if its achievable for many, it can also be done by me or even you! Its about belief, focus and a maintained work ethic. I still have a lot to improve in terms of skills and this course is also very helpful towards it as it teaches about the skills needed for business and enterprise which are also very similar to the law field. I will use the skills learnt of research, analysis, time management, referencing and reporting to meet the necessary needs of law.
- Hope you liked my presentation, and you found something interesting or educative!

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