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Esther Bukoye

Call: 2020 (Pupil)

Crime

Esther successfully completed her first six under the supervision of Matthew Harding, and is now accepting instructions from a range of practice areas, including Crime, Regulatory & Public and Civil.

In her first six, Esther observed both prosecution and defence trials from cradle to grave with her pupil supervisor. This included complex multi-handers cases, murder, s.18 GBH, firearm offences, sexual offences and more. During her first six, she has been able to develop a keen eye for detail and attain an understanding of rules of evidence such as, bad character, hearsay and a wider understanding of complex legal arguments.

Esther has also marshalled (shadowed judges) in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Court, which has allowed her to see a wide range of cases. Such as, youth cases, bail applications, driving offences, plea in mitigations, breach offences, cases involving domestic violence and more. Her experience shadowing on the Bench has given her a unique insight into cases from the Bench's point of view and allowed her to attain an awareness of the Bench's considerations when deliberating.

Prior to pupillage, Esther was awarded with an Advocacy Scholarship as a result of winning BPP's 2017 Regional Advocate of the Year Competition where she placed 1st regionally, and 8th nationally.

Esther was the Student Speaker at her LLB law graduation where she wrote and delivered a speech to 1700 graduands, their families, the Executive Pro-Vice Chancellor and academic staff from the law department. Esther was subsequently awarded a medal by the Chancellor of the University after advocating for the rights of over 26,000 students in her role as elected Vice President of the Student Union. Esther then went on to place as a finalist in BPP Leeds internal mooted competition and received further scholarships for the BPTC such as the Career Commitment Scholarship which is awarded to students who demonstrate an aptitude for a legal career, strong work ethic and more.

Esther intends to develop a busy criminal practice doing both prosecution and defence work.

> Contact Esther's Clerks



Education:

2018 - University of Liverpool LLB (Hons)

2021 - BPP University - LLM Legal Practice (including BPTC) - Distinction (Very Competent)

Career:

2018 - Vice President of Liverpool Guild of Students

2020 - Civil Servant at the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

2021 - Pupil at Park Square Barristers

2022 - CPS Level 1 Prosecutor

Awards:

2017 - Awarded a Pro-Bono Award for contributions to the statelessness Project at Liverpool Law Clinic

2017 - 1st Place winner in BPP's Advocate of the Year Competition for the North West and ranked 8th nationally

2019 - Awarded a medal by the Chancellor of the University of Liverpool for contributions made to the student community

2019 - BPP Career

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Commitment Scholarship
2020 - Finalist in BPP Leeds
internal moot competition

Regulatory & Public

Esther is now accepting instructions in Regulatory & Public Law.

In addition to shadowing a range of hearings, such as SEND appeals and parole board hearings, Esther was instructed on a lengthy Health & Safety noting brief involving several counts of gross negligence manslaughter and corporate manslaughter during her first six.

In Esther's prior role as Vice President, she developed a keen eye for detail having sat on several university Board of Discipline Panels, university Fitness to Practise Panels, and several university committees. She was also part of a panel to review the Truman Bodden Law School in the Cayman Islands. Her first-hand experience of applying various guidelines to differing sets of facts has allowed her to appreciate the nuances as well as the rigour applied when examining cases. She is keen to utilise her transferable experience and skills to build her Regulatory & Public Law practice during her second six.

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Casualty Fraud

Having successfully completed her first six, Esther is now accepting instructions in civil matters.

During her first six, Esther has been able to observe a number of civil hearings and applications such as interim injunctions, small claims road traffic accidents, Stage 3s, and CMCs. While shadowing members of Chambers, Esther has been able to observe a range of credit hire claims from the perspective of both the claimant and defendant, and as a result has attained a solid understanding and appreciation of the nuances in credit hire claims as well as the surrounding caselaw. Esther is eager to accept instructions from both claimants and defendants.

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Housing

Esther has developed a keen interest in housing law, and has been able to observe a range of housing cases including possession hearings and disrepair cases. Having written an article on a [landmark Supreme Court Judgement](#), Esther has been able to quickly grasp important court judgements in what is an ever-changing area of law. In her prior role as a Civil Servant at the Department for Work and Pensions, Esther supported vulnerable members of the public through difficult periods of their life including dealing with housing matters, domestic violence and addiction issues. As such, Esther is able to display emotional intelligence and empathy when dealing with members of the public from all walks of life.

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