

James Brown | SENIOR SOLICITOR

Personal Statement

I am a solicitor with 7+ years PQE in Private Client. I work in a high street firm where my varied case load includes some high net worth clients. I handle a variety of matters including Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Probate and Court of Protection. I also supervise 3 paralegals who all completing 'qualifying employment' with a view to graduating as Fellows of CILEX. This includes overseeing their work and their production of a portfolio.

Achievements

- Shortlisted Private Client Solicitor of the Year – Law Society Awards 2017, 2018, 2019
- Won Private Client Solicitor of the Year – Modern Legal Awards, 2017
- Exceeded billing targets by 15% consistently in past three years
- Brought 3 high net worth clients to the firm over the past year worth approx. 30% of my target

Work history

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Chestertons Solicitors

March 2015 – date

- Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Probate and Court of Protection.
- Supervision of 3 paralegals in both their work and production of a portfolio for 'qualifying employment'.

SOLICITOR

Smith Jones and Co Solicitors

January 2012 – February 2015

- Busy case load of residential conveyancing sales, purchases and remortgages.
- Some Wills and Deputyship applications.

TRAINEE SOLICITOR

Marsdens Family Law

January 2010 – December 2011

- Six months each spent in Property, Private Client, Civil Litigation and Tax.
- Recognised as Trainee of the Year by the firm in 2011 (out of 6 trainees).
- Awarded Junior Lawyer of the Year – Law Society Awards 2011

PARALEGAL (PART TIME)

Waybridge and Co

January 2008 – December 2010

- Assisting in the property department whilst completing my LPC.

Qualifications

LL.M / LPC MASTERS IN LAW (MERIT)

University of London

September 2005 – June 2007

- Electives included Family, Private Client and Advanced Property
- Dissertation completed on the impact of the Inheritance Act on Testamentary Freedom

LL.B (UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS)

University of London

September 2002 - June 2005

A LEVELS

College of London

June 2002

Law, English and Maths

GCSES

London Comprehensive

June 2000

9 GCSEs including English (A) and Maths (C)

Memberships

- Active Member of the Law Society since 2012
- Member of COPPA since 2015

Contributions

- 'Leaving a pet in your Will' – Law Society Gazette, June 2010
- 'Inheritance Tax roundup' – CILEX journal, June 2009

Interests

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