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

## senior Solicitor

### 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 Membe since 2015

# Contributions

* ‘Leaving a pet in your Will’ – Law Society Gazette, June 2010
* ‘Inheritance Tax roundup’ – CILEX journal, June 2009

# Interests

* Gardening and DIY
* Visiting the gym
* Spending time with family

# References

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