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What is the best part of your job?

Being part of a profession that gives me the opportunity to help those in need and being able to be an advocate on their behalf.

Biggest learning moment of your career?

The biggest learning moment in my career came after I had passed the Bar Finals and started pupillage with my pupil master, he told me that I had now entered the real world and I should put to one side all 'the nonsense' I had learnt at Law School. That being a practicing barrister was about being on top of your brief followed by the tactics you employ and excellent judgment. This advice has remained at the forefront of my mind for the 27 years I have been practicing Law and I pass it on to those who are coming into the profession.

What does Black history month mean to you?

What Black History Month means to me was encapsulated in the conclusion of an article I recently read written by Omar Alleyne-Lawler, he said (and I totally agree) "Black History Month is a platform for our voices to be heard. It's a place where we can begin to learn our value to both our localised communities, the nation's we populate and our world history. Black History Month is a catalyst for learning, self-discovery and international recognition. Black History month is a reminder that we are not new, we are not useless and that we are all, people of importance."

Why is being a positive role model important to you?

Being a positive role model is extremely important for a variety of reasons - my primary goals in this role are to inspire others to achieve their full potential, to live their lives with integrity, hope, determination and compassion as well as optimism.

What is your top tip to success?

Whatever it is that you choose to do work hard, make the necessary sacrifices and seek counsel from those who can help you to achieve your goals.....never be afraid to seek guidance from those who are willing to offer it.

What is your greatest achievement?

Meeting the person who is now my wife at Sutton Library in 1983 because she not only motivated and supported me, but inspired me to achieve everything I have achieved to date, without her I would not have become a barrister, I am blessed.

What advice would you give to your 16year-old Self?

Do not allow anyone to tell you that you cannot be what you want to be. You can be whatever you choose to be with hard work and commitment.

What are you reading?

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe



Favourite food to boost your mood?

Amala with Ewedu & Goat meat

Biggest change since lockdown?

Spent the most time at home

Ideal Mentor?

Muhammed Ali



Role Model growing up?

My late Father