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INDUSTRY: **LAW**



What is the best part of your job?

Appearing in court and being an advocate for those charged with different criminal offences.

Biggest learning moment of your career?

Forgetting to ask a crucial question in a case. It taught me to prepare, prepare and prepare again!

What does Black history month mean to you?

A reminder that we stand on the shoulders of those giants who went before us. The sacrifice, pain and achievements are the catalysts that should always inspire us to succeed in the face of adversity and to mentor the next generation.

Why is being a positive role model important to you?

Because of those who helped me and inspired me to carry that same torch of mentorship for the next generation. The ability to inspire through the sharing of my wisdom and experience is a privilege which I never take for granted.

What is your top tip to success?

Be focused and unrelenting in your pursuit of your dreams. When failure comes, learn from it and keep going!

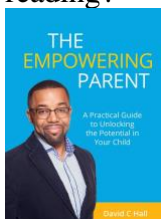
What is your greatest achievement?

Being a Father to my two sons and showing them the importance of determination and good work ethic and my approach to failure and insecurity.

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

Dare to dream and believe, be ready to work for those dreams. what's the worst that can happen?

What are you reading?



Favourite food to boost your mood?
Hawkesmoor steak with all the sides

Biggest change since lockdown?
Weight loss and starting a Masters Degree

Ideal Mentor?
Thurgood Marshall



Role Model growing up?

My Father