

# Meet the team

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## What do you do at Outset and how do you support our clients?

I am part of the Group Services team at Outset and I mainly support the Corporate and Property departments. My role varies from day to day. I could be carrying out post completion work one day and then ordering title information and arranging searches of properties the next.

## Give us a brief timeline of your career so far

I went straight from college to work as a junior barrister's clerk in Lincoln's Inn Fields in London. I started on minimum wage so I moved into my nans house in West Dulwich for 8 months as I couldn't afford the train fare from where I lived at the time. I worked my way up and eventually found myself running the diaries of 6 barristers. Over the next few years I moved to a number of different chambers and solicitors in London and around the country.



## What has been your biggest challenge in your role?

I would say having to juggle so many varied tasks and trying to find the capacity to action all of them within the required time frame.

## What do you enjoy most about your job?

It would have to be working with my amazing colleagues. It's a great feeling knowing that my team are always there to support and help me when needed and vice versa.

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## What do you think sets Outset apart?

Probably the answer most of my colleagues would say, the people. We have a fantastic bunch of some of the kindest, most intelligent and down to earth people you will ever likely to come across.

## When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to score the winning goal for Arsenal in the F.A Cup final. I played from the age of 6 until I was 19 but then like all great sportsmen and women trying to achieve their dream, I had to stop because of my 'knee injury'.

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## What do you wish someone had told you when you started out? Or what piece of advice were you given early on that has stuck with you?

My parents always told me to never be afraid to ask for help or ask questions and to always try to live life to its fullest, as one day you may turn 38 years old like myself and have no idea where it went!



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## What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?

Being with my family. They bring me the biggest amount of joy at the moment now that Arsenal aren't doing so well in the league. I also like to play golf as much as I can when I'm not too busy having battles with transformers with my 3 year old boy.

## Who inspires you most and why?

My mum, the most warm hearted and caring person I have ever met. She has been through so much and yet still would do anything for myself and my family.



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## And finally... What is one thing you've learnt during lockdown?

Patience. I have had to work from home whilst looking after my 3 year old boy during lockdown. Very hard work at times but I've enjoyed every second of being with him.

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