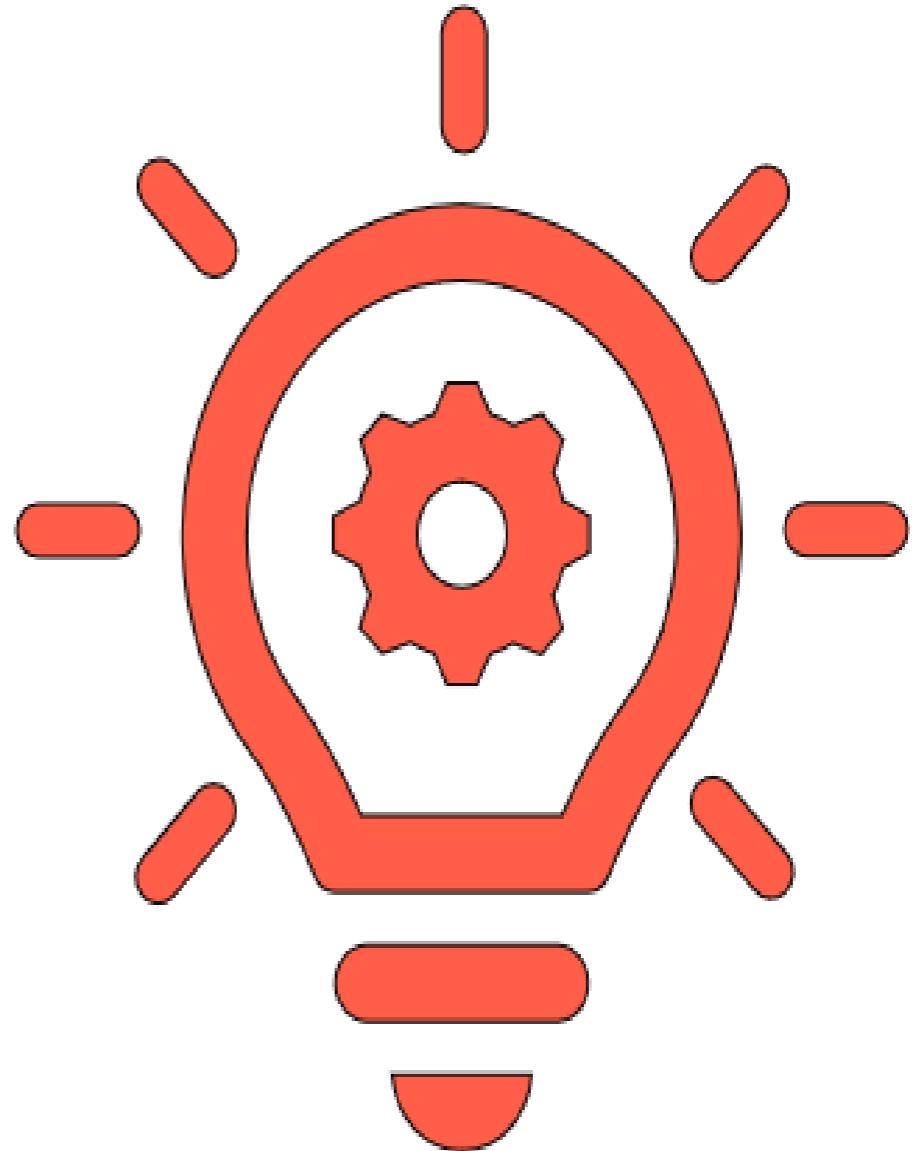




Is a career in law for
me?

Yes (if you're interested)

- No reason why not if you're willing to work hard.
- Find out what interests and motivates you.
- Keep your options open.
- Be ambitious.



Different types of “lawyers”

Barrister

- Wears a wig and goes to court
- Is an 'advocate'
- Specialises in 'contentious' work
- Represents clients in courts, tribunals and inquiries
- Provides legal advice as well as advocacy
- Is self-employed but work alongside other barristers in “sets”



Different types of “lawyers”

Solicitor

- Specialises in ‘contentious’ and/or ‘non-contentious’ work
- Gives legal advice
- Drafts legal documents
- Liaises with clients and other professionals such as barristers
- Represents clients in court (solicitors can also be advocates)



Routes into law

- Solicitor
- Barrister
- Solicitor Apprentice
- Legal Executive

University Degree

Law degree (or another degree plus conversion)

Solicitors Qualifying Exam

Bar training course

Training Contract

Pupillage

Admission as solicitor

Admission as Barrister

Different “practice” areas

- Agricultural
- Media
- Construction
- Criminal
- Crypto currency
- Employment
- Education
- Ecclesiastical (Church law)
- Family
- Sports Finance
- Housing
- Human Rights
- Insurance
- Oil and gas
- Private client
- Social Welfare
- Shipping and Aerospace
- Tax

What I do

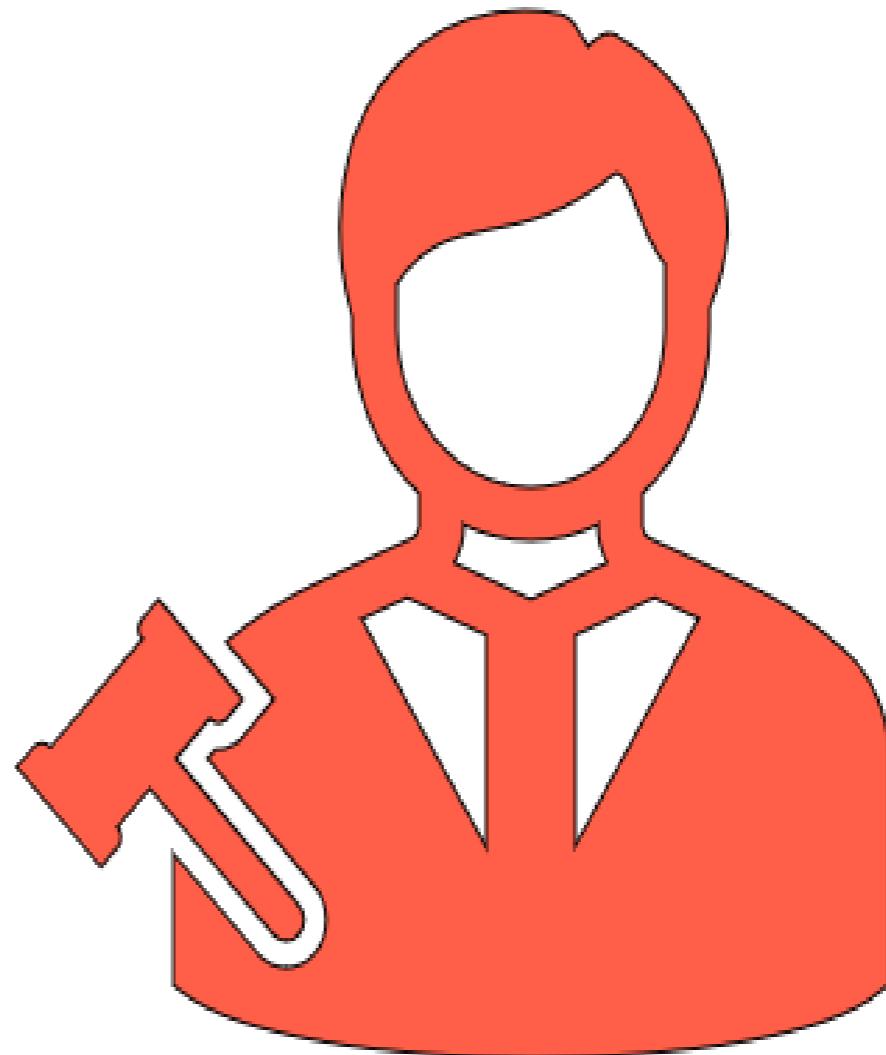
Solicitor

Construction and infrastructure dispute

- Work (“act”) for developers, builders, banks/funders and government bodies (building things)
- Real estate (homes, shops, offices), Infrastructure (roads, bridges, railways, airports) and energy (solar, wind, oil & gas)
- Specialises in ‘contentious’ work – i.e. resolving disputes around breaches of contract
- Contract disputes: defects, delay, payment etc.
- Avoiding disputes.

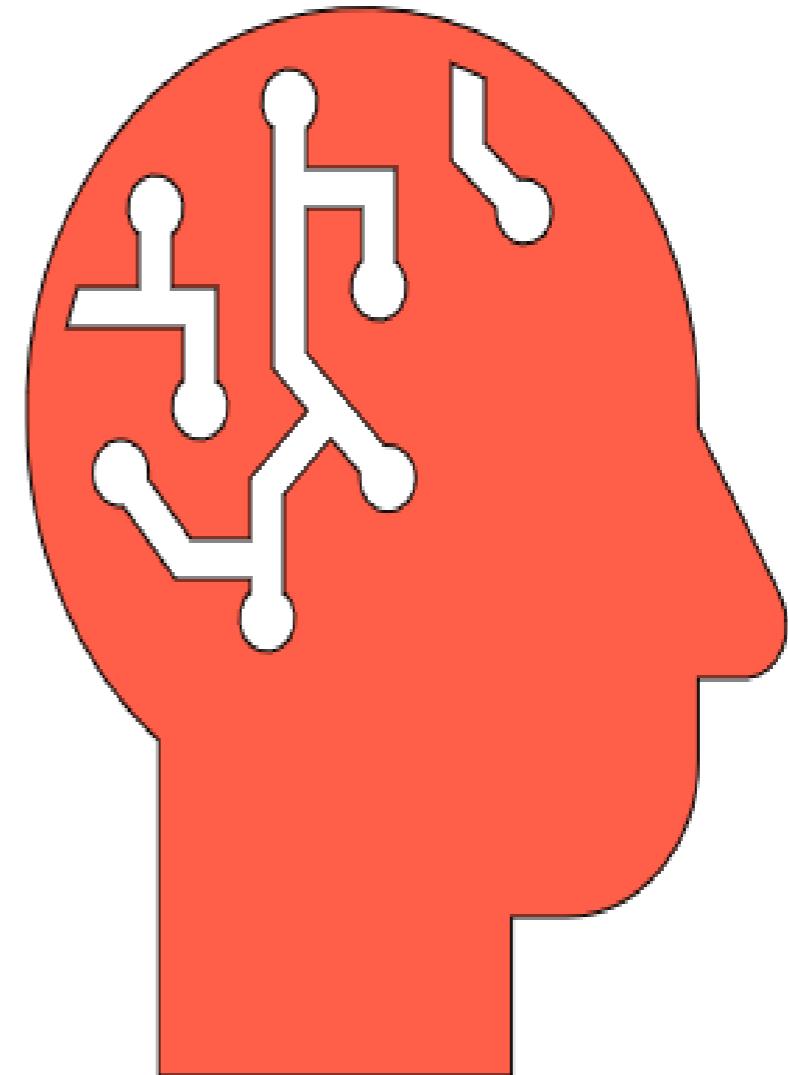
What a typical day looks like

- Reviewing and advising on contracts (interpretation)
- Collating and analysing evidence to build a case
- Drafting statements of case – claim or defence
- Drafting witness statements
- Instructing and meeting with experts
- Liaising with barristers to prepare for hearings/ trials
- Meeting with clients to advise
- Writing to clients to advise
- Negotiating with the other side
- Writing to the other side



How do I know if I would be interested in law?

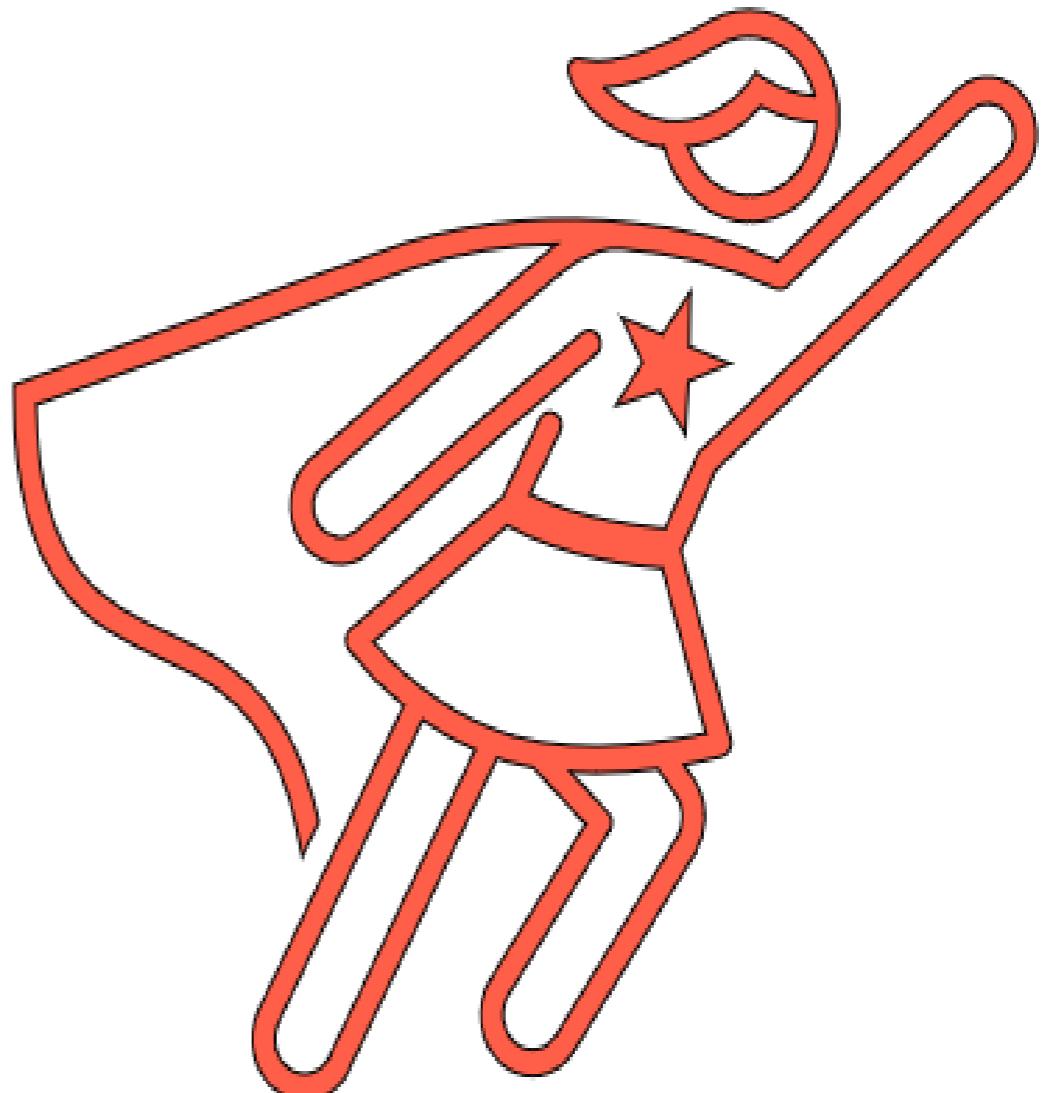
- Interested in words
- Interested in people
- Interested in how/why things work
- Enjoy debating (this is different from arguing!)
- Enjoy being challenged
- Enjoy problem solving



What are some of the key skills required?

- Hard working
- Persistent/ resilient
- Be willing to make mistakes and to learn from failure
- Good comprehension and writing
- Clear communicator
- Motivated - self starter
- Good attention to detail
- Good with technology

All a work in progress!



Questions and answers