

UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH VIRTUAL FAIR –

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LAW IN ACTION

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- 5 main areas of law – criminal (includes cybercrime, murder, drugs) / contract (includes for players joining football and other sports clubs, purchases, receipts) / family (includes divorce, custody and mediation issues) / public (UK law, includes citizenship) / tort (includes personal injury, compensation)
- Solicitor – 195,521 on roll – 30% work in public sector (retail, NHS, local government) and 70% in private practice
- 41% of solicitors work in London, 6% in Yorkshire and Humberside, 6% in the west midlands, 10% in the north west and 2% in the north east
- 51% of solicitors are female and 49% are male
- 17% of solicitors come within the BAME group – it is becoming more diverse
- 15,500 barristers on roll – there are more than 10 times more solicitors – one of the reasons for this is the tough path to qualifying as a barrister

- **Barrister – usual route is a law degree, then bar course then pupillage. For those with a non-law degree, there is the additional conversion course then the bar course then pupillage**
- **For every 5 people that apply for a pupillage in the 1st round, only 1 makes it! Very competitive!**
- **Advice – 1) aim for good grades at A level – the University of Law will ask for 3 Bs 2) participate in extra-curricular activities (such as debating societies) 3) try and gain some positions of responsibility 4) gain work experience – try and develop a commercial awareness, read quality media articles and so on**
- **Podcasts are very useful – examples:- Law in Action / Law Pod UK / The Hearing / Rights Up / Lawyer2lawyer**

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