

BLACK APPRENTICE NETWORK CASE STUDIES



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Tell us a bit about your role.

I am currently working in the Risk and Compliance department of my firm. Typically, I take part in completing Customer Due Diligence write-ups, screening low-risk clients that want to work with our firm. I started in September 2022 and I chose this career path because I enjoyed the thrill of debate society. I have always been an argumentative person, so I wanted a career where I could use the skills I learnt from debate society and take part in a job that is intellectually stimulating.

Why did you choose to do an apprenticeship?

After being rejected from three of my university choices and learning more about Law as a degree, I discovered apprenticeships through a mentor. I was amazed at the clear structure and benefits of this route. It was an easy choice and I wish I had found out about them earlier.

How did you go about finding an apprenticeship?

I used Rate My Apprenticeship, Indeed, Find an Apprenticeship (the government website) and looked on individual firm websites. I had help from my careers adviser when I reached a phone interview stage.

How is your apprenticeship delivered?

BPP is the training provider for my apprenticeship. I study on a Monday and spend the rest of the week in the office. Our university is online.

Who or what inspires you and what is your proudest achievement?

I was first interested in law after watching How to Get Away with Murder, but my main inspirations are my parents.

I'm proud to have joined the Black Apprentice Network as Events Officer because I have always wanted to advocate for the progression of black people and now I get to actively take part in providing engaging and insightful events for the community.

What would your advice be to students, parents and carers about apprenticeships?

Be open to the opportunities, because the hardest thing for a student not to have is support. The application process is difficult, so having support and guidance from both parents and teachers can make the process less stressful.



Find out more about the Black Apprentice Network and their mentoring scheme for future apprentices here:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-black-apprentice-network/>



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