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What drew you to the Bar?

When I was in graduate school in my mid-twenties, I noticed how a lot of the big issues I was interested in – the 'war on terror', state building, human rights around the world - had a major legal dimension. I wanted to be part of that. Then I went and helped out around advice centres and the FRU on cases which were a lot smaller than that but meant the world to those clients. Doing those 'smaller' cases confirmed it was for me.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of 7BR?

Having lots of colleagues, both barristers and staff, who are bright, ambitious and supportive. It's a common mistake to think the Bar is a profession of lone wolves. We are all very much individuals, but being around other people with the same sort of ambition, interest and quality is good for all our practices.

Do you think your lockdown experience will change the way you work going forward?

It has certainly got all of us used to remote working, electronic bundles etc. That change was already underway so we were well prepared for it, but being able to run my practice without setting foot in chambers for months has been eye opening. I'm looking forward to things getting back to normal and seeing my colleagues again though. I might work a few days a week from home, but I don't want being out of chambers for months to become the norm.

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