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### What drew you to the bar?

There are many things that attract law students to the bar and I was probably no different, however I would say my sense of justice was a primary reason closely followed by the intellectual challenges that each day brings.

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

In a word - yes! What the pandemic has shown the bar and judiciary is that we are able to manage most pre-trial and some post-trial hearings without the need for advocates to appear in person. I suspect that in the coming months and years as the lockdown eases we will see a continuation of the CVP hearings that have become second nature now. Of course where there is a need for an in person hearing that should be held but I expect these to be reduced in number and reserved for trials and other contested hearings requiring evidence to be called.

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

I only became a member of chambers in November 2019 so I am a comparative newcomer. When I joined I was very impressed by the team work within the clerk's room, that coupled with the newly modernised office space we have make it a pleasure to visit chambers when I am able to get into London. I have also received great support from my colleagues. When legal issues arise on cases I know I can always find someone to discuss the problem with and so, despite the lockdown, I have appreciated the collegiate atmosphere amongst the crime team.

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