

Harneys Q&A with Scholarship Beneficiary

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1. Why did you choose to pursue a career in law?

I chose to pursue a career in law because I wanted to have a career that can be used as an outlet to help others and have an active role in the betterment of the Cayman Islands. Although I have no interest in pursuing constitutional law at this time, it is important for Caymanians to have a voice and understand the major changes that are occurring in our beloved Islands.

2. How did you find out about Harneys and what made you decide to apply to us?

I first found out about Harneys when I attended their mooted workshop at Camana Bay. At that time, I hadn't applied for any legal scholarships, but seeing the way they treated the students and their staff, I felt like that was the kind of environment that I want to be in as a young, ambitious Caymanian. It solidified my decision to apply for a scholarship with them. I did further research on their objectives and their role in the community, and I was happy to learn that they have been helping Caymanians for some time (such as sponsoring the Youth Parliament) which further encouraged me to apply.

3. What are your interests outside work and school, and how will they contribute to making you a better lawyer?

My interests outside of work and school are singing and drawing. Singing has been a passion of mine since I was child. It will contribute to making me a better lawyer because it will show the outside world that I am more than just books; I am able to present myself on different platforms.

4. What do you hope to learn and accomplish during your internship/Articles?

I hope to learn exactly what it is like to work at a global law firm.

5. What has been your favourite part of the internship/Articles program so far?

My favourite part of the internship so far was shadowing my mentor, Mark Burrows, as he took on large financial cases. I was able to sit in on overseas calls with the client, assist in writing affidavits, and even opine on the information supplied by the client. This was my favourite part because I was able to see what exactly a real lawyer does on an everyday basis.

6. Who is one person that inspires you to be the best version of yourself? Why?

My mother inspires me to be the best version of myself because she sacrificed so much for me to pursue higher education. She left our home in Cayman Brac along with her job, family, and friends in order for me to study in Grand Cayman. It is my life goal to make something of myself in order to repay her for all she has done for me.

7. Which practice group in Harneys interests you the most and why?

As I have only been in the Dispute Resolutions practice group, I am not sure which group interests me yet. I hope to have a better idea throughout my time at Harneys and throughout law school.



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